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National Ocean Policy

*A National Policy for the Stewardship of the
Oceans, Our Coasts and the Great Lakes –
Established by Presidential Executive Order
on July 19, 2010*

MPAFAC Meeting – Nov. 2010

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Building Blocks



THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Final Recommendations
Of The
Interagency Ocean Policy
Task Force
July 19, 2010*

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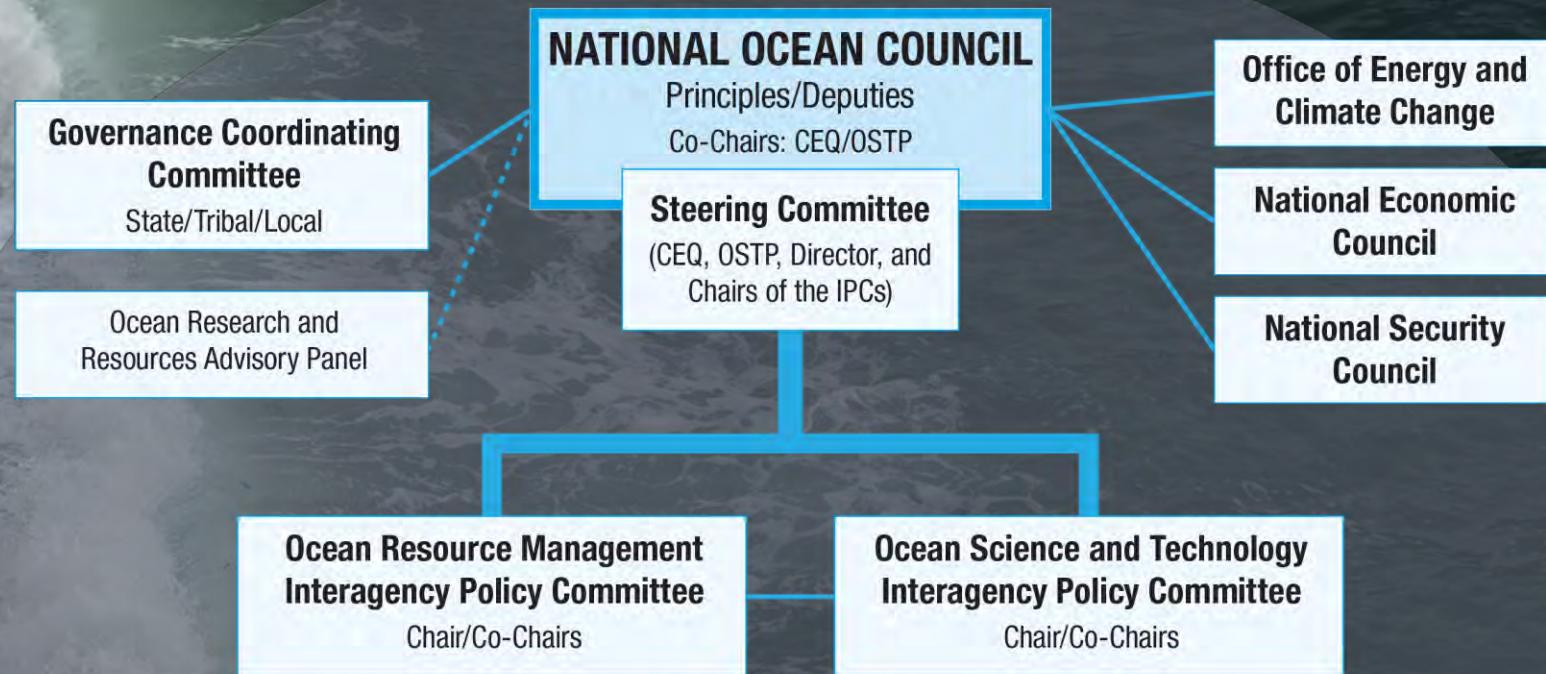
National Ocean Council

