



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*

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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*

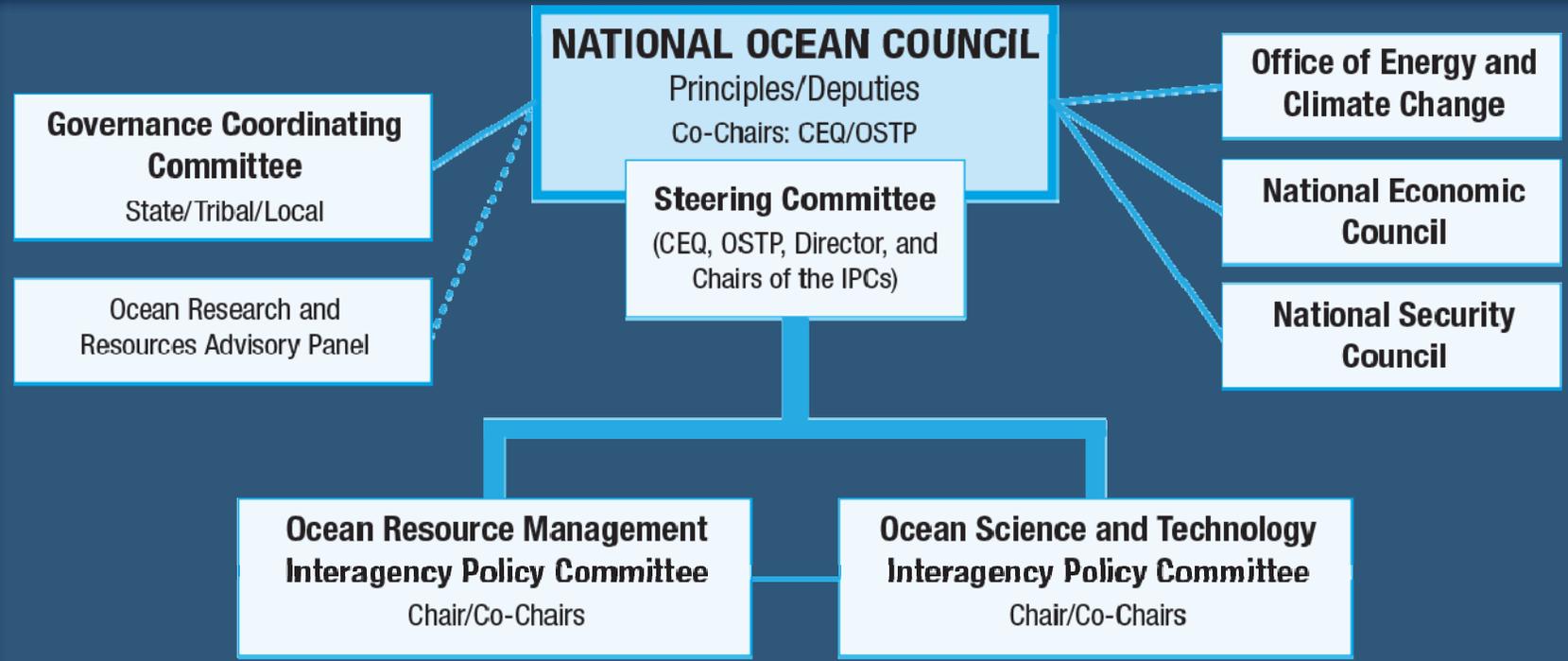
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9 National Priority
Objectives

Framework for Coastal
and Marine Spatial
Planning (CMSP)

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.

- Reporting**
- Coordination**
- Communication**

National Priority Objectives

HOW WE DO BUSINESS

Ecosystem-Based Management

Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning

Inform Decisions & Improve Understanding

Coordinate & Support

AREAS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Resiliency & Adaptation to Climate Change & Ocean Acidification

Regional Ecosystem Protection & Restoration

Water Quality & Sustainable Practices on Land

Changing Conditions in the Arctic

Ocean, Coastal, & Great Lakes Observation, Mapping & Infrastructure

A Strategic Action Plan will be developed for CMSP within 6-9 months and 6-12 months for all other Priority Objectives

The Need for CMSP

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

DEFENSE & HOMELAND SECURITY



SCIENCE



COMMERCIAL FISHING



RECREATION

AQUACULTURE



ENERGY & INDUSTRY



CONSERVATION



NAVIGATION





What CMSP Is:

collaborative planning process

assessing across sectors before decisions are made

decisions based on the best available science

bottoms-up regional approach

sustainable use of ocean resources

What It Is Not:

