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Dear Ms. Snow:

The Office for Coastal Management (OCM) received your request to modify the Oregon Coastal Management Program's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2025 Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Section 309 Final Assessment and Strategy on May 23, 2022. You requested to update two strategies and one assessment section.

Specifically, the revised 309 Assessment and Strategy seeks to update the following:

- Estuary Management Planning – This strategy is being amended (pp. 106-112) to revise the approach, to focus on providing more individualized community planning support, remove the retrospective planning analysis and report, and clarify the intent to update 2-4 estuary management plans over the five years.
- Ocean Resources Planning – This strategy is being amended (pp. 112-119) to add a rulemaking process to amend Part Four of the state's Territorial Sea Plan regarding submarine cables, which is a new state requirement to update, at the direction of the state legislature. As a result of adding this new work, some of the scope of the prior strategy work has been reduced or shifted to an "as time allows" situation. In addition, the Phase II Assessment for Ocean Resources was updated to reflect this new priority need around rulemaking for submarine cables.

OCM approves this change. The proposed changes are consistent with the Section 309 Guidance. We look forward to continuing to work with you to achieve the revised strategies and your other 309 strategies.

Sincerely,

Kim Penn  
Acting Communities Program Manager