9 National Priority Objectives

Framework for Coastal and
Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

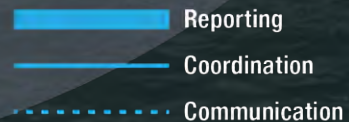
↗ Regional Planning Bodies

The National Ocean Council



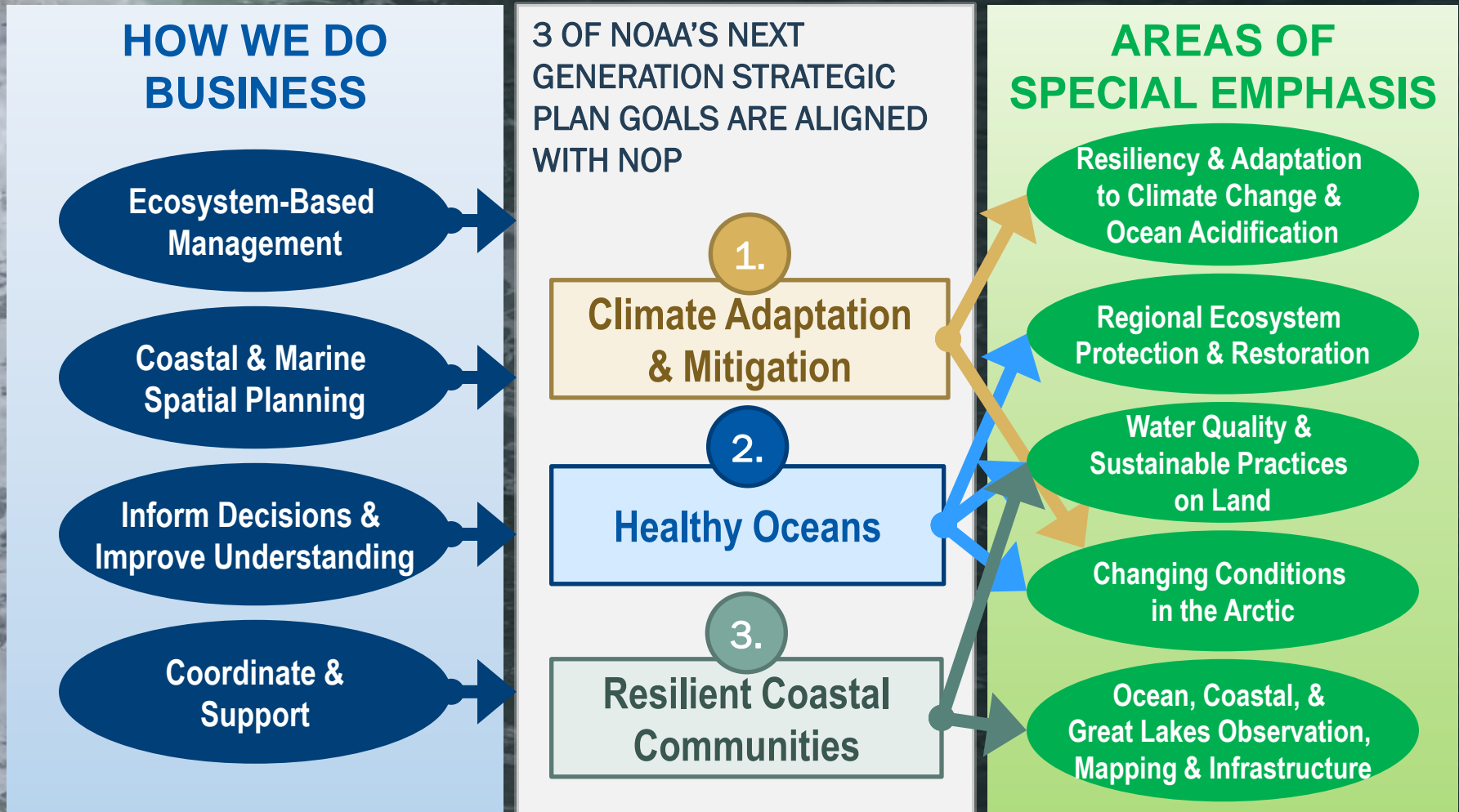
Working groups could be retained or established as standing or ad hoc Sub-Interagency Policy Committees (IPCs): e.g., Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, Ocean Acidification, Ocean Observations, Mapping, Ocean Education, Climate Resiliency and Adaptation, Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration, Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land, and Arctic.

