Overview of Washington Coastal Erosion

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Quantities and Conversions

- Roughly 1.5 million cy/yr of sand is in transport along the southwest Washington shoreline and generally moves northward.
- Beach erosion at project areas varies from 26,000 cy/yr at Ocean Shores, to 63,000 cy/yr at Westport, to 65,000 cy/yr at Benson Beach (recently 292,000 cy/yr)
- Typically nearshore beneficial use of dredged material includes roughly 2 Mcy/yr at MCR and 0.5 Mcy/yr at MGH
- Sand placement projects typically vary from tens of thousands of cy to on the order of 500,000 cy.
- 1 dump truck carries roughly 12 cy
- 1 cubic meter = 1.31 cubic yards
- 1 meter = 3.28 ft = 1.09 yards

Columbia River Sediment Dispersal

4.5 Kybp

Columbia

0 Kybp

River,

1.5 Kybp Grays

2.0 Kybp Willapa Bay

Willapa Canyon

> Astoria Canyon







A thick tongue of shelf sediment extends to NNW from the mouth of Columbia River (thickest between 50-100 m isobaths)

Sediment 'thins' to the north, so expect barriers & shelf deposits to vary alongshore









- Modern rate of sediment supply from river is less than 1/4 of prehistoric rate
- Decrease in sediment supply due to dams trapping sediment and reducing peak flows that flush sand out of river



Grand Coulee Dam Hydroelectric, Irrigation, Flood Control, Recreation

Built 1942



Sediment Retention Structure, North Fork Toutle River



Columbia River Sediment Discharge Hindcast from Daily Riverflow at The Dalles



Columbia River Jetty Construction and Shoreline Change

- Inlet width = 3.2 km
- Inlet shoals dispersed seaward
- Single entrance channel forms
- Shoreline progradation up to 2.5 km (north) and 4.5 km (south)



Mouth of Columbia River Bathymetric Change



Morphology Change Caused by Jetties



- Several shallow channels
- Shallow ebb-tidal delta
- Attached sub-aqueous shoals
- Alongshore sand bypassing



- Single deep channel
- Deep ebb-tidal delta
- Shoals migrate onshore
- Reduced sand bypassing

Grays Harbor Entrance Change 1886-1999





- •Early 1900s: jetty construction at Grays Harbor and Columbia River entrances
- •Delta flanks moved onshore, causing accretion of the adjacent beaches; centers migrated offshore
- •Sediment transport away from the deltas caused the beaches to accrete up to 20 km away
- •In recent decades the sand supply has diminished; shorelines adjacent to the jetties stopped accreting or began eroding

Key Points

- For thousands of years, the shorelines along the Columbia River littoral cell were accreting slowly and uniformly due to a large supply of Columbia River sediment.
- Jetty construction at the beginning of the century caused ebb-tidal delta changes leading to rapid shoreline accretion at the southern end of the North Beach sub-cell.
- The jetties have affected shoreline changes along distances greater than 20 km away over several decades.
- In the last several decades, shoreline accretion has slowed or stopped in the southern portion of the North Beach sub-cell, as a result of reaching the holding capacity of the North Jetty.
- Much of the Grayland Plains shoreline within Grays Harbor County trends toward erosion.

Implications

- Sediment sharing between adjacent coasts has been significantly reduced, resulting in a downdrift offset shoreline.
- Ocean Shores has benefited by seasonal reversal in sediment transport, building out the shoreline to nearly the end of the North Jetty.
- Recent shoreline recession is related to reduced sediment supply from the ebb delta and the condition of the jetties.







Olympic Coast Geodetic Control and Beach Profiles Marine Spatial Planning 2012

Beach profile sites (Ian Miller)

- Hobuck Beach (2 surveys since June 2018)
- Norwegian (~25 surveys since 2013)
- Rialto (~25 surveys since 2013)
- First Beach (6 surveys since 2013)
- Second Beach (3 surveys since 2015)
- Kalaloch (~15 surveys since 2014)





Quinault Coast Beach Profiles and Nearshore Bathymetry

July-Aug 2012



2012 Quinault Nation Survey





Coastal LiDAR at Quinault Indian Nation for Marine Spatial Planning 24-25 June 2013



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Columbia River Littoral Cell (CRLC) Coastal Morphology Monitoring

RTK-GPS ATV surface maps, beach profiles (to wading depth), and CPS nearshore bathymetry

Quarterly beach profiles since summer 1997

Oregon State



Clatsop Plains

Sub-cell

Oregon

10

10

30 km

20^miles

Clatsop County

CRLC Sediment Budget



sediment flux in Mm³/yr

Model Calibration - Prediction



2.2 Mm³/yr to maintain LB in future

1.6 Mm³/yr: 250 m retreat; No supply: 640 m retreat





Columbia River Littoral Cell – Long Beach

- Beach erosion is tied to Columbia River sediment supply.
- The beach closest to the Columbia River has eroded most rapidly.
- Beach accretion continues northward at lower rates in the south and higher rates in the north.





