

Scientific Consensus and Action Plan for Mapping the Oregon Territorial Seafloor

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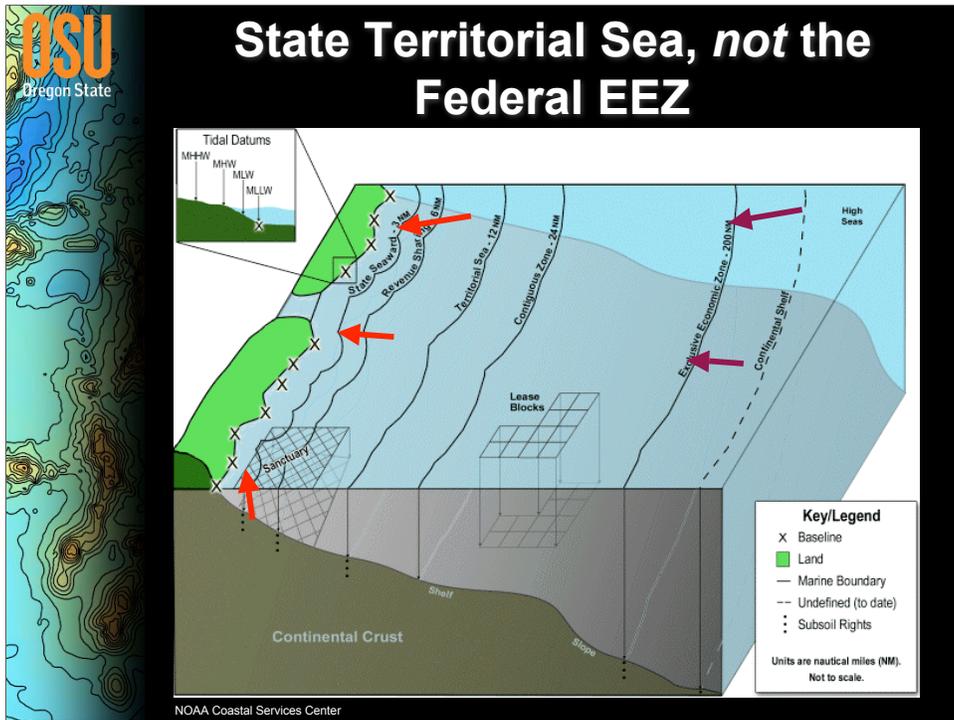
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Importance of Statement and Action Plan

- An expression of need...
to fill a critical gap in data
- Apolitical ...
coalition of academic and agency *scientists*
- An information tool to consider and use when
making decisions for and with the governor
- Part of governor's public position on ocean
stewardship
- A suggested process ...
(communal funding, communal availability)

