# Number Relief Plan for Coastal Communities

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## Implementing a Number Relief Plan for Coastal Communities

It is imperative that new assignable telephone numbers be made available for Oregon's northwest coastal communities

## Coastal Communities Affected

- Astoria
- Cannon Beach
- Seaside
- Warrenton
- Bay City
- Beaver
- Cloverdale
- Garibaldi
- Pacific City
- Rockaway
- Tillamook
- Jewell
- Knappa
- Nehalem



## Requirement for More Numbers

- Assignable telephone numbers for the coastal communities are projected to exhaust during fourth quarter 2008
- Only 30 codes (NXXs) available for coastal communities as of October 2006
- In 2006 – 15 new codes were assigned to coastal communities
- Numbers are assigned to many carriers, including:
  - Wireline
  - Wireless
  - VoIP, etc.

## Why a 971 / 503 Overlay?

- **In 1999, the 971 overlay was implemented for all 503 NPA except coastal communities**
- **The North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has reviewed all possibilities with the industry**
- **Determined the only reasonable plan for number relief is to extend the 971 overlay**
- **The Public Utility Commission has reviewed and approved the industry's proposed number-relief plan**



## Overlay Implementation Schedule

- **Fourth Quarter 2006**
  - NANPA projected exhaust of assignable telephone numbers by fourth quarter 2008
- **October 2006**
  - Remedial plan proposed to PUC by NANPA and industry
- **November 2006**
  - PUC approved the plan for extending 971 overlay to coastal communities



## Overlay Implementation Schedule

- **August 2007**
  - Customers notified of industry's plan for implementation of 971 area code overlay
- **September 2007**
  - Public Open Houses held to further inform and answer questions
- **October 21, 2007**
  - Beginning of Permissive 10-digit dialing
- **April 27, 2008**
  - **Mandatory 10-digit dialing begins**