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Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap State of the States Update

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PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT



**Public Comment Period
February 17 – April 27, 2026**

Roadmap Comment Period

- Comment deadline extended from April 3rd to April 27th
- One more public meeting added 4/23 (virtual)
- Methods of comment:
 - Written comments to the DLCD Roadmap email address
 - Verbal comments at public meetings (recorded and transcribed)
 - Physical mail comments (none received that I know of)
 - Roadmap survey results (open-ended question responses)
 - Inviting separate statements from Tribes to be included in an appendix

What is the Roadmap?

The Roadmap DOES:

- Consider **different futures** and the best paths to get there (scenarios include both “with turbines” and “without turbines”).
- Recommend **policies to address gaps** related to environment, energy, communities, or other state values and interests.
- **Recommend actions** the state could take to be better positioned for offshore wind decision-making or investment.
- **Identify staff and funding needs** for state agencies, local governments, and tribes.

The Roadmap DOES NOT:

- Approve offshore wind energy off the Oregon coast
- Decide whether or not Oregon will move forward on offshore wind.
- Create new policies by itself.
- Answer questions or make decisions about the effects of offshore wind.
- Commission studies or scientific research. (but it includes a research agenda concept)

Roadmap Sections

1. Roadmap Purpose
2. Background on Offshore Wind Energy
3. Guiding Principles and Objectives for the Roadmap
4. Alternative Futures Considered/
Pathways to Alternative Futures
5. Enforceable Policy Analysis
6. Recommended Actions

Achieve energy and
climate objectives



Support coastal
communities

Protect the
environment
and species



Protect cultural
resources



Support and
sustain economic
opportunity



Position an offshore
wind workforce

Guiding Principles for the Roadmap

Meaningful Engagement

Offshore wind energy decisions will only be fair if the people most affected can influence them—tribes, fishing communities, local governments, and coastal residents. Engagement must be ongoing, accountable, and responsive, not limited to formal comment periods.

Credible Information

There are significant gaps in ecological, cultural, community, economic, grid, and transmission data. The state needs a reliable, Oregon-specific knowledge base for making informed decisions about whether and how to pursue offshore wind energy.

