

Council Coordination Committee

Administration Activities on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning & National Ocean Council -- Update

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National Ocean Policy - Update

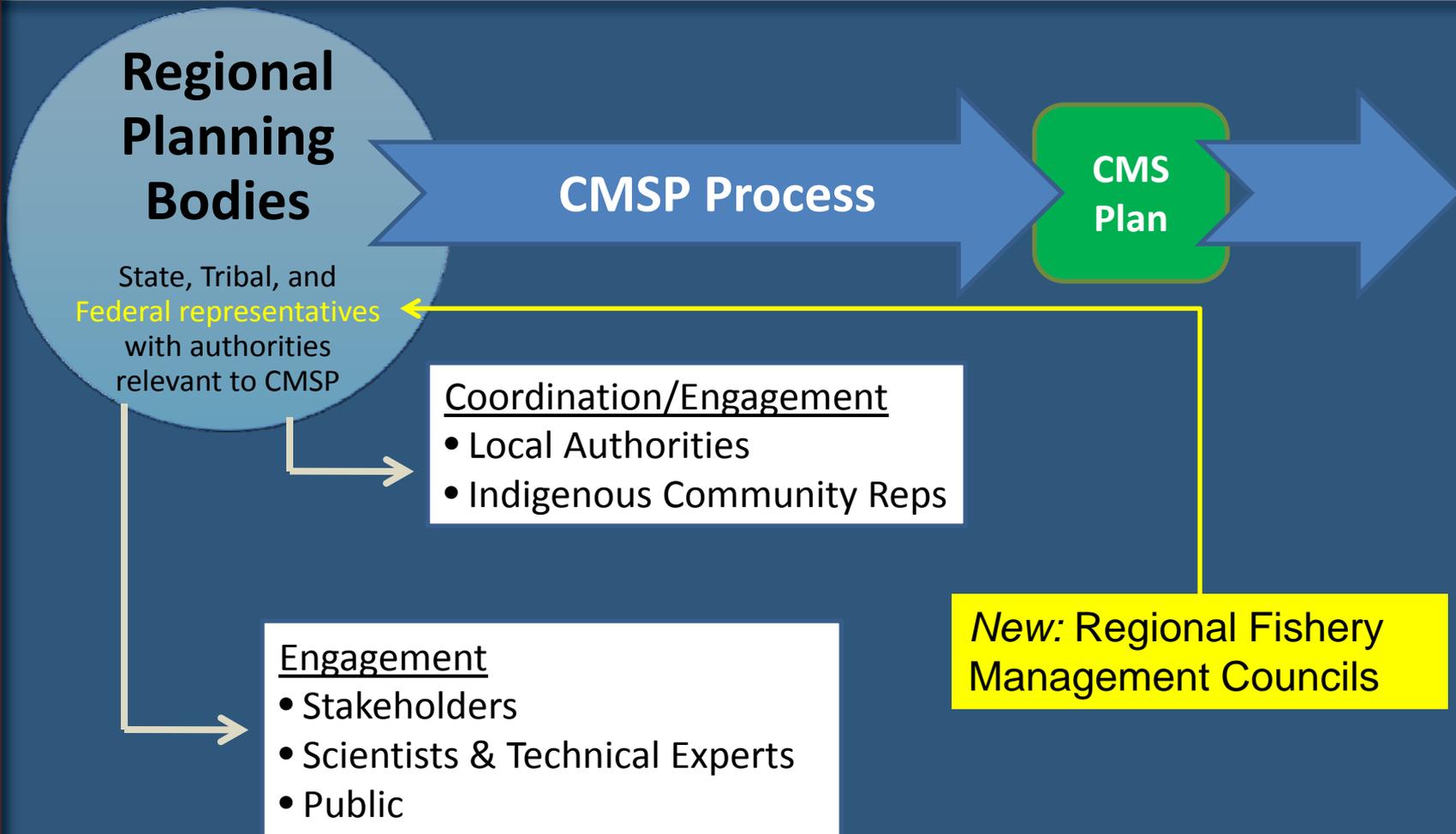
- National Ocean Council
- 9 National Priority Objectives
- Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)



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

CMSP: A Regional Planning Process





Formation of Regional Planning Bodies

When

- Invitation letters and guidance on membership being sent to governors and tribes on a tiered basis (NE, Mid-Atlantic in March/April; other regions later)

Membership

- Federal, State, and Tribal Representation
- Each RPB will have Federal, State, and Tribal co-leads
- **Representation from fishery councils approved**

What

- Each RPB will prepare a CMS Plan for their region
- CMSP Process will be stakeholder-informed
- CMSP will be science-based



National Ocean Policy: Progress

NOP Implementation Plan drafted

- Released for public comment from January – March 2012; target final draft by end of May 2012

NE Regional Ocean Planning Workshop March 2012

- The Northeast Regional Ocean Council convened 200 ocean industry members, government agencies (federal, state, tribal, local), academics and non-profit organizations to discuss the opportunities and challenges of regional ocean planning in New England waters.

Pacific Northwest Policy Workshop April 2012

- NOP Workshop for 1.5 days in Seattle, sponsored by NGOs on how can the PNW work together to assist in implementing the NOP on the West Coast.

Ecosystem Science – A Council and NOP Shared Vision

- Important habitats, assemblages and populations
- Key oceanographic and ecological processes
- Linkages and connectivity among areas
- Provision of ecosystem services
- Cumulative impacts
- Vulnerability and thresholds



Recent NOP Changes

- New NOC Director appointed – Deerin Babb-Brott
- Regional Planning Bodies –NOC completing guidance, release expected soon
- NOAA Leadership changes– Eric Schwaab, NOAA's rep to NOC Deputies Committee
- NOAA CMSP efforts – no specific funding; budget reductions across much of NOAA





Regional Ocean Partnership Grants

- FY11 ROP Grants

- \$6.18 million was awarded through 9 grants

- Two categories of activities were supported:

- 1) implementation of a regional ocean partnership priorities, with a focus on marine planning activities, and

- 2) support for development and operations for Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP).

- FY 12 funding announcement pending

FY11 Regional Ocean Partnership Grants: Projects Selected for Funding



Northeast

- Develop first stage regional ocean plan

Mid-Atlantic Region

- Enhance MARCO

Alaska

- Stakeholder – driven

South Atlantic

- Regional alliance and framework for regional planning

Caribbean

- Development of a new ROP

Gulf of Mexico

- Continue work on GOMA Priority Issues

Hawaii

- Stakeholder engagement and develop sub-ROP

Pacific Islands

- Development of a new ROP

Questions?