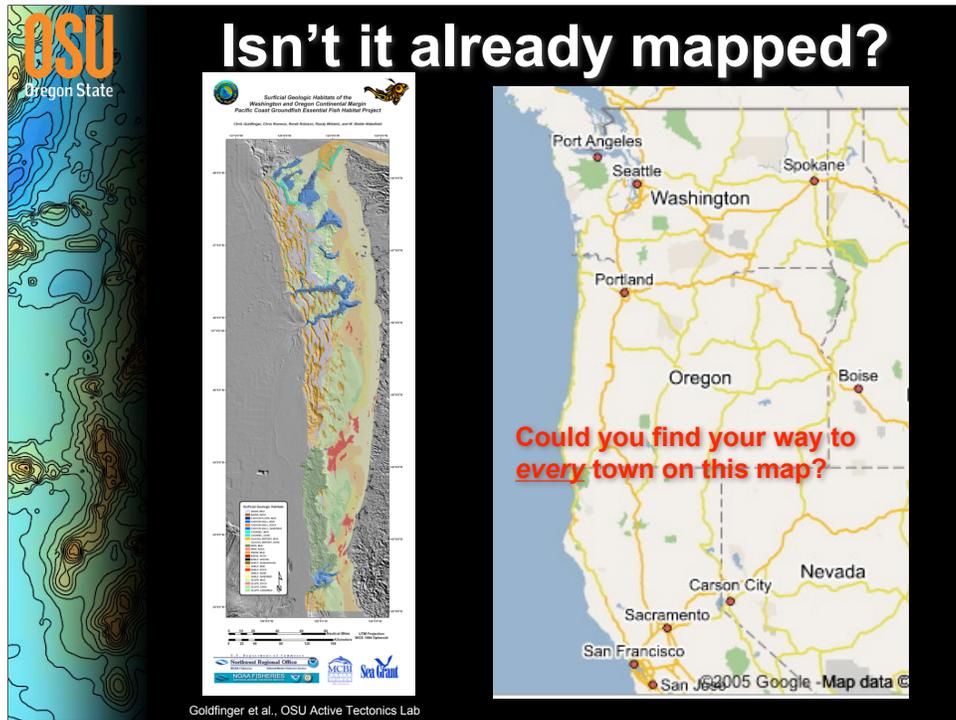
While limited mapping information does exist that allows for some management of coastal resources and assessment of habitats, having a more complete map of the Territorial Sea will allow improved decisions on many pressing issues, such as siting wave energy parks and dealing with the threat of coastal inundation from a tsunami.



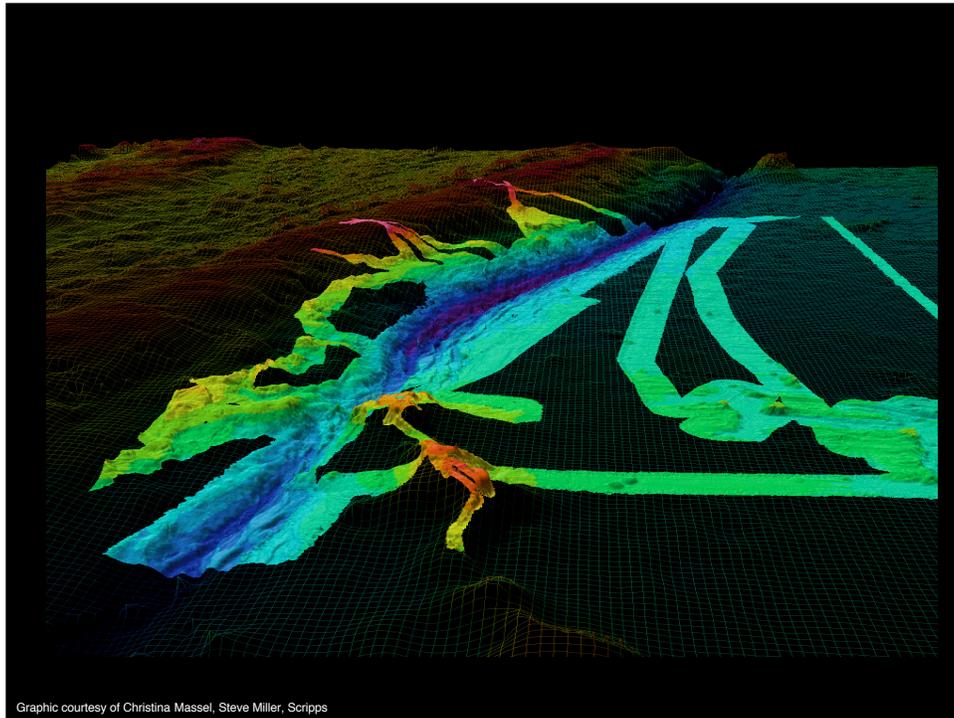
This is also about OREGON. EEZ is a federal boundary - territorial sea is OUR jurisdiction, owned and managed by State Land Board

This is a STATE ISSUE and the state should be concerned with mapping it

Feds such as NOAA **NOS can't alone acquire all the new bathymetry needed, but NOS will always have to give priority to navigational channels in ports. USGS is broke.**



It's a question of the level of DETAIL that is needed for applications



Detail comes alive at the higher resolution

Tonga Trench region - bathymetry simulated from satellite altimetry - resolution still too coarse for tectonic studies. Overlay is of multibeam bathymetry that is needed for tectonic studies (gathered from ships). Gaps in data still tremendous.

