

# After Visioning: Moving Coastal Management Forward

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# Structure of National Program

- **Coastal Zone Management Act**
  - 34 State Coastal Management Programs
  - 27 National Estuarine Research Reserves
- **Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program**
- **Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program**
- **National Marine Protected Areas System**
  - Established under E.O. 13158

# Comprehensive Approach

## Existing CZMA is quite broad:

- Coastal resource protection
- Coastal water quality
- Public access to waters/shorelines
- Coastal hazards – natural and man-made
- Community development
- Coastal dependent uses

# Core Principles

An improved CZMA should:

- ***Ensure sustainability*** of coastal resources and communities.
- Be ***goal driven*** and ***results oriented***.
- ***Coordinate and align federal, state, and local governments*** to address coastal and ocean issues of national importance.

# Key Proposed Changes

- **Create an integrated program of research, synthesis, technical assistance, and capacity building**
- **Strengthen federal coordination**
- **Require states to develop a coastal resource management plan with measurable objectives that will guide future funding and evaluation efforts.**
- **Require NOAA & states to conduct integrated coastal ecosystem assessments**
- **Standardize coastal zone boundary, including watersheds and territorial sea**
- **Strengthen partnerships with NGOs and local governments**
- **Authorize national system of MPAs**

# Next Steps

- Draft legislation is under review.

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