

National Policy for Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes

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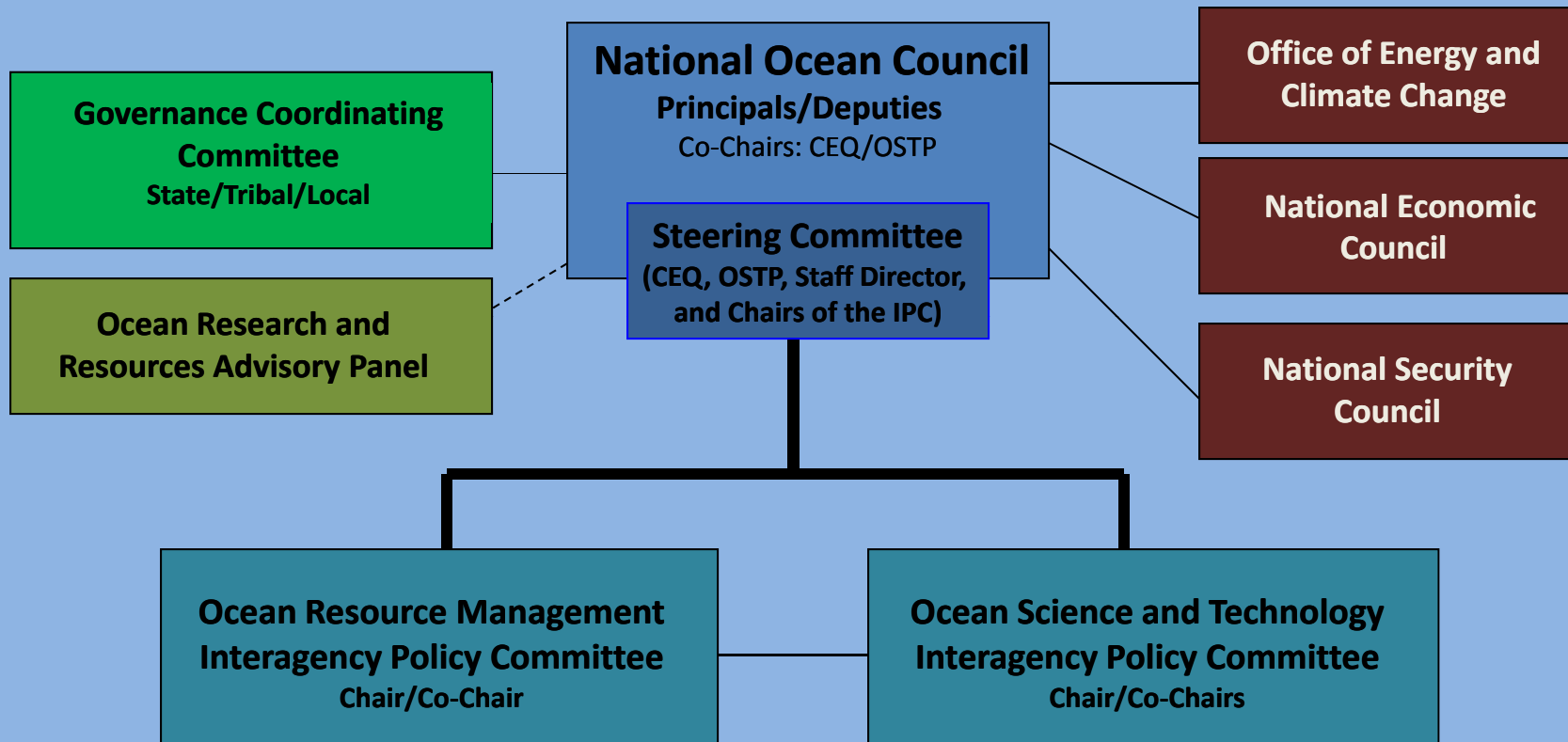
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E.O. 13547 & Final Recommendations

- Establishes our Nation's first ever ***National Policy for Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and the Great Lakes***
- Creates an interagency ***National Ocean Council*** to provide sustained, high-level, and coordinated attention to advance the National Policy
- Prioritizes ***9 categories for action*** that seek to address the most pressing challenges facing the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes
- Establishes ***a flexible framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning*** to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ecosystem services

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Nine Priority Objectives

- **Four priority objectives to improve the way we do business:**
 - ✓ Ecosystem-based management
 - ✓ Coastal and marine spatial planning
 - ✓ Inform decisions and improve understanding
 - ✓ Coordinate and support
- **Five areas of special focus:**
 - ✓ Resiliency/adaptation to climate change and ocean acidification
 - ✓ Regional ecosystem protection and restoration
 - ✓ Water quality and sustainable practices on land
 - ✓ Changing conditions in the Arctic Ocean
 - ✓ Ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observations and infrastructure