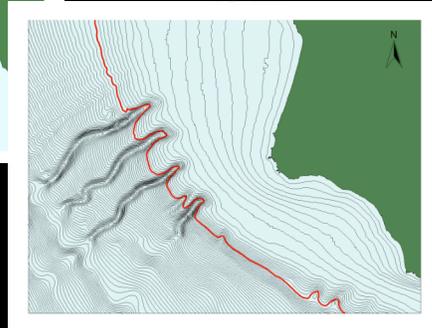


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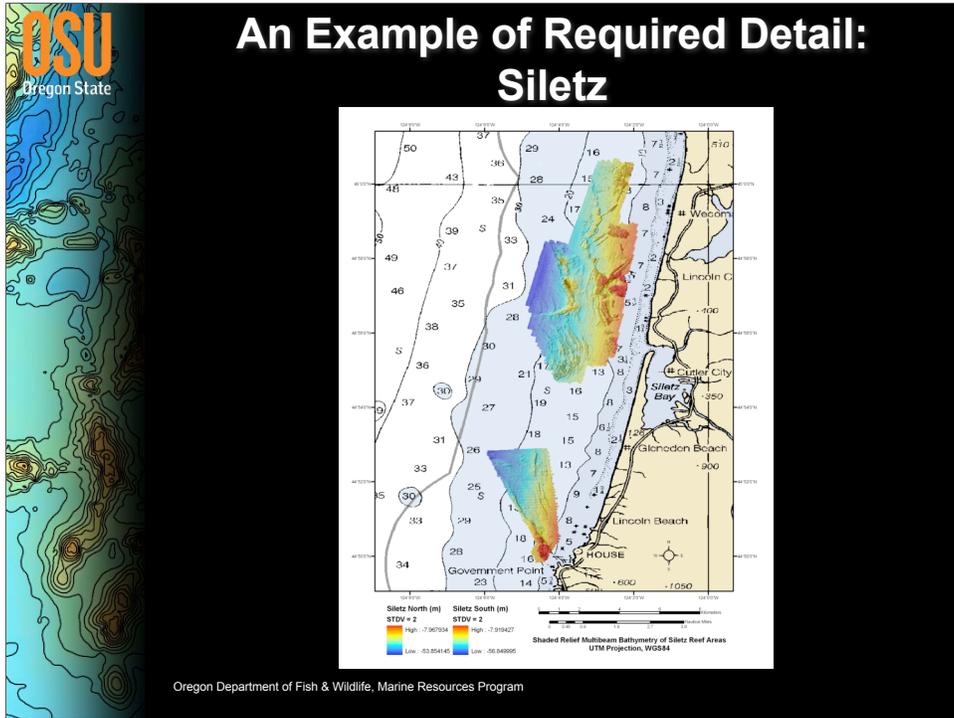
100 m



10 m



California Dept. of Fish & Game, Moss Landing Marine Labs



A new, updated nautical chart should be prepared based on these data as well?

Only 5% Thus Far!

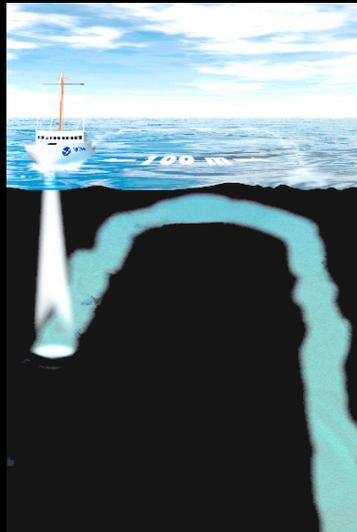


If this black screen represents all of the Oregon Territorial Sea zone, the red box represents 5%!