Horizontal distance, in feet

Horizontal distance, in meters





North Cove, WA









Natural cobble berm vs. built dynamic revetment

Kalaloch Beach 1

North Cove


WSDOT North Cove Erosion Protection Project



WSDOT North Cove Erosion Protection Project





DYNAMIC REVETMENT - SECTION F - STA 45+50

LEGEND				IMPACT	LEGEND
w8 ·	WETLAND	- CUT	CUT LINE FILL LINE	////	PERMANENT WETLAND
	WETLAND BUFFER	- cg —— cg ——	CLEAR & GRUB LINE		
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	PROPOSED GRADE		4 MAN ROCK RIP RAP/QUARRY SPALLS		WATER MPACT (BELOW MHHW)

Dynamic revetment = 260 ft. long x 40 ft. wide (top width), composed of more than 2,000 cubic yards of cobble and gravel

Shoalwater Bay Project

Graveyard Spit, Willapa Bay

- 600,000 cy sand to restore barrier dune to 25 ft MLLW top elevation in 2008
- 844,088 cy sand renourishment in summer 2018



Shoalwater Bay Project Monitoring



Shoalwater Bay Project Monitoring



Multibeam, Lidar, & Topo-merged DEM

USACE Shoalwater Bay Dune Restoration Plan – Summer 2018



USACE Shoalwater Bay Dune Restoration Plan Summer 2018



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	History of Beach and Nearshore Nourishment in Grays Harbor County									
	Nearshore Sites		Beach Sites							
Year	South Beach (cy)	Half Moon Bay (cy)	Breach Fill (cy)	Half Moon Bay (cy)	Westport (cy)	Ocean Shores (cy)	Description of Beach Nourishment			
1992		200,000								
1993	373,000									
1994	265,000	146,000	600,000				600,000 cy sand to fill the breach			
1995				300,295	82,000		300,295 cy sand south of revetment; 82,000 cy sand at City outfall			
1996		274,780								
1997		308,604		5,000			5,000 cy sand at HMB shoreline berm south of revetment			
1998		421,468								
1999	76,187	228,470		228,963			228,963 cy sand at revetment extension beach fill			
2000			11,600				11, 600 cy of 12" minus cobble and gravel along HMB Breach Fill			
2001			16,100				16,100 cy of 12" minus cobble and gravel along HMB Breach Fill			
2002	75,219	378,441	135,000				135,000 cy sand at HMB			
2003	125,388	329,106			1,700		1,700 cy sand at HMB beach along dune trail			
2004	262,176	289,652	29,553				29,553 cy sand at HMB Breach Fill			
2005	217,909	102,184	22,779				22,779 cy sand at SB at Breach Fill			
2006	55,170	126,892								
2007		140,406								
2008		171,353								
2009	214,502	144,975								
2010	118,182	91,720	30,000				10,000 cy sand at HMB Breach Fill; 20,000 cy sand at SB Breach Fill			
2011	298,251	177,150								
2012	142,313	111,205	30,000				30,000 cy sand from upland source to Breach Fill			
2013	477,637	86,147								
2014	498,440									
2015	506,330					3,350	1,600 cy of sand + 1,750 cy of sand placed in front of geotubes			
2016	544,980									
2017	499,001	101,019								
Sum	4,749,685	3,829,572	875,032	534,258	83,700	3,350				
	Total Ne	earshore		Total F	Beach		Total Nourishment			
	8,579,257		1,496,340				10,075,597			















