

National Climate Assessment (NCA)

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- Synthesizing state of knowledge of the climate including uncertainties
- Informing priorities
- Building assessment capacity
- Supporting climate literacy

Types of Contributions

- Regional Climate Summaries – Northwest, Great Plains, etc.
- Sector/Topical Summaries – Agriculture, Forestry, etc; Oceans and Marine Resources, Biogeochemical Cycles, etc; Urban Infrastructure and Vulnerability, Adaptation and Mitigation, etc
- Local Summaries – Example: Climate Change and the Olympic Coast: Interpreting Potential Futures

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

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Issues

- Balance in subject matter
- Consistency amongst various types of contributions
- Ongoing effort rather than periodic reports
- Organization in general (e.g., 60 person advisory committee)