

NOAA Grant:
Enhancing Data Management Capacity among
CRITFC, its Four Member Tribes,
and the West Coast Ocean Alliance (WCOA)

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West Coast OCEAN ALLIANCE

Regional vision:

Ocean conditions are changing, new uses of the sea are emerging, and the authorities for ocean management are complex and overlapping. These West Coast-wide challenges are best evaluated holistically rather than as individual management entities.

Participating Governments

- **STATES**

- California (Leads: Ocean Protection Council and CA State Lands Commission)
- Oregon (Leads: Dept. of Land Conservation & Development and Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)
- Washington (Leads: Governor's Office & Dept. of Natural Resources)

- **TRIBES**

- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Coquille Tribe
- Elk Valley Rancheria
- Makah Tribe
- Quileute Tribe
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
- Trinidad Rancheria
- Yurok Tribe

- **FEDERAL AGENCIES**

- NOAA
- U.S. Coast Guard (Dist. 11, Dist. 13)
- U.S. Dept. of Defense
- U.S. Dept. of Energy
- U.S. Dept. of Interior (including BIA, BLM, BOEM, BSEE, NPS, USFWS, USGS)
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation
- U.S. EPA (Region 9, Region 10)
- U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff

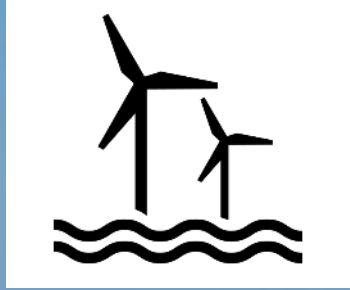
- **FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

- Pacific Fishery Management Council

History of the WCOA Regional Ocean Partnership

- 2007 West Coast Governors Agreement on Ocean Health was established
- 2010: President Obama executive order enabled formation of Regional Planning Bodies for federal engagement in ocean policy
- 2013-2016: Formation of West Coast Regional Planning Body for ocean policy (west coast states and federally recognized tribes)
- 2016: West Coast Governors Agreement on Ocean Health morphed into West Coast Ocean Partnership, coastal resilience, changing ocean conditions, and data coordination with emphasis on engaging tribal governments
- 2018: President Trump signed an executive that terminated Regional Planning Bodies but allowed coordination to continue via Regional Ocean Partnerships
- December 2018: West Coast Regional Planning Body and West Coast Ocean Partnership combined to form the West Coast Ocean Alliance
- 2022: NOFOs announced to fund ROPs and tribes wishing to engage with them
 - Our grant was funded AND the WCOA received funding

Known and emerging WCOA priorities



Compatible and sustainable ocean uses

Of current interest: offshore wind, aquaculture

Effective and transparent decision-making

Host intergovernmental forum to facilitate effective planning and management

Comprehensive Ocean and Coastal Data

West Coast Ocean Data Portal (current, includes Stream Net data)

Ocean Health Dashboard (upcoming, will include salmon module)

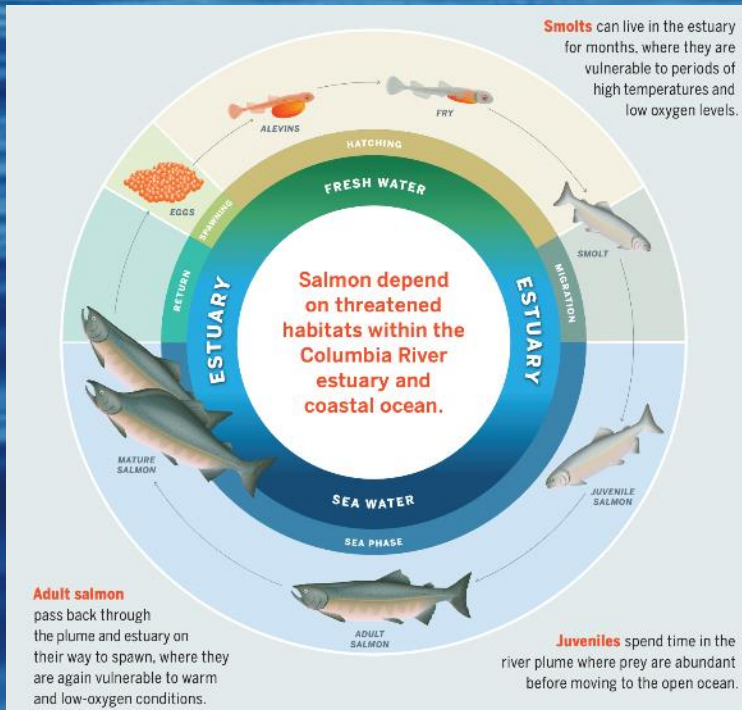
Increased understanding of and respect for tribal rights, traditional knowledge, resources and practices

Tribal engagement guidance document

Tribal caucus meeting once/month

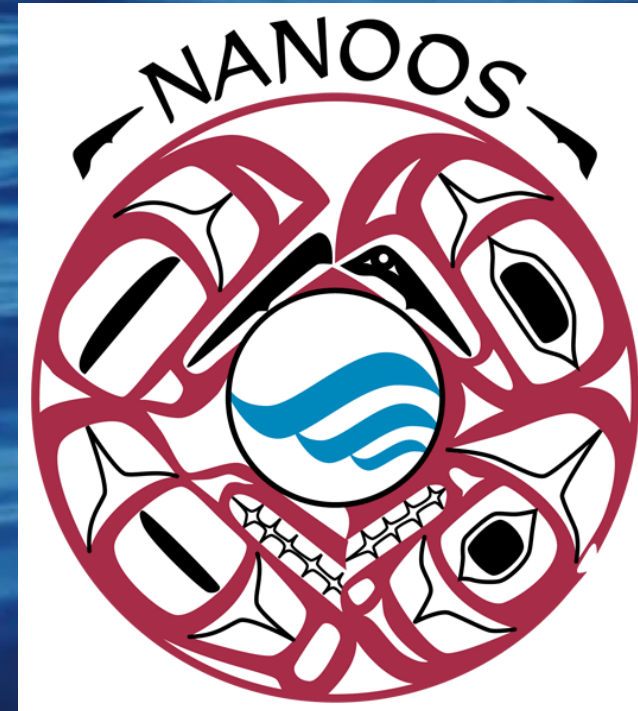
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- 2) Increase engagement with the WCOA
 - Why?



Salmon depend on healthy ocean and estuary environments

Thus, Columbia River tribes vitally depend on healthy, well-managed oceans



CMOP is part of NANOOS, which feeds data into WCOA data portal

I hope to explore ways to use CMOP data in WCOA data products/priorities

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I am participating in WCOA meetings—others are welcome to join!

- Bimonthly all-member WCOA calls (virtual)
- Monthly WCOA tribal caucus calls (virtual)
- Annual 3-day in-person meeting (plan to attend)
- Hybrid offshore wind meeting (could attend?)

Hope that these meetings lead to data-based collaborations or interactions with Ocean Health Dashboard!