Federal Consistency under the CZMA



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Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Participation and Incentives

- Administered by NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM)
- Voluntary
- Two Incentives
 - Federal Funding
 - Federal Consistency
- NOAA approval required
 - Original State Programs
 - Updates/Changes

The Coastal Zone Management Act: Federal Consistency Requirements

- Powerful Tool for States
 - Application of State Policies to Federal Actions
 - No Geographical Boundaries
 - No Categorical Exemptions
- State-Federal Coordination
 - Cooperation, Early Coordination, Negotiation
 - Helps Federal Agencies and States to Address Coastal Effects
 - States Concur with Approximately 95% of Reviewed Actions
- Public Input
- Can Build State and Public Support for Federal Actions
- Avoids Costly Last Minute Changes to Federal Projects

National Interest Considerations: Checks and Balances

- NOAA Approves State Programs & Changes With Input from Federal Agencies, Industry and Public
- Federal Agency Activities:
 - Federal Agency May Proceed Over State's Objection if Consistent to the Maximum Extent Practicable
 - Presidential exemption in limited circumstances
- The Secretary of Commerce may override State
 Objections to Federal Licenses and Permits
- Mediation by the Secretary or OCRM

What is Federal Consistency? It's An "Effects Test"

Federal Consistency is the requirement that Federal actions, in or outside the coastal zone, that affect any land or water use or natural resource of a State's coastal zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies of State Coastal Management Programs.

(See CZMA Section 307 (16 U.S.C. § 1456))

"Federal Actions"

- Federal Agency Activities & Development Projects
 CZMA 307(c)(1), (2), 15 CFR part 930, subpart C
- Federal License or Permit Activities (non-federal applicants)
 CZMA 307(c)(3)(A), 15 CFR part 930, subpart D
- Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Plans
 CZMA 307(c)(3)(B), 15 CFR part 930, subpart E
- Federal Financial Assistance to State or Local Agencies CZMA 307(d), 15 CFR part 930, subpart F

Coastal Effects



Coastal Effects

- Direct
- Indirect
 - **■** Cumulative
 - Secondary
- Adverse or Beneficial

Enforceable Policies

Legally binding under State Law

- Approved by NOAA
 - With input from Federal agencies and the public

Scope of Consistency Effects Test: Determining Geographic Scope

- For Federal agency activities effects test applies, regardless of location of activity (within CZ, outside CZ, other state).
- Federal license or permit activities listed in a State's CMP within CZ boundary are automatically subject to FC requirements.
- Federal license or permit activities <u>outside CZ boundary or in</u> <u>federal waters</u> must be listed with a geographic location description.

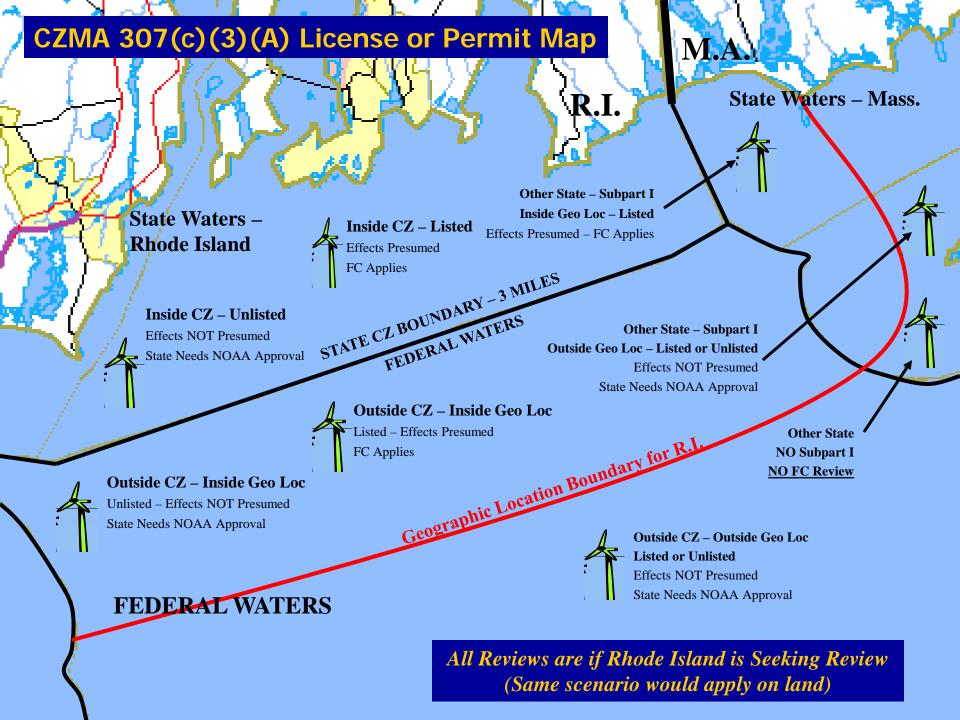
Reviewing Federal License or Permit Activities Outside the Coastal Zone

