

SB 5213-S - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Requires the ocean policy advisory council to adopt the final report of the Washington state ocean policy work group entitled "Washington's Ocean Action Plan: Enhancing Management of Washington State's Ocean and Outer Coasts" and shall work with state and local governments to implement the priority recommendations appropriate for immediate action. For those priority recommendations that are not ready for immediate action, the ocean policy advisory council shall develop an implementation plan that includes the council's strategy for implementation by July 1, 2008. The ocean policy advisory council shall identify, where necessary, additional resources or legislation necessary for implementation.

Declares an intent to direct a review of the state's existing program and the submission of additional state and local government policies to the national oceanic and atmospheric administration for inclusion in such a program, and to direct that maximum state efforts be directed toward implementing the state's role in federal consistency determinations to ensure that state and local policies influence federal agency actions affecting the state's coastal zone.

Designates the department of ecology as the principal state agency for administering the provisions of the federal coastal zone management act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1451 et seq.), as it exists on January 1, 2007, and is authorized to receive and administer federal grants to implement the act. The department of ecology, in the implementation of the network of state and local policies and programs comprising the state coastal zone management program, shall enter into agreements of administration with other state agencies and local governments as appropriate to fully and effectively implement all elements of the state's federally approved coastal zone management program.