



# **Update on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning from the National Perspective**

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# CMSP Update: NOC Level



- SAP / Implementation Plan / Handbook
- Regional Planning Bodies
- National data portal
- National Workshop Themes
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Regional flexibility
  - Partnerships
  - Priorities



# CMSP Update: NOAA Level



- Committed to NOP and CMSP
- Regional Federal Co-Leads
- ROP Grants
- Data Integration and Registry
- Funding
- Integration / Implementation Strategy



# MPAs and CMSP



As complementary place-based approaches to ecosystem-based management, MPAs and CMSP have many opportunities for beneficial interactions:

- **MPAs Contributing to CMSP:** Providing relevant data, tools, stakeholders and expertise
- **MPAs Benefitting from CMSP:** Using local and regional planning processes and products to inform MPA designation and adaptive management
- **Symmetrical Benefits:** Setting regional objectives that reflect conservation and multiple use/access priorities



# MPA-FAC CMSP Subcommittee



- Charge
  - Role of national system in broader CMSP initiative
  - Steps to ensure conservation addressed by CMSP
  - Leverage MPA data and tools for CMSP
- Recommendation Targets
  - National policies and plans
  - Regional planning efforts
  - NOAA priorities and actions
- Recipients
  - NOAA (MPA Center, CMSP)
  - National Ocean Council



# How They Apply: National Policies + Plans



MPA-FAC recommendations will help shape and inform the NOC's:

- *Strategic Action Plan / Implementation Plan*
- *CMSP Handbook*
- *National data portal services (aka – NIMS)*



# How They Apply: Regional Planning Efforts



- MPA-FAC recommendations will provide guidance to Regional Planning Bodies in:
  - *Engaging the full range of interested stakeholders*
  - *Setting regional objectives including conservation and multiple use*
  - *Assessing current and emerging ecosystem issues and trends*
  - *Evaluating the implications of tradeoffs among alternative ocean use scenarios*
  - *Monitoring the effectiveness of CMS plans and adaptively managing them as needed*
  - *Incorporating MPAs as a tool for place-based management within the wider CMSP mosaic*



# How They Apply: Emerging NOAA Priorities



- MPA-FAC recommendations will help guide NOAA's execution of the NOP and CMSP:
  - *Integrate of data, maps, analytical models and products for planning*
  - *Support regional partnerships for comprehensive planning*
  - *Develop innovative visualization and decision support tools for ocean use planning*
  - *Contribute best available science for EBM decisions*





# Discussion & Questions