

West Coast Governor's Agreement On Ocean Health
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Action Coordination Teams: Charged with serving as a region-wide facilitation and coordination group to inform and recommend how to best implement the actions presented in the **Action Plan**.

Lead Agencies:

- California Natural Resources Agency
- Oregon Governor's Office Natural Resources Policy Group
- Washington Governor's Office Natural Resources Policy Group
- US Department of Commerce
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Department of the Interior

Action Coordination Teams for:

- Climate Change
- Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
- Marine Debris
- Ocean Awareness and Literacy
- Polluted Runoff
- Renewable Ocean Energy
- Seafloor Mapping
- Sediment Management
- Spartina Eradication
- Sustainable Coastal Communities

Advisory Committee On Water Information (ACWI)
<http://acwi.gov/>

Intergovernmental Task Force On Monitoring Water Quality

Federal Partners:

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Department of Agriculture
- US Department of the Interior
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Non-Federal Partners:
 - Association of American State Geologists
 - Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
 - Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
 - Association of State Floodplain Managers
 - Association of State and Interstate Water Pollutions Control Administrators
 - Interstate Council on Water Policy
 - National Association of Clean Water Agencies
 - National Association of County Planners
 - Western States Water Council

Established to answer:

- "What is the condition of the Nation's surface, ground, estuarine, and coastal waters? "*
- "Where, how, and why are water-quality conditions changing over time? "*
- "Where are the problems related to water quality? What is causing the problems? "*
- "Are programs to prevent or remediate problems working effectively? "*
- "Are water-quality goals and standards being met? "*

Strategic Elements of the program are:

- Goal-Oriented Monitoring and Indicators
- Flexible and Comprehensive Monitoring
- Methods Comparability
- Quality Assurance and Quality Control
- Evaluation of Monitoring Activities
- Training
- Gathering and Evaluating Existing Information
- Institutional Collaboration
- Information Automation, Accessibility, and Utility
- Assessment and Reporting
- Research and Development
- Pilot Studies