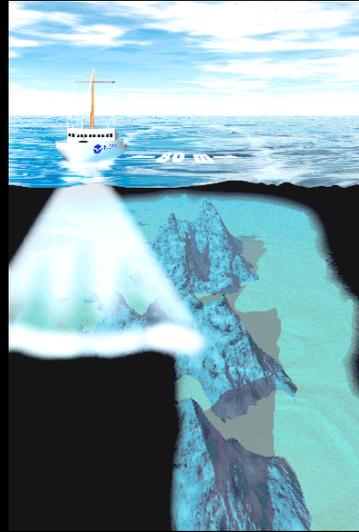
Without a coordinated effort, it will take 50 years or more at the present rate of progress. This pace is much too slow to meet the needs of coastal erosion studies, tsunami planning and resource management decision-making.

Seafloor Mapping: How and What?

Single Beam



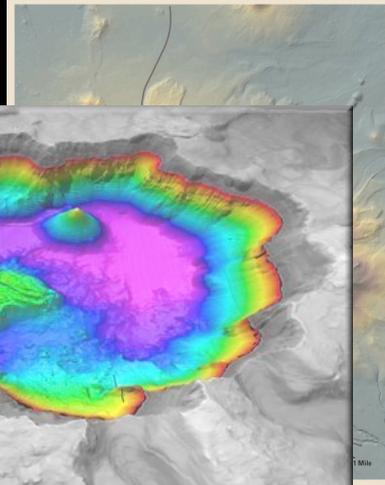
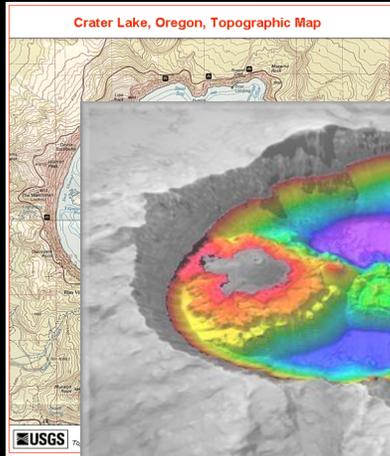
Multibeam



Images courtesy of NOAA and UNH



Topo/Bathy is the Fundamental Base "Layer"



USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory



Applications

Tsunami Runup Models - Evacuation Planning	Habitat Restoration
Shoreline Change Analysis	Analyzing Storm Impacts - Coastal Erosion
Fisheries Management Commercial Fishing	<i>Marine Reserve Design</i>
Emergency Response, Impact Assessment	Port Security
Maps and Visualizations	Navigation Products, Services
Wave Energy	Oil Spill Response, Tracking
Coastal tourism, recreation	MANY others



Why now?

- Difficult to realistically set up a *network* of MPAs that addresses *all* habitat protection issues without further mapping ...
- Take advantage of current momentum ...
Vessels of opportunity, personnel
- Consider cost of *not* doing this ...
E.g., tsunami damage in \$billions
Lack of stewardship?

OPAC can move on the MRV designation process - we can protect some key areas with our current information
BUT ...

Under \$6M, portable multibeam system, fishing boats, RIB boats
using average water depth, average swath width, average vessel speed etc.,
and based on using academic and agency people,
contracted outside OSU (no overhead)

“Build it and they will come” effect - people will additional proposals to work
with further with these data after the initial collectiion, processing, and
distribution - will be leverage into many, many important and useful projects for
all



Initial Benefits

Needed for selection and evaluation of marine protected area or National Marine Sanctuary sites ...

Better tsunami inundation maps for Oregon ...

Needed for fisheries resource management ...

Needed for location of wave energy units ...

Training for university students, fishing community participation, equipment retained by the State of Oregon for future work ...



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