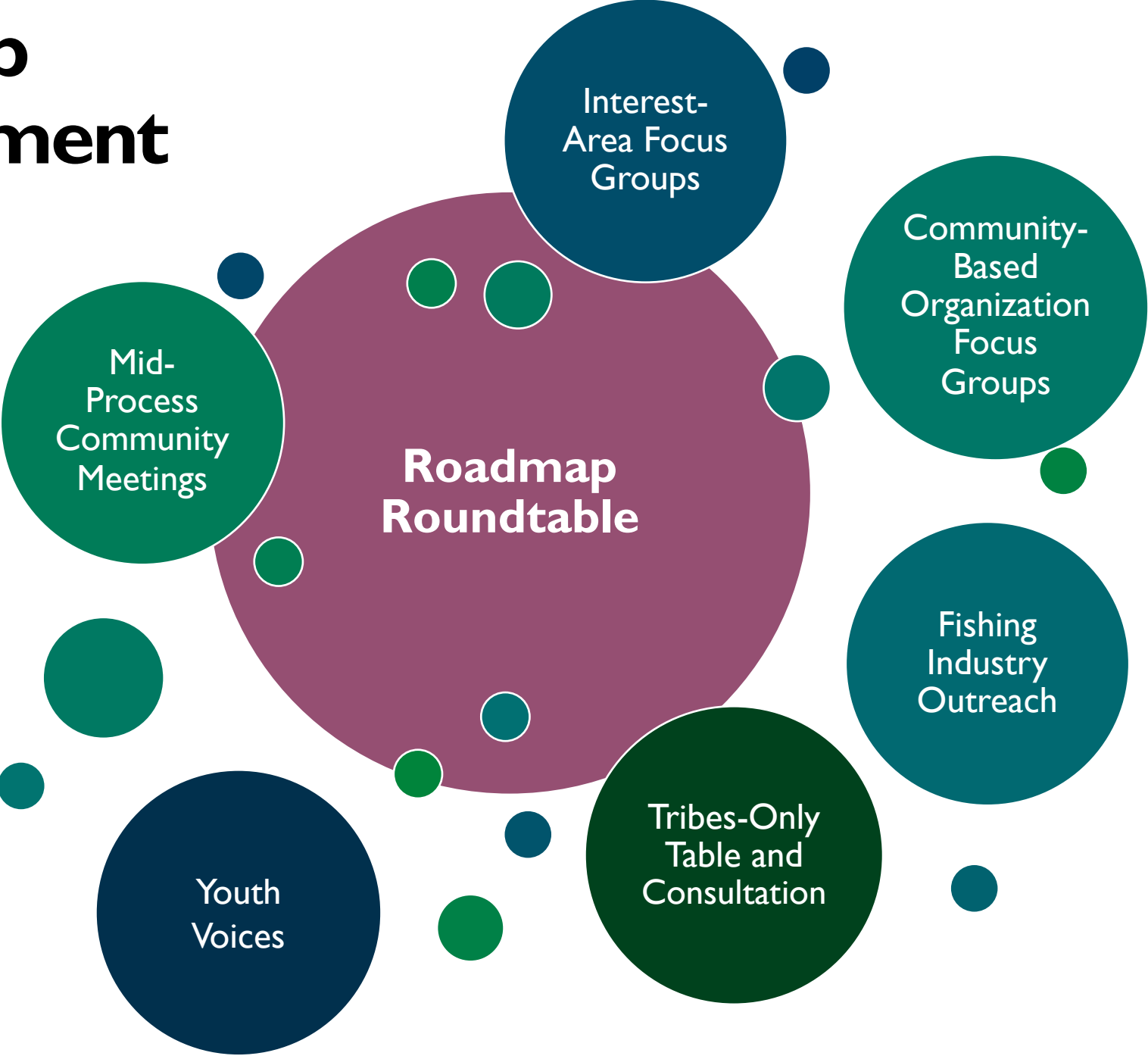
Regionally Considered and Coordinated

States share species, fishing grounds, supply chains, port infrastructure, and grid systems. Coordination with California and Washington is critical for research, transmission, energy markets, and supply chains to work.