15 C.F.R. § 930.53

- OCRM approves state lists of federal license or permit activities subject to FC review
 - To review listed activities outside CZ, state must provide a geographic location description (GLD) of such activities and show that there are reasonably foreseeable coastal effects from the listed activity within the GLD.
 - Different listed activities may have different GLDs.
- If no GLD approved by OCRM, state may request OCRM approval to review listed activities outside the CZ on a case-by-case basis as an unlisted activity. (15 C.F.R. § 930.54)

GLD Approval Based on Showing of Effects

- Proposed GLDs must be geographically specific, apply to specific listed federal license or permit activities, and based on an analysis showing that effects on the state's coastal uses or resources are reasonably foreseeable.
- Effect analysis does not have to show <u>proof</u> of coastal effects, but must show a reasonable causal connection. The effects analysis cannot be based on conclusory statements.
- A GLD does not need to delineate the boundary of where effects are reasonably foreseeable and where they are not; it only needs to be show that within the area described that effects are reasonably foreseeable.



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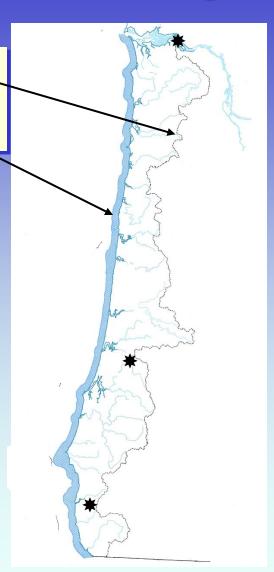




Oregon Coastal Management Program

COASTAL ZONE

Coastal Watershed Territorial Sea



JURISDICTIONS

Counties

- Clatsop
- Tillamook
- Lincoln
- Lane

- Douglas
- Coos
- Curry

Cities

- Astoria
- Warrenton
- Seaside
- Gearhart
- Cannon Beach
- Manzanita
- Nehalem
- Wheeler
- Rockaway Bch
- Garibaldi
- Bay City
- Tillamook
- Lincoln City
- Depoe Bay
- Siletz
- Newport

- Toledo
- Waldport
- Yachats
- Florence
- Dunes City
- Reedsport
- Lakeside
- Lakeside
- North Bend
- Coos Bay
- Coquille
- Myrtle Point
- Powers
- Bandon
- Port Orford
- Gold Beach
- Brookings

Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP)

- "Networked" program
- Integrates authorities of local governments and other state agencies
- DLCD is the lead agency, but does not exercise direct regulatory authority.
- Local governments and several networked agencies administer Oregon's coastal program laws

"Enforceable Policies" of the OCMP

- Statewide Planning Goals
- Acknowledged local comprehensive plans and land use regulations
- Regulatory requirements of networked state agencies (e.g., DEQ, DSL, ODFW, Energy, Water Resources)

Examples of Federal Licenses and Permits Subject to OCMP Review

EPA: Licenses and permits required under

Section 102 of Marine Protection, Research

and Sanctuaries Act

Corps: Permits issued pursuant to Section 404 of

the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the

Rivers and Harbors Act

FERC: Licenses for pipelines, LNG or wave energy

facilities