

# Estuary Planner Data Viewer FAQ

## **Why does my base map not print?**

Base maps provided by Google are not available to print. Select a different base map and try printing again.

## **Why when I am zoomed in does my base map read “Map data not yet available”?**

Some base maps are not suitable for use when you zoom in close. Try zooming out or select a different base map. If the base map is not critical to your map, try using the Basic White Background base map found in the Basic Base Maps folder.

## **Why is the identify tool not working?**

Make sure you select the identify method you would like to use. After you click the identify tool in the tool bar a new tab, the Identify tab, will appear in the Table of Contents section. In this new Identify tab there is a place to pick either ‘Draw a Point’ or ‘Draw a Box’. Select your preferred method and then use your mouse in the Map Display to select the item you wish to identify. Note, some layers have no additional information available in which case you will only get the ground coordinates in the Identify tab when you use the Identify tool.

## **Why are the map labels not showing?**

Try zooming in to activate the labels. In some layers the labels are only visible when zoomed in close. Other layers do not have labels but depend on the color to label an area. The colors will be defined in the layer’s legend.

## **Why can I turn on several layers in some files and not in others?**

Multiple data layers can be checked at the same time by clicking the box next to the layer adding a check mark. However, if next to the layer is a circle and not a box, this is a radio button. Base maps have radio buttons and only one base map can be active at a time.

## **Where do I go to learn how to use the tools in the tool bar?**

If you need additional help, check out the help page on the data viewer or watch the Estuary Planners Data Viewer tutorial video.

## **Where do I go to download the data?**

In the Catalog tab, below an active layer, a small Information button will appear. If you click on that Information button, another tab will open in your browser displaying a summary of the data layer. Links to download the data or connect with the service providing the data, links to the full metadata record, and links to any supporting documents will be displayed on this page.

## **How do I print a map with the layers I selected?**

The Print tool will allow you to create a PDF map of the current layers displayed in the Map Display. Please note any base map from Google will not draw in the map created to print.

Activate the layers you would like to have displayed in your printed map and click on the Print tool in the Tool Bar. A Print tab will open in the Table of Contents. You will have several options to customize the map. Create a Map Title, set the Output Template, Image Quality, and the Print Scale in the Print tab and click 'Go'. A PDF map will be created. Clicking on the 'download PDF' will open the map in a new tab in your browser. Generating a map can take between 1 to 2 minutes. Once the map is created, save or print the PDF map to share your mapping results.

### **How do I create a list of tax lots within a buffer area?**

You can create a buffer around a tax lot using the Select Features tool on the Tool Bar. The first step is to activate the tax lot layer. Then click on the Select Features button and indicate how you would like to select the features: point, line or polygon in the Table of Contents Select Features Tab. Then in the Map Display, select the tax lot of interest. Back in the Select Features tab, click 'Go'. Next click on 'buffer these results' in the Select Features tab. Enter in the distance of your buffer in the 'buffer feature by' box, select the desired units from the drop down menu, and click 'Go'. The tax lot id numbers for tax lots within your buffer will be listed in the Select Features tab. If you need more information about these tax lots, contact your local assessor's office. Links to these offices can be found if you click on the Information button visible in the Catalog tab under the active tax lot layer.

### **Why does my area not have some of the data?**

The data layers available in the viewer are either publicly available statewide information provided by other agencies or was shared with the Oregon Coastal Management Program by local jurisdictions. The data in the viewer represent the best available data currently provided to the OCMP.

### **Is the data shown in this viewer current?**

You can determine if the data in a layer is provided by a live service or a downloadable data set by clicking the Information button after you activate the layer. If the data is a downloadable data set, the summary or full metadata record will provide the data that data set was created or last updated.

### **Why don't the labels match the legend?**

Areas on the map that are symbolized with a color, the colors will be defined in the layers' legend found in the Catalog tab. If the area has a color and a label and the label is not explained in the legend, this label is a code that refers to the codes in the local estuary management plans.