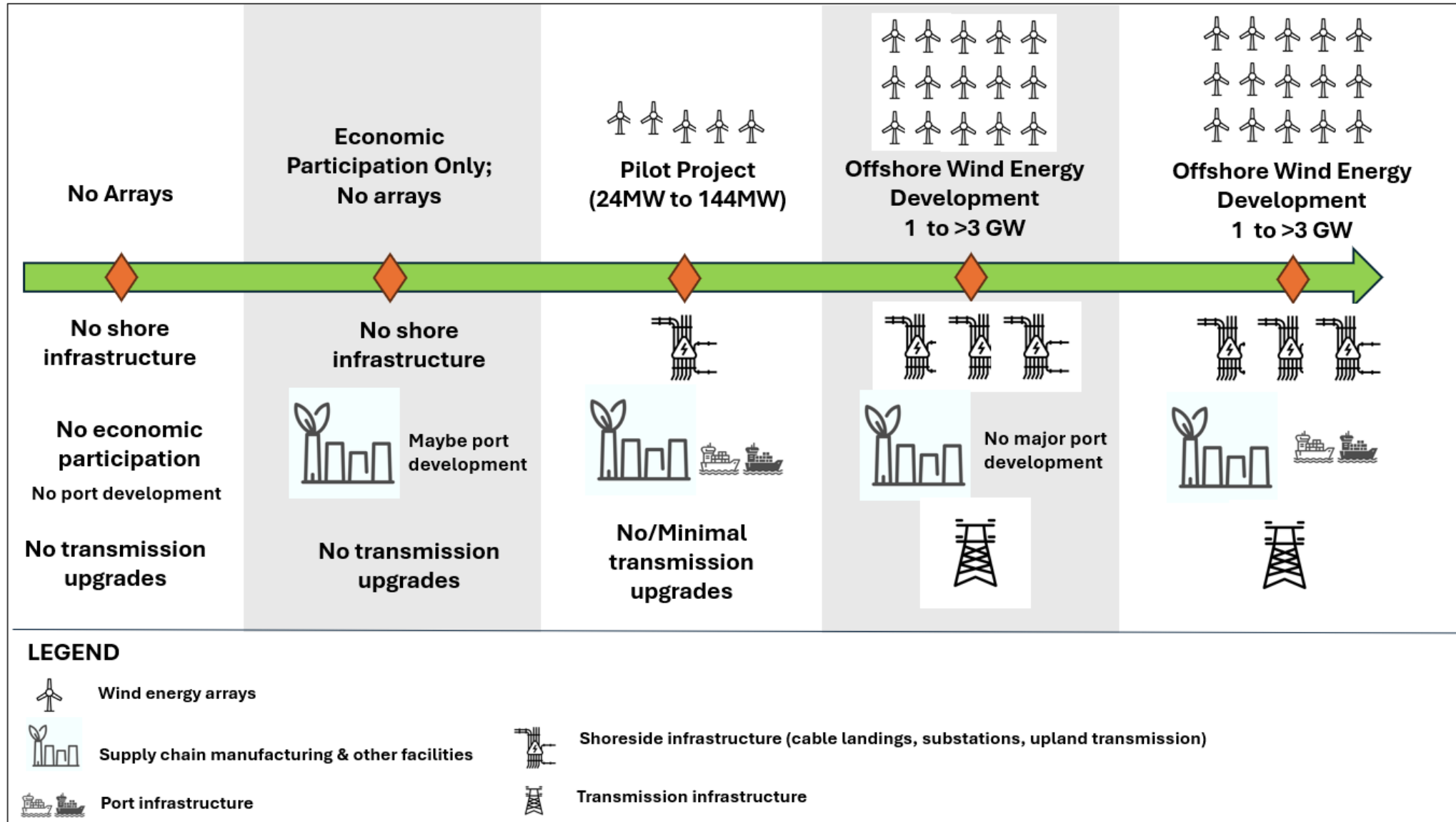
Holistic and Accountable

Oregon needs to approach decisions with a broad view that accounts for the cumulative effect of our actions in a changing system and takes responsibility if the effects of actions are different from what we planned.

Roadmap Development Process



Alternative Futures Considered in the Roadmap



Enforceable Policy Assessment

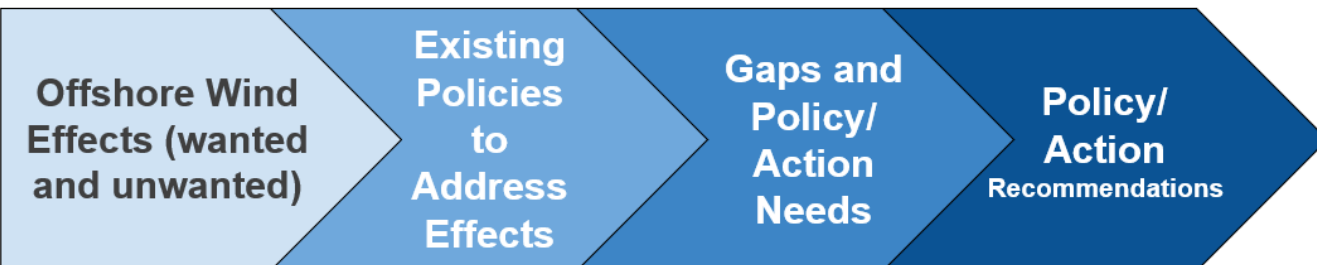
Outcome

- Oregon's existing Enforceable Policies generally provide good protection for its ocean resources and users from the adverse effects of offshore wind energy development.
- Minor updates and targeted policy changes can strengthen Oregon's influence.

Example Gap Areas

- Visual resource standards
- Community agreement requirements
- Labor standards
- Cultural resource protection and tribal data sovereignty
- Energy policies for regional markets, emerging technology, interstate equity
- Connecting offshore and onshore decisions
- Strengthen general fishery protection standards
- Adaptive management plan requirements
- Decommissioning plan requirements
- Require cumulative impact assessment before leasing

From Effects to Standards



Key Action Recommendations for Policymakers (Draft)

1. Oregon should initiate state or local rulemaking in the near term to address policy gaps identified in the Roadmap.
2. Oregon should develop an offshore wind energy research agenda to secure reliable and trustworthy data to inform future energy development.
3. Oregon should establish an offshore wind energy science collaborative that involves a broad spectrum of interests and potentially affected communities.
4. Oregon should participate in the West Coast Science Collaborative, established by California, to share lessons learned and look for opportunities to coordinate research.

