

Central Oregon Coast Blue Water Task Force 2005 Summary

Oregon Coast Aquarium
&
Surfrider Foundation

Program History

- Surfrider & OCAq – BWTF
 - Grassroots water quality monitoring network
 - Fecal bacteria
- DHS/DEQ Beach Monitoring Program
 - Clean Water Act
 - EPA Testing and Minimum Counts
 - Financial Limitations

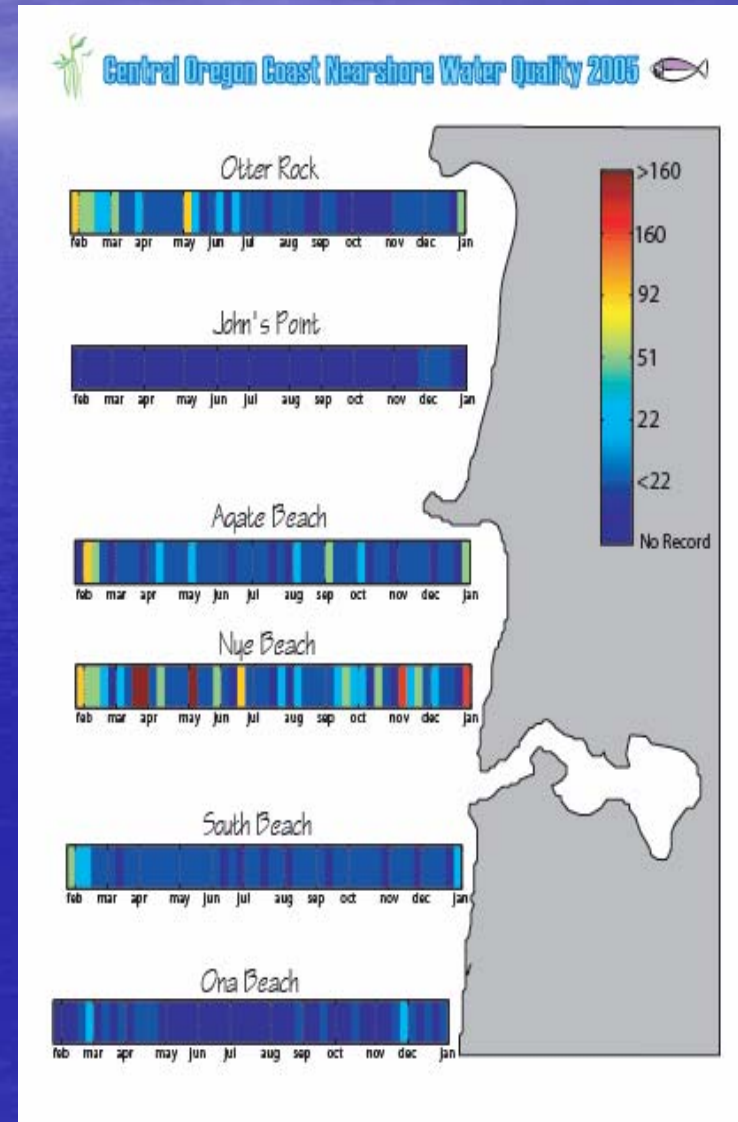
Newport BWTF

- Sample Sites
- Sampling
- Testing
- Posting



Identifying problems

- Sites of consideration
- Nye Beach
- Agate Beach/Wayside



Nye Beach



Agate Beach/Big Creek



Nye Beach Band-Aids

- More signage
- Locations
 - Bottom of Memorials
 - Nye Beach Turnaround



Agate Beach Big Creek Band-Aids

- Improved Signage
- Locations
 - Add sign at Wayside
 - Big Creek Trail
 - Big Creek Outfall



Nye Beach Solutions

- Better testing
 - City records?
 - Sourcing the problem
 - CADDIS – EPA WQ problem solver
- PCR 2-hour method
 - Contact: Suzanne Ackerman



Big Creek Solutions

- Identify sources
- Speculations
 - Low system points
 - Failing infrastructure



Benefits of Notification

- Public health
- Beaches are an asset
- Bad PR/ Good PR
- Future development



Notification Challenges

- Testing turnaround
- Bad PR
- Solutions are better than notifications of a problem



Future Agendas for Solutions

- Assessment of historical data
- Sourcing Plan
- Notification Plan
- Technical/Infrastructure improvements

