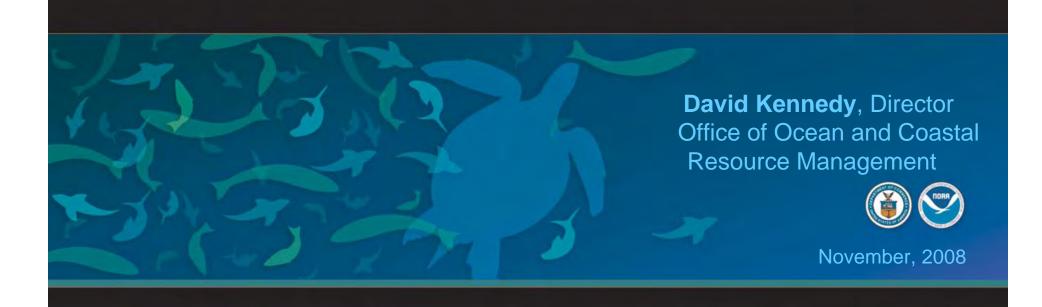
# After Visioning: Moving Coastal Management Forward



# 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 manmade
- 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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