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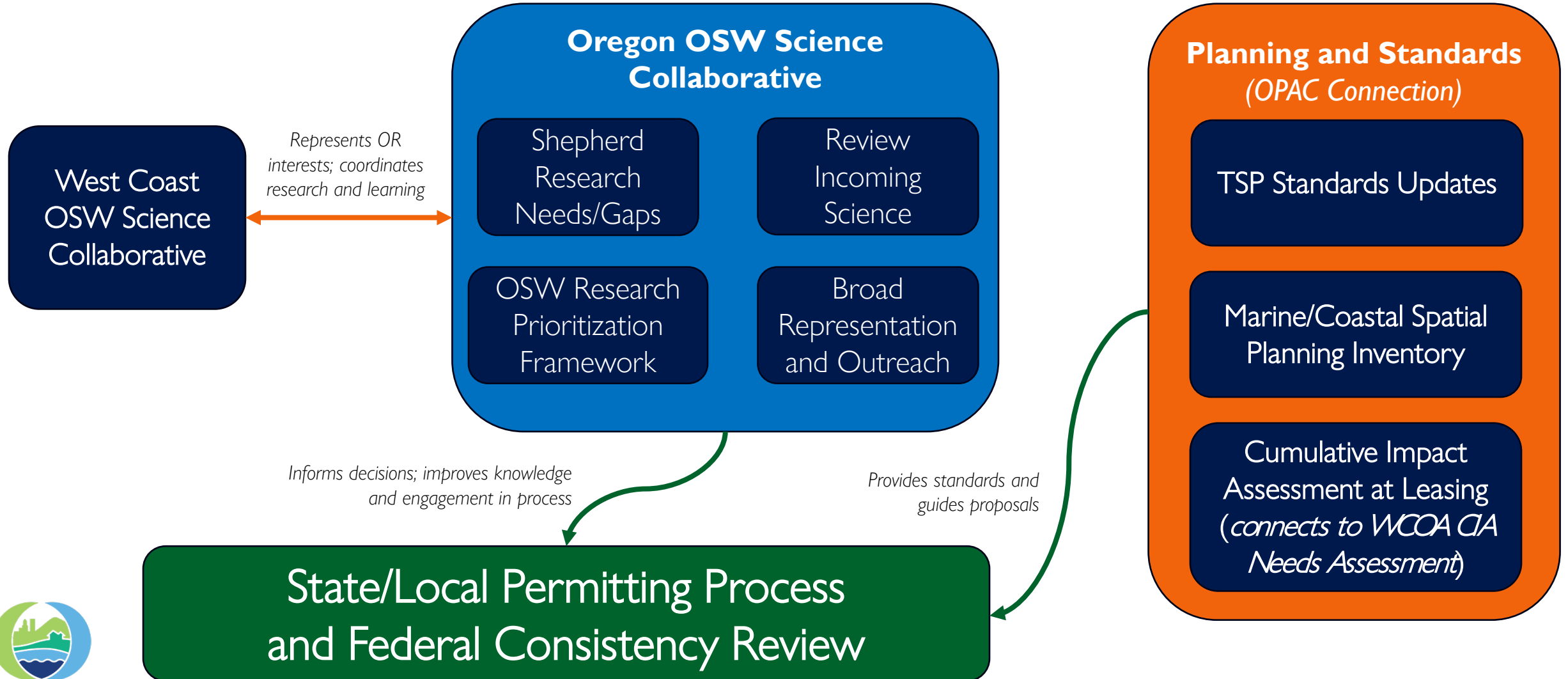
5. Oregon should consider leading its own marine and coastal spatial planning process to identify what, if any, areas offshore are suitable for offshore wind energy development based on state policies and interests.
6. Oregon should explore policies and investments that support regional energy markets, state-led power procurement, and grid improvements to increase coastal resilience and meet state energy objectives.
7. Oregon will need to increase capacity and expertise within state agencies, local governments, and Tribal governments to be ready for offshore wind energy development.
8. Tribal consultation should be integrated into research and analysis from the beginning, not added after the fact. Tribal data sovereignty is an important safeguard to maintain. Tribal cultural resources should be protected.

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9. Communities - including cities, counties, Tribes, fisheries, labor groups, environmental justice communities, and others - need a formal, ongoing, well-resourced, and enforceable way to participate in offshore wind energy processes, with their interests addressed through community agreements.
10. Economic opportunities related to supplying materials and services for offshore wind energy development could have benefits, regardless of whether Oregon hosts offshore wind turbines in the future. The state should collaborate with West Coast neighbors on floating offshore wind energy economic opportunities.
11. Oregon should continue to evaluate all renewable energy options, including a thorough cost-benefit analysis to determine whether and when different levels of investment in offshore wind energy are prudent.

A Strategy for Managing OSW Uncertainty

(first draft)



Questions?



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