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### Implications of CMSP for the National System of MPAs

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# CMSP and the National System

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- CMSP is a science-based, participatory and transparent process to manage ocean areas for sustainable ecosystem services.
- So is the National System of MPAs, but with a more limited suite of management tools and objectives.
- Integrating these two regional ocean management endeavors may yield significant benefits and efficiencies.



- Spatial Management Inventories -> unique database of all US conservation and *de facto* MPAs
- Ocean Uses Atlas -> unique maps of the full range of human uses in US EEZ
- Gaps in Spatial Management -> science-based identification of ecologically and culturally important areas needing additional protection
- Conflicts and Compatibilities -> assessment tools for identifying compatible ocean uses



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



## Making the Link to Conservation in CMSP



- Leveraging the National System to advance CMSP
  - Use existing spatial data and analytical tools
  - Use existing partnerships and advisors
  - Use existing conduits to stakeholders, science and industry
  - Use existing MPAs as the foundation for conserving important areas in the CMSP process

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# FAC Charge on CMSP

- What role should the national system of MPAs play within the broader CMSP initiative?
- What steps are needed to ensure that regional CMSP plans are ecosystem-based?
- How can NOAA & DOI partner to advance CMSP while ensuring conservation of important ocean areas?



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# Thank you

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