

### **Appendix I**

## the OCEANS ACT of 2000

**The law** establishes a Commission, which in coordination with the states, a scientific advisory panel, and the public, develops a National Oceans Report. This report makes recommendations to the President and Congress on ocean and coastal issues. The President then responds to these recommendations in a "National Ocean Policy" that he submits to Congress.

**Purpose:** To establish a Commission to make recommendations for a coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy that will promote:

- Protection of life and property
- Stewardship of ocean and coastal resources
- Protection of marine environment and prevention of marine pollution
- Enhancement of maritime commerce
- Expansion of human knowledge of the marine environment

- Investment in technologies to promote energy and food security
- Close cooperation among government agencies
- U.S. leadership in ocean and coastal activities

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**Scope of Recommendations:** The Commission's report is required to include a review of the following:

- Facilities (people, vessels, computers, satellites)
- Federal activities
- Cumulative effect on federal laws
- Supply and demand for ocean and coastal resources
- Relationships between federal, state, and local governments, and the private sector

- Opportunities for the investment in new products and technologies
- State and federal integration efforts
- Modification to federal laws and/or the structure of federal agencies
- The effectiveness of existing federal interagency policy coordination

**The Commission** is to give equal consideration to environmental, technical feasibility, economic, and scientific factors. In addition, the recommendations may not be specific to the lands or waters within a single state.

## TURNING to the SEA: AMERICA'S OCEAN FUTURE

#### Follow up to Year of the Ocean and National Ocean Conference 1999

#### **Sustaining Economic Benefits**

- Marine transportation
- Safe navigation
- Coastal tourism
- Domestic fisheries
- International fisheries
- Aquaculture
- Biotechnology
- Offshore oil and gas
- health

#### **Strengthening Global Security**

- The Law of the Sea Convention
- Freedom of navigation
- Maritime law enforcement

#### **Protecting Marine Resources**

- Submerged heritage resources
- Coral reefs
- Estuaries
- Marine protected species
- Marine protected areas
- Ocean and coastal habitats
- Water quality
- Non-indigenous species
- Marine debris

#### **Discovering the Oceans**

- Ocean education
- Ocean observations
- Ocean research
- Ocean and coastal exploration



#### Research and Marine/Environmental Operations

- S and T, technology
- Marine operations
- Maritime law enforcement

#### Governance

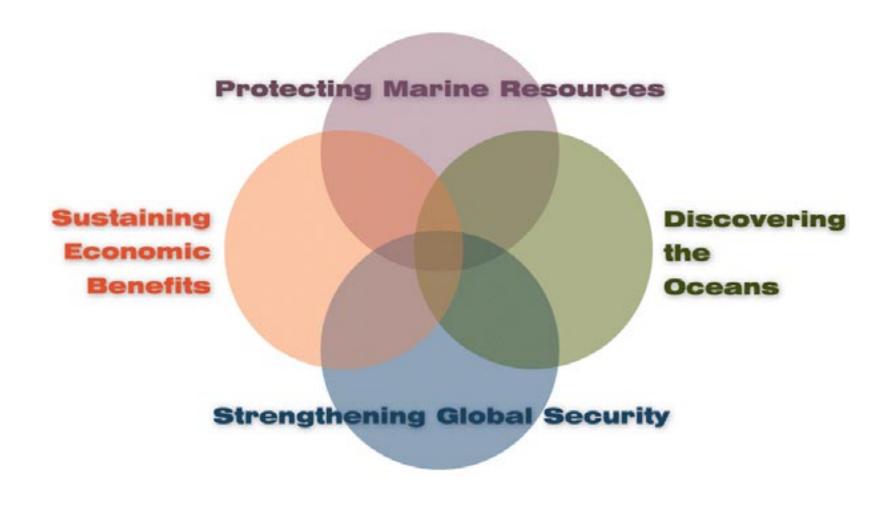
- Public policy
- Legal and regulatory issues
- Federal/state/local coordination
- Living and non-living marine resources

#### **Investment**

- Adequate funding
- People
- Facilities
- Government structure

# WORKING OVERLAY for FULL COMMISSION

"Driving" all committee recommendations...



### PROCESS FLOW and GROUND RULES

- Admiral Watkins completes overview of options and preferred organization structure.
- Committee members discuss proposed structure for understanding.
- Committee members each offer concurrence or issues and alternative approaches.
- Commission members collaborate to address outstanding issues toward an agreed upon structure.
- Final structure is agreed upon.
- Members consider decision overnight for final resolution Tuesday morning.