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Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force Update

for the MPA FAC

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Outline



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- Questions



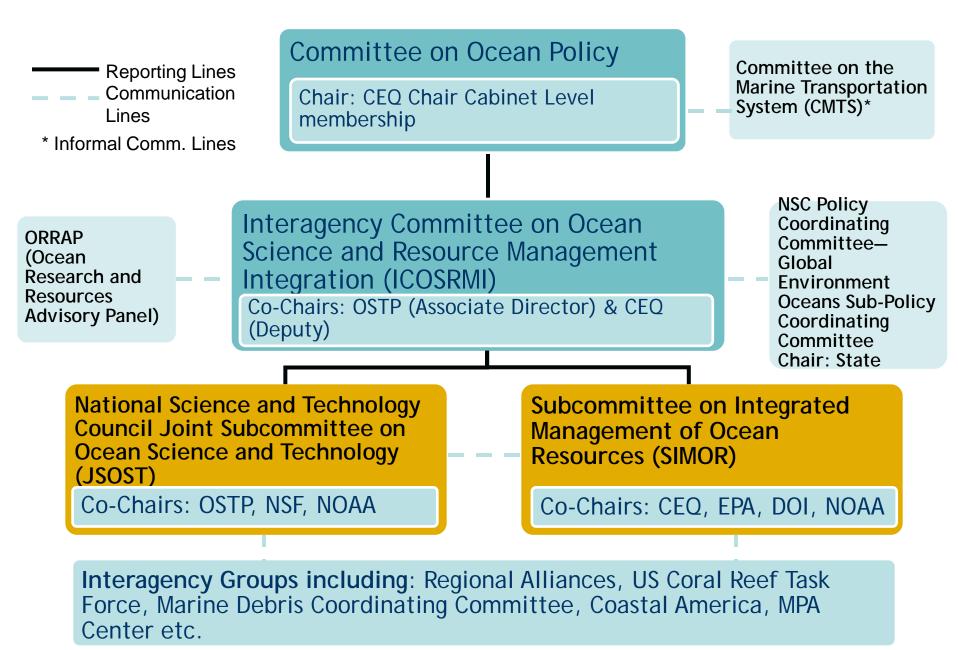
Structure



- Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force
 - Established June 12, 2009 by Presidential Memorandum
 - Chair Nancy Sutley, CEQ
 - 24 senior policy officials
- Working Committee
 - Senior career officials
- Five Subgroups
 - Policy
 - Coordination Framework
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Public Engagement
 - Marine Spatial Planning

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Current Ocean Governance Structure





Public Engagement



- Documentation Review
 - U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy
 - Pew Ocean Commission
- Public Engagement Process
 - 24 Expert Roundtables
 - Stakeholders and interest groups
 - 6 Regional Public Meetings
 - Anchorage, Alaska August 21
 - San Francisco, California September 17
 - Providence, Rhode Island September 21
 - Honolulu, Hawaii September 29
 - Cleveland, Ohio and New Orleans, Louisiana late October



Key Themes from Public



- Ecosystem-based Management
- Science-based Decision Making and Linkages Among Ecosystem Health, Human Health, and Climate
- Improved Coordination and Collaboration
- Improving Formal Education
- Policies that are Adequately Funded
- Accession to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea



Four Deliverables



- Within 90 Days September 10
 - National Policy
 - Framework for Policy Coordination
 - Implementation Strategies
- Within 180 Days December 9
 - Marine Spatial Planning



Marine Spatial Planning



- By December 9, 2009
 - The Task Force shall develop, with appropriate public input, a recommended framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning.
 - This framework should be a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach that addresses conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



MSP & the National System of MPAs <u>Data and Tools</u>



- Spatial Management Inventories spatial and programmatic data on conservation and de facto MPAs
- Priority Conservation Areas maps of ecologically and culturally important ocean areas
- Gaps in Spatial Management maps of ecologically and culturally important areas with insufficient spatial protection
- Ocean Uses Atlas maps of human use patterns in US EEZ
- Conflicts and Compatibilities assessment tools for identifying compatible ocean uses



MSP & the National System of MPAs <u>Partnerships and Processes</u>



- Framework national system framework provides model for broader MSP in US waters
- Regional Planning agencies and stakeholders to identify place-based conservation priorities
- Federal Advisory Committee diverse, high-level stakeholder input on major ocean policy issues
- Interdepartmental Partnerships MPA EO established joint effort between NOAA, DOI and other agencies
- Partner Engagement coastal states and tribes engaged thru National System Partners network



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Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

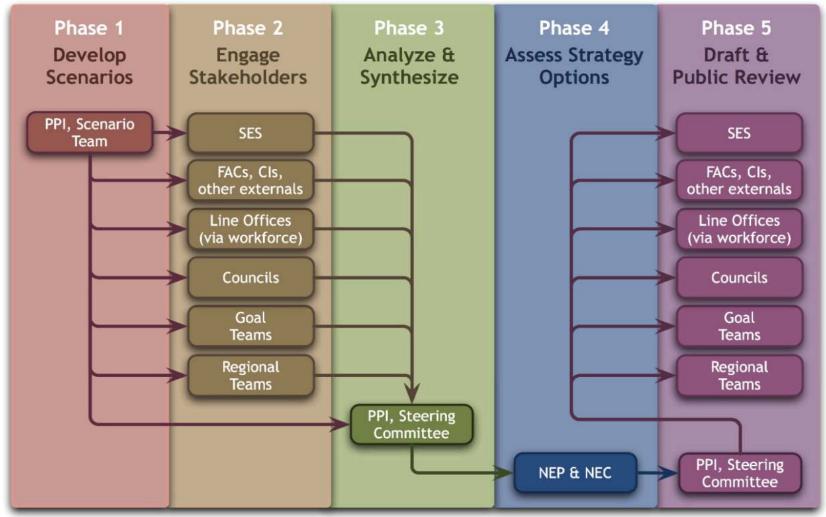
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The NGSP will be Developed in Five Overlapping Phases







To Develop the NGSP, We Are Asking for Answers to Three Fundamental Questions



1. What trends will shape our long-term future?

What long-term trends (scientific, technological, socio-economic, etc.) will shape the future of NOAA over the next 25 years?

2. What challenges or opportunities will we face?

In light of the trends that you have identified, what challenges or opportunities will NOAA face over the next 25 years?

3. What should NOAA strive to accomplish?

Given the long-term trends, challenges, and opportunities that you identified, what should the agency seek to accomplish in the next 25 years?

Provide your answers at:

www.ppi.noaa.gov/PPI_Capabilities/ngsp.html