zoning

additional layer of regulation

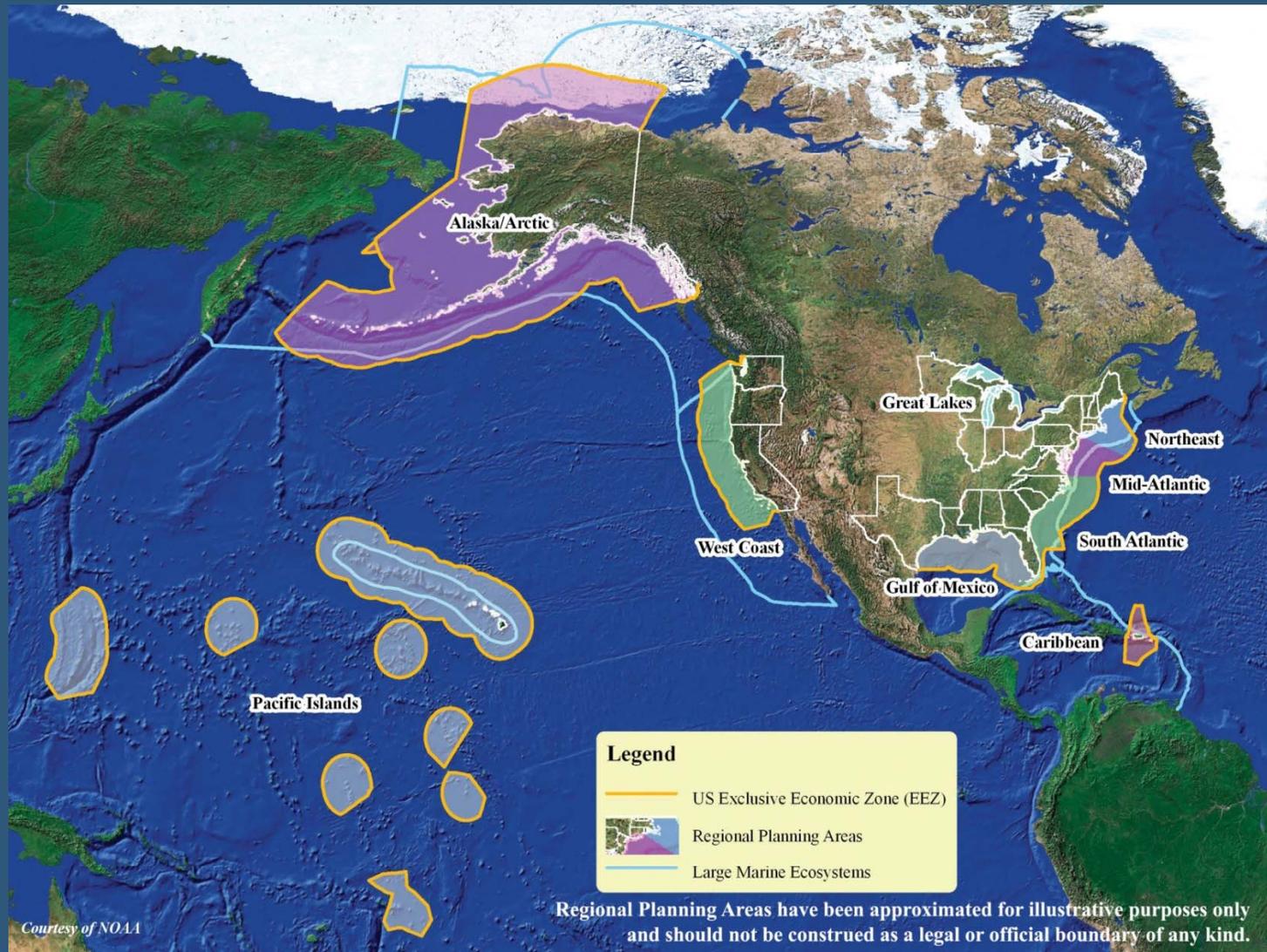
decisions made in a “black box”

top-down command and control

no-take MPAs in disguise

CMSP Implementation

Regional Focus



National and Regional Workshops

- The Final Recommendations called for a National Workshop and CMSP Simulation Exercise within 2 to 4 months.
- Currently, a national workshop is being targeted in the March/ April timeframe in DC.
- Regional Workshops would be scheduled within twelve months of the National Workshop.
- An interagency CMSP Workshop Planning group is developing an initial approach for organizing and convening these workshops.
- Further planning will also include the input of the Governance Coordinating Committee, as well as regional governance organizations and other potential members of the RPBs.

Formation of Regional Planning Bodies

- RPBs will likely be formed after the National workshop.
- The NOC agencies have been working on developing additional guidance for RPBs composition. Once the GCC has been formed the NOC will also seek additional advice from that Committee on the RBP composition.
- The NOC will be further assessing the relationship between RFMCs and RPBs to determine the most effective mechanism for engagement in the CMSP process.
- Communication between the ROPs (and/ or the entities likely to form the RPBs) and RFMC is important and should take place often.

National Information Management System (NIMS)

- The Final Recommendations call for initial actions to coordinate, integrate, and manage data in the first 6-9 months.
- This includes development of a national information management system and CMSP portal, adoption of minimum data standards, and identification of additional CMSP information and research needs.
- At the end of the 9 months, guidance on these fundamental pieces to the NIMS would be released as part of a strategic action plan and a prototype CMSP portal will be operational. The full scale NIMS will be built within two years.
- An interagency working group has been established and has 3 subgroups: priority science questions and relevant data layers; core functionalities, technical capabilities, and long-term management considerations; and, Minimum data standards.



The Way Forward

Budget

President's Budget Request FY 11:

NOAA - \$6.77M and \$20M Regional Grants

DOI - \$4M USGS and \$1M BOEMRE

Despite budget uncertainty, we still need to move forward with implementation as the Executive Order directs.



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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

