

***Oregon's  
Ocean Resources  
Management Plan***

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Oregon's Ocean Plan is the result of the vision, leadership, and support of Senator Bill Bradbury, who foresaw the need for Oregon to take affirmative action to protect its ocean resources.

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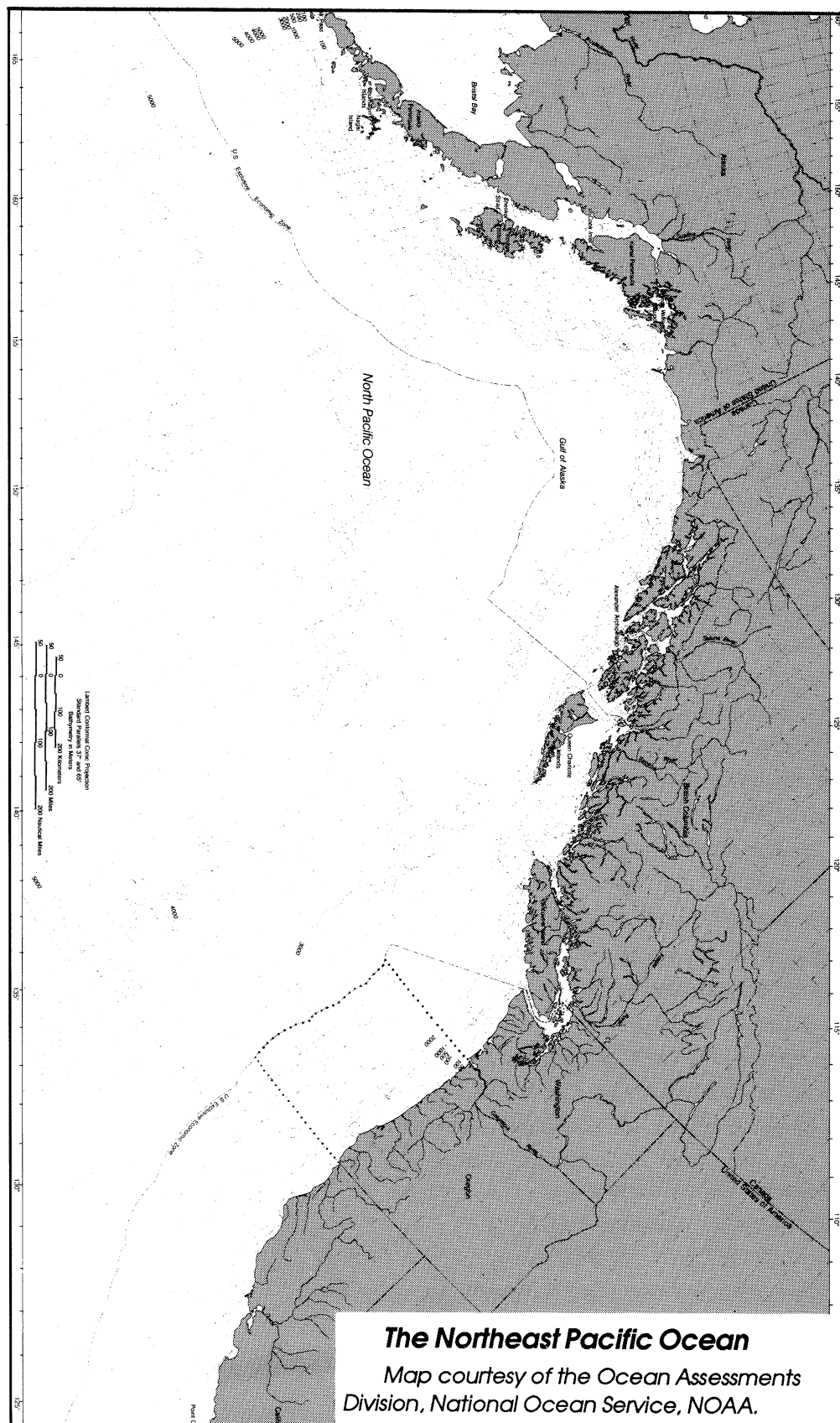
**Oregon's Ocean Geographic Information System**

Many of the maps in the Ocean Plan were produced by Oregon's State Service Center for Geographic Information Systems (GIS), which is located at the Oregon Department of Energy in Salem.

The mandate for this plan included provisions for the development of a computerized ocean information system. Over the last two years, the GIS Service Center has assisted other state agencies in the development of the ocean GIS. The ocean GIS is a part of the Ocean Plan. The Service Center built the data base using data provided by several sources. The plots in this document reflect only a portion of the database. As more data become available from state and federal agencies and academic institutions, they will be added to the system with the assistance of the service center.

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The GIS Service Center runs Arc/Info on Sun workstations to manage the data and develop the plots. Final plots are produced on an electrostatic plotter. For more information about the Service Center, write or call the State Service Center for GIS, Oregon Department of Energy, 625 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97310. (503) 378-4036



Oregon's ocean is but a small part of the vast Pacific Ocean, which is larger than any other single feature on Earth. Our ocean constitutes only part of its edge, but it is the edges of such systems that are the most productive, the most used, and the most vulnerable to disruption from human activities.

This map of part of the northeast Pacific sets the stage for the Ocean Plan. The Plan establishes an area within which resource stewardship shall be the prime determinant of state ocean resource policies.

This map was developed by the Strategic Assessments Branch of NOAA's Office of Oceanography and Marine Assessment. The Branch was created to assess the effects of human activities on estuarine and coastal environments and on the resources of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. The purpose of such assessments is to help balance the development and conservation of resources that affect the coastal environment.

The Oregon Coastal Program, of which the Ocean Program is a part, will be working closely with the Strategic Assessments Branch over the next few years both to exchange data and to enhance their respective capabilities for making data both useable and accessible when and where it is needed in the process of developing and carrying out natural resource policies.

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