The Extended Continental Shelf Task Force and other designated interagency committees, as appropriate, would report to the Steering Committee and coordinate with the two IPCs.



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Nine Priority Objectives & NOAA's Draft NGSP



The Need for CMSP

Uses were regulated on a narrow sector-by-sector basis



Key Elements



Balance Ocean Health and
Community Prosperity



Level the Playing Field for All
Stakeholders

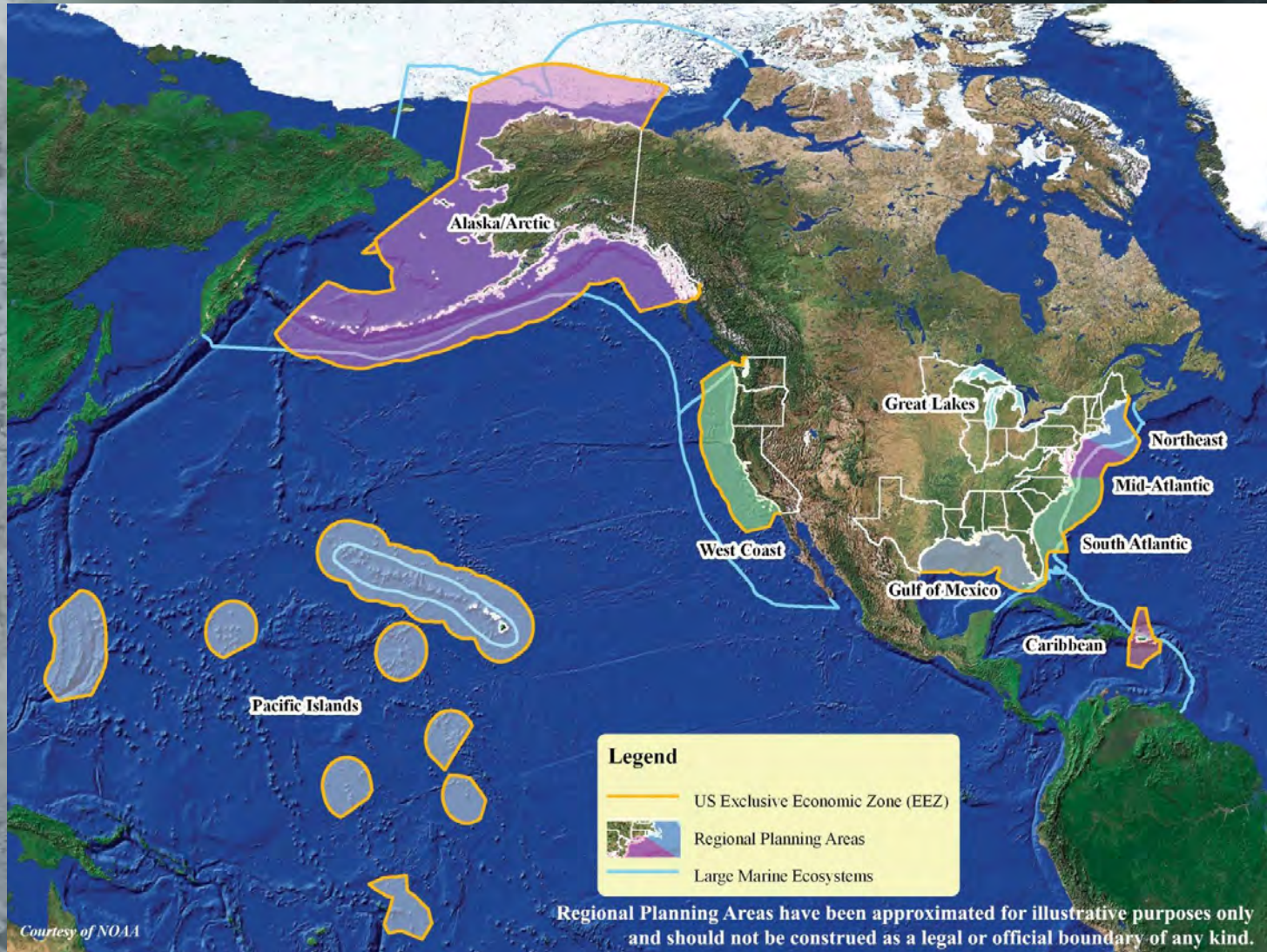


Make Decisions Based on the
Best Available Science

Respect the Unique Character of
Each U.S. Region

CMSP Implementation

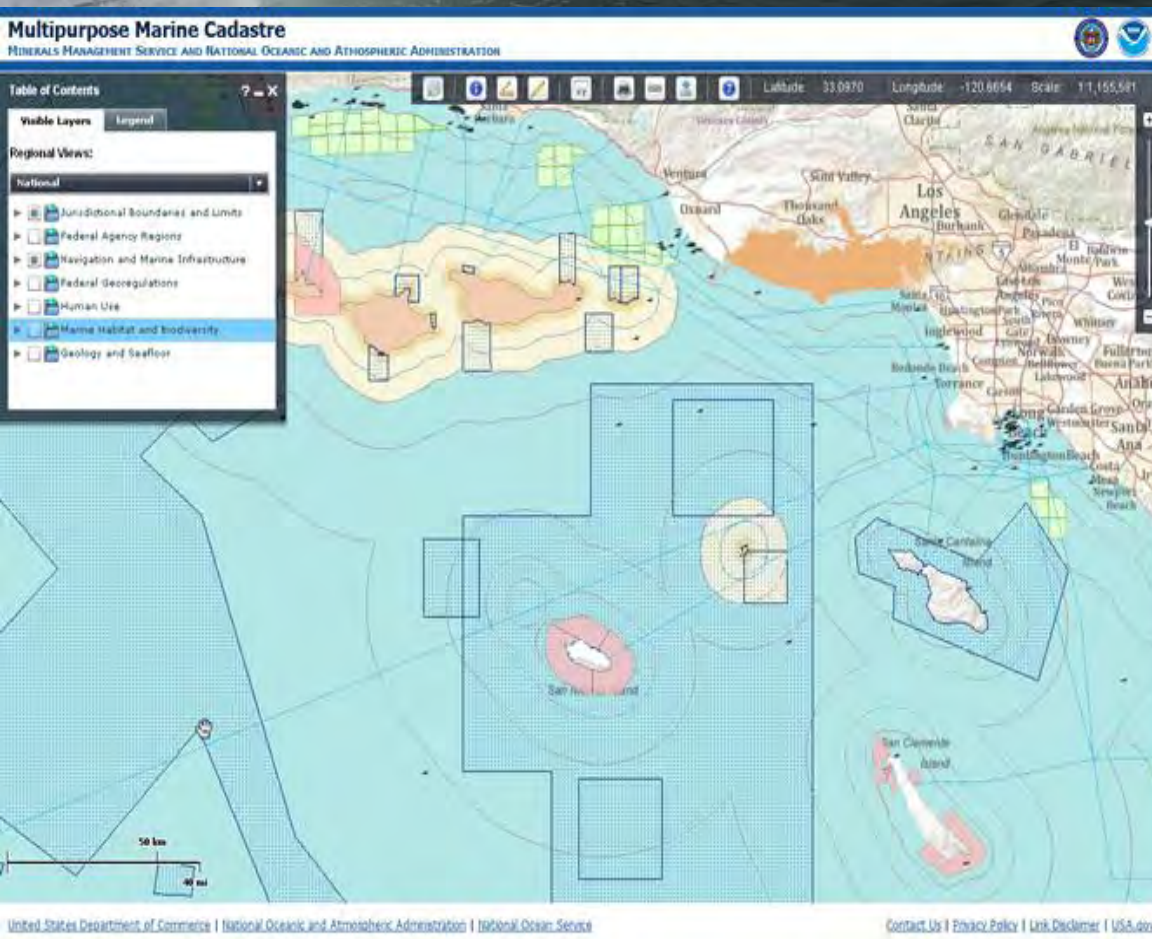
Regional Focus



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CMSP Implementation

Science, Research & Data Integration



- Science-based decision making
- Identification of priority research needs
- Establishment of a National information management system with a central or regional portals to connect CMSP information
- Nationally consistent derived data products for regional assessments

CMSP Implementation

NOAA's Role

Legal authorities and scientific expertise

- Participate on all 9 Regional Planning Bodies

FY 11 Budget Request

- \$20M Regional Ocean Partnership Grants
- \$6.77M for capability to support CMSP

NOAA CMSP Program



Links to National System of MPAs

Strategic Action Plan and Guidance for CMSP

- ↪ MPAFAC recommendations for incorporating MPAs and place-based conservation

Spatial Data and Tools

- ↪ MPA databases
- ↪ Ocean Uses Atlas
- ↪ Gap analysis
- ↪ Natl. Information Mgmt System



NOAA's CMSP Website

cmsp.noaa.gov



Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

