

## **Olympic Coast**

(Washington)



### **Description:**

Spans 3,310 square miles of marine waters off the rugged Olympic Peninsula coastline. The sanctuary averages approximately 38 miles seaward, covering much of the continental shelf and protecting habitat for one of the most diverse marine mammal faunas in North America and a critical link in the Pacific flyway. The sanctuary boasts a rich mix of cultures, preserved in the contemporary lives of members of the Quinault, Hoh, Quileute, and Makah tribes.

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### **Habitats and Key Species**

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- Rocky and sandy seashores
- Kelp forests
- Seastacks and islands
- Pelagic, open ocean

#### **Key Species**

- Tufted Puffin
- Bald Eagle

Northern sea otter

Gray Whale

Pacific Salmon

Dolphin

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### **Specifications**

**Location:** From Cape Flattery to the mouth of the Copalis River, on Washington's outer coast.

**Protected Area:** 3,310 square miles

**Designation:** July, 1994

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### **Education Activities**

Cultural programs operated with the Makah, Quileute, Hoh, and Quinault Indian Nations

Ecotourism programs coordinated with state agencies and regional tourism organizations

Publications, quarterly newsletter

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### **Research Activities**

Marine archaeological and biological studies

Marine research coordinated with other federal and state agencies and Universities

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## **Administration and Support**

Full-time professional staff includes a manager, assistant manager, research coordinator, education coordinator, and administrative assistant, 15-member sanctuary advisory council, Project interns and volunteers

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