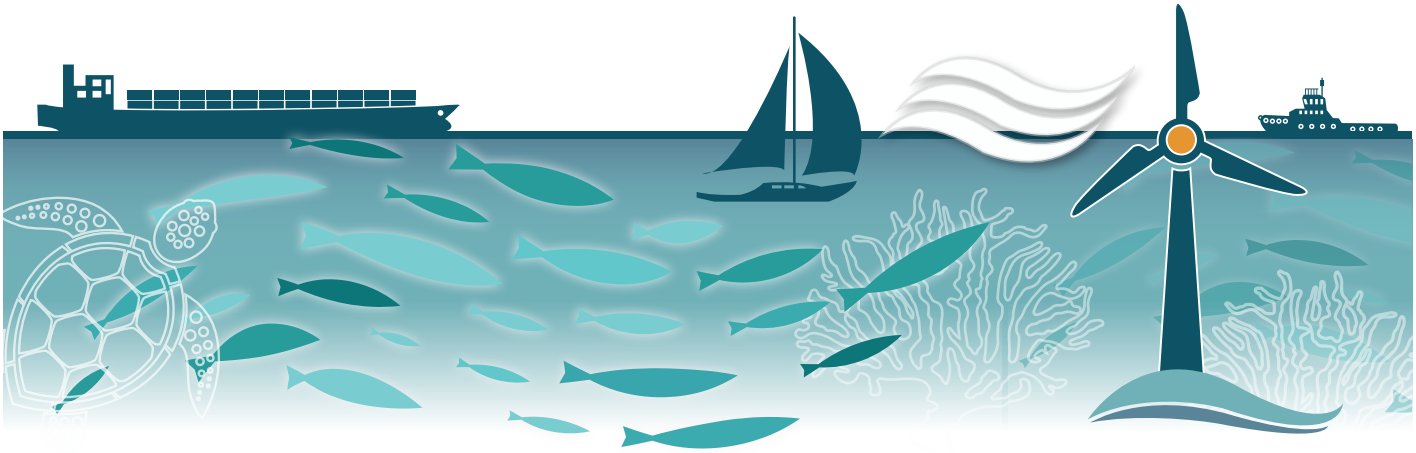

TOP FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

OceanReports

Want to know who is doing what, and where, in our oceans? Use this data-rich tool, OceanReports, to generate a custom report for the area of your choosing. Applications include conservation, ocean planning, and industry development. This tool is saving public dollars, cutting industry costs, reducing permitting timelines, and supporting better management of U.S. ocean space.

1. **Supports ocean activities.** Ocean projects require synthesis of big data in a meaningful way for effective project planning and permitting. This tool provides critical information needed for both of these tasks.

2. **It's the Big Picture.** The tool draws from over 100 data layers from more than 20 federal and state data sources. The most common information includes locations and data for offshore energy, habitats, regulatory areas, transportation, aquaculture, and other ocean industry planning information.

3. **Reduces ocean use conflicts.** People can easily get the important information needed early in the planning process. Understanding location conditions and knowing who and what is using the ocean space is critical.

4. **Easy to use.** Simply draw a box around the area of interest to generate a custom report that can be printed, shared, or saved for later use. OceanReports is also a great way to communicate information about a project.

5. **Diverse customer base.** Users include ocean industry consultants, marine planners and physical scientists, policy analysts, permitting agencies, educators, and the public.

To use OceanReports, visit *marinecadastre.gov/oceanreports*.

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