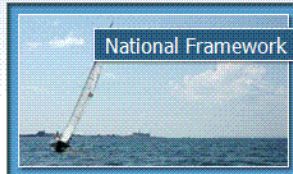
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National Framework

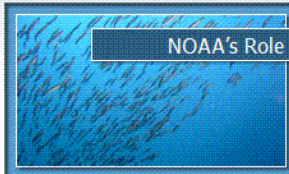
NOAA's Role

Data and Tools

Examples



National Framework



NOAA's Role



Data and Tools



Examples

Ocean Policy Task Force

On June 12, 2009, President Obama signed a memorandum establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. On July 19, 2010 the Task Force released a set of final recommendations that set a new direction for improved stewardship of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. The recommendations provide: (1) our Nation's first ever national ocean policy; (2) a strengthened governance structure to provide sustained, high-level, and coordinated attention to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes issues; (3) a targeted implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes nine categories for action that the United States should pursue; and (4) a framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning. These documents are available on their website. [Learn more...](#)

What is coastal and marine spatial planning?

The Ocean Policy Task Force defines coastal and marine spatial planning as a comprehensive, adaptive, integrated, ecosystem-based, and transparent spatial planning process, based on sound science, for analyzing current and anticipated uses of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas. Coastal and marine spatial planning identifies areas most suitable for various types or classes of activities in order to reduce conflicts among uses, reduce environmental impacts, facilitate compatible

About This Website

The purpose of this website is to provide users with coastal and marine spatial planning information related to national level policies, NOAA's role, and to help managers, policy makers, and all those who use and appreciate the ocean, to understand the concept of coastal and marine spatial planning and advance its implementation in real-world settings.

Coastal and marine spatial planning is a rapidly

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Obama Administration Unveils New National Policy for Our Oceans, Coasts and Great Lakes

July 19, 2010 – The National Policy for the Stewardship of Our Oceans, Coasts and Great Lakes sets the nation on a clear path for the sustainable use of our oceans and coastal lands. Heralded as a significant achievement, the new policy adopts the final recommendations of the president's Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force and states clearly and loudly that healthy oceans matter.

Lubchenco, Sutley Publish Article on U.S. Ocean Policy in Science

June 18, 2010 – *Science* magazine featured an article entitled "Proposed U.S. Policy for Ocean, Coast, and Great Lakes Stewardship" by Dr. Jane Lubchenco, under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and administrator of NOAA, and Ms. Nancy Sutley,

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The ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes provide jobs, food, energy resources, ecological services, recreation, and tourism opportunities, and play critical roles in our Nation's transportation, economy, and trade, as well as the global mobility of our Armed Forces and the maintenance of international peace and security.

— President Barack Obama



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