2010 BING Photography

200 m of retreat at 4.6 m/yr

ovel

43 years

656 ft @ 15A

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					Volume Change Trends			То				
					(m^3/yr/m)		(cubic yards per year)				Not	
			Approx	Length of shoreline			DUNE +			DUNE +	Erosion	loss or
	Description		Northing	represented (m)	DUNE	BEACH	BEACH	DUNE	BEACH	BEACH	only	gain
		Diana	199545	3900	9.8	10.2	20.0	49,700	52,100	101,900	-	
	the casino	Casino	196555	2902	3.5	14.4	17.9	13,100	54,800	68,000	-	
		Damons	193740	2778	10.5	21.2	31.7	38,100	77,000	115,100	-	
		ET	191000	3068	12.9	17.8	30.6	51,600	71,400	123,000	-	
		Butter	187605	1800	15.0	13.7	28.7	35,300	32,200	67,400		
		NB #19	187400	604	8.7	10.9	19.6	6,800	8,600	15,500		
		NB #14	186397	909	8.3	5.2	14.1	9,900	6,200	16,700		
	scarp ends	NB #10	185582	499	6.2	-2.8	4.1	4,000	-1,800	2,700	300	300
		NB #9	185398	195	1.8	-2.4	-0.6	500	-600	-100	5,0	7,
		NB #8	185192	203	6.1	-5.2	-2.6	1,600	-1,400	-700	5	48
		NB #7	184992	196	0.7	-6.6	-6.3	200	-1,700	-1,6 00		
		NB #6	184799	196	2.7	-9.8	-12.0	700	-2,500	-3,100		
		NB #5	184601	198	-2.0	-15.4	-16.1	-500	-4,000	-4,200		
ج ۲		NB #4	184404	183	-5.7	-15.4	-21.5	-1,400	-3,700	-5,200		
sac	geobags	X1-North	184235	100	-0.4	-8.3	-8.8	-100	-1,100	-1,200		
B	wave	NB #3	184204	115	-3.8	-11.6	-17.5	-600	-1,700	-2,600		
£		NB #2	184005	128	-4.3	-12.8	-22.9	-700	-2,100	-3,800		
S	bumpers	X1-South	183948	102	0.0	-7.1	-7.6	0	-1,000	-1,000		
2	North Jetty	NB #1	183801	146	7.0	-4.5	2.7	1,300	-900	500		
					Grays	Harbor						
Grayland Plains	South Jetty	HD-1	180642	1120	1.3	-2.8	-1.4	2,000	-4,100	-2,100	-63,100	-26,900
	Westport By	Worm	179078	877	-7.2	-7.8	-15.0	-8,300	-8,900	-17,200		
	the Sea	GP #85	178887	195	-2.8	-7.0	-11.5	-700	-1,800	-2,900		
		GP #84	178687	188	0.2	-7.4	-9.5	0	-1,800	-2,300		
		GP #83	178512	149	-0.7	-6.3	-4.5	-100	-1,200	-900		
		GP #82	178389	362	NaN	-6.7	NaN	NaN	-3,200	NaN		
		Spice	177787	1776	-4.9	-7.1	-12.0	-11,400	-16,400	-27,800		
	scarp ends	Rdan	174837	2900	8.3	-1.4	6.9	31,500	-5,200	26,300		



Historical Shoreline Change



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Distance of Shoreline from 1886 position



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Ocean Shores North Jetty Summary

- North Jetty is deteriorating and affects shoreline stability
- Aggravated erosion occurring at end of rock structures
- Lack of suitable transitions between rock and dune sand
- Dune erosion scarp extends from jetty to 1.9 km north along shoreline
- Average erosion of 25,800 cubic yards/year of sediment from beaches and dunes
- A dune breach represents the highest risk to upland infrastructure
- Sand fences during Spring to Fall may help to increase resilience during the subsequent winter
- Beach and dune nourishment offers only a temporary solution
- Rehabilitation of Grays Harbor North Jetty is critical to preventing a chronic erosion problem







Southwest Washington Coastal Erosion Study Results

- The coast between Tillamook Head, OR and Point Grenville, WA (~ 100 miles) relies on sand supplied by the Columbia River
- Compared to geologic-scale change (~ 4-6,000 years), beach accretion and erosion have accelerated since the onset of jetty construction (~ 100 years)
- Jetty construction modified the ebb deltas, changing local sediment supply to shoreline for tens of kilometers and decades
- Sand was redistributed from deltas to adjacent beaches
- Dredging volumes are significant relative to the sediment budget
- Sand volumes necessary to maintain current shoreline positions have been estimated by historical change analyses, beach monitoring, and shoreline modeling
- Recent beach erosion is result of decrease local supply of sand from ebb deltas and the jetty condition at Ocean Shores
- Knowledge of coastal change across a range of space and time scales has informed management and mitigation approaches.
Take Home Points

- Coastal erosion is influenced by jetties and other coastal structures (long term, short term, maintenance)
- Sand nourishment reduces coastal erosion
- Cobble berms/dynamic revetments tend to reduce erosion with minimal impact
- Coastal erosion intensity varies based on sediment budget, wave climate, and sea-level
- Elements of successful projects have included:
 - Assessment and monitoring
 - Regional scientific context
 - Regional strategy and alternative approaches
 - Collaborative project development
 - Examples: Benson Beach, North Cove, Shoalwater Bay, Westport, Ocean Shores North Jetty, Taholah