Impact of Trump Administration Decisions on Ocean Policy

A California Perspective

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Ocean Protection Council’s Role

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Our Mission and How We Work

Ensuring healthy, resilient, and productive ocean and coastal ecosystems in California.
Approaches to a National Ocean Policy

Executive Order 13547 (Obama)

- Protection, restoration, and health of ocean ecosystems
- Sustainability of ocean and coastal economies
- Sustainable uses
- Adaptive management
- Coastal and marine spatial planning
- National security

Executive Order 13840 (Trump)

- Revokes Obama Executive Order
- Economy, industry, energy, and security
- Ocean industries
- Domestic energy production
- National security
- Maritime commerce, including fisheries and recreation
- Ensure regulations and management do not prevent productive and sustainable use
“Over the past several years, California, Oregon and Washington have made great progress working in partnership with federal agencies and tribes on regional ocean issues. We are disappointed that, with this Executive Order, the Trump Administration failed to recognize the essential role of tribes and made federal participation in regional ocean partnerships voluntary. We are committed to continued collaboration to protect ocean health and the resources that are so important to our communities, our economies, our cultures, and our quality of life.”

-- John Laird, Secretary of California Natural Resources Agency
National Marine Sanctuaries

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Subnational Power
“The President has already said climate change is a hoax, which is the exact opposite of virtually all scientific and worldwide opinion, I don't believe fighting reality is a good strategy - not for America, not for anybody. If the President is going to be AWOL in this profoundly important human endeavor, then California and other states will step up.”

California Governor Jerry Brown