Strategic Action Plans

- The NOC's ORM-IPC and OST-IPC are charged with developing **strategic action plans** for the priority objectives
- Plans would address the *Obstacles* and *Opportunities* identified for each objective and would:
 - Identify specific and measurable ***near-term, mid-term, and long-term actions***, with appropriate milestones, performance measures, and outcomes to fulfill each objective;
 - Consider ***smaller-scale, incremental, and opportunistic efforts that build upon existing activities***, as well as more ***complex, larger-scale actions that have the potential to be truly transformative***;
 - Explicitly ***identify key lead and participating agencies***;
 - ***Identify gaps and needs*** in science and technology; and
 - ***Identify potential resource requirements and efficiencies***; and ***steps for integrating or coordinating*** current and out-year budgets.
- Strategic action plan public comments are now being accepted
<http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/comment>

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning

What it is:

A regionally-based planning process for analyzing current and anticipated uses of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes areas.

What it does:

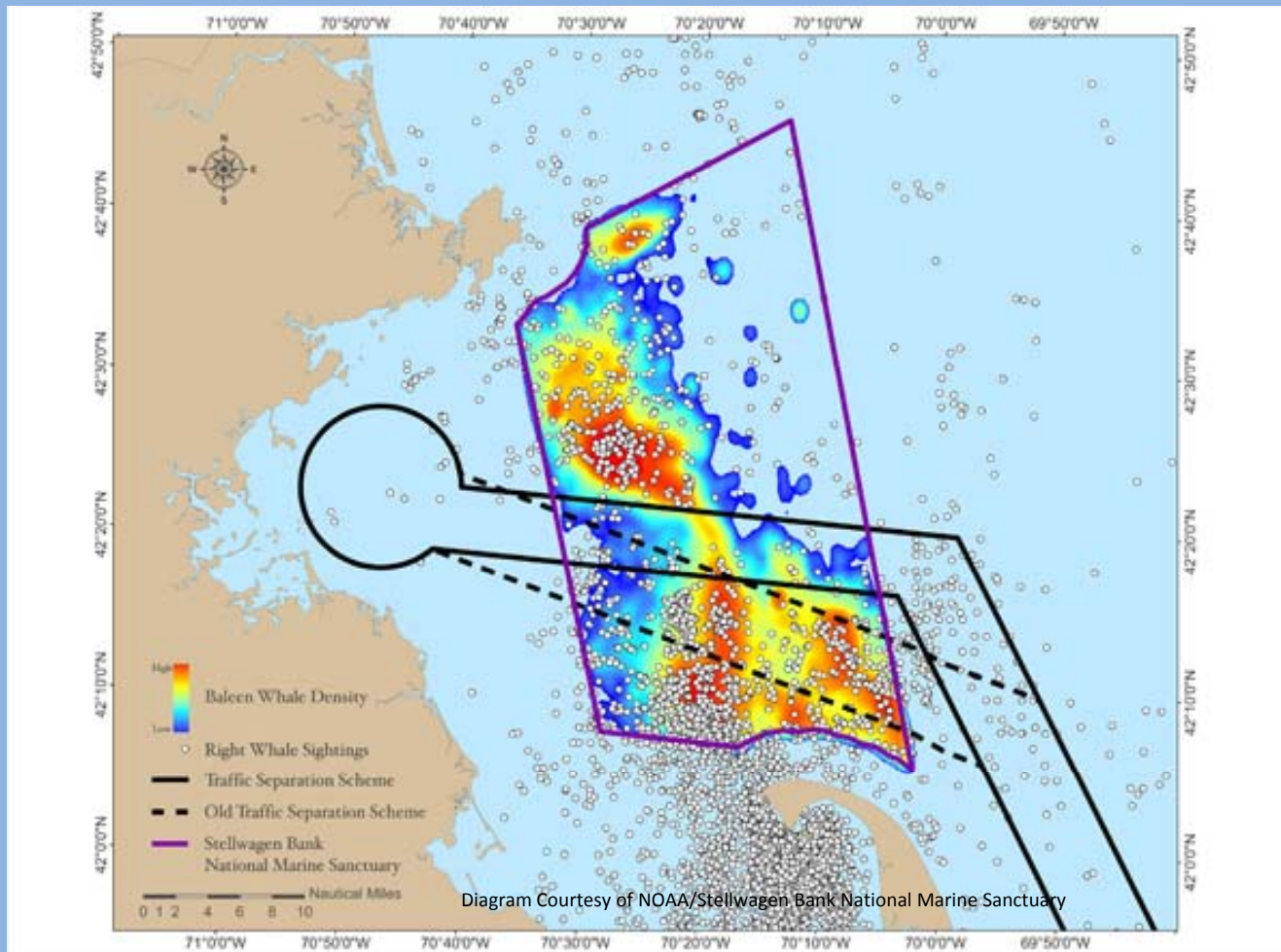
Identifies areas most suitable for various types of activities in order to facilitate compatible uses, and preserve ecosystem services to meet our nation's economic, environmental, security, and social goals.

Provides a public policy process for society to better determine how the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes are sustainably used and protected - now and for future generations.

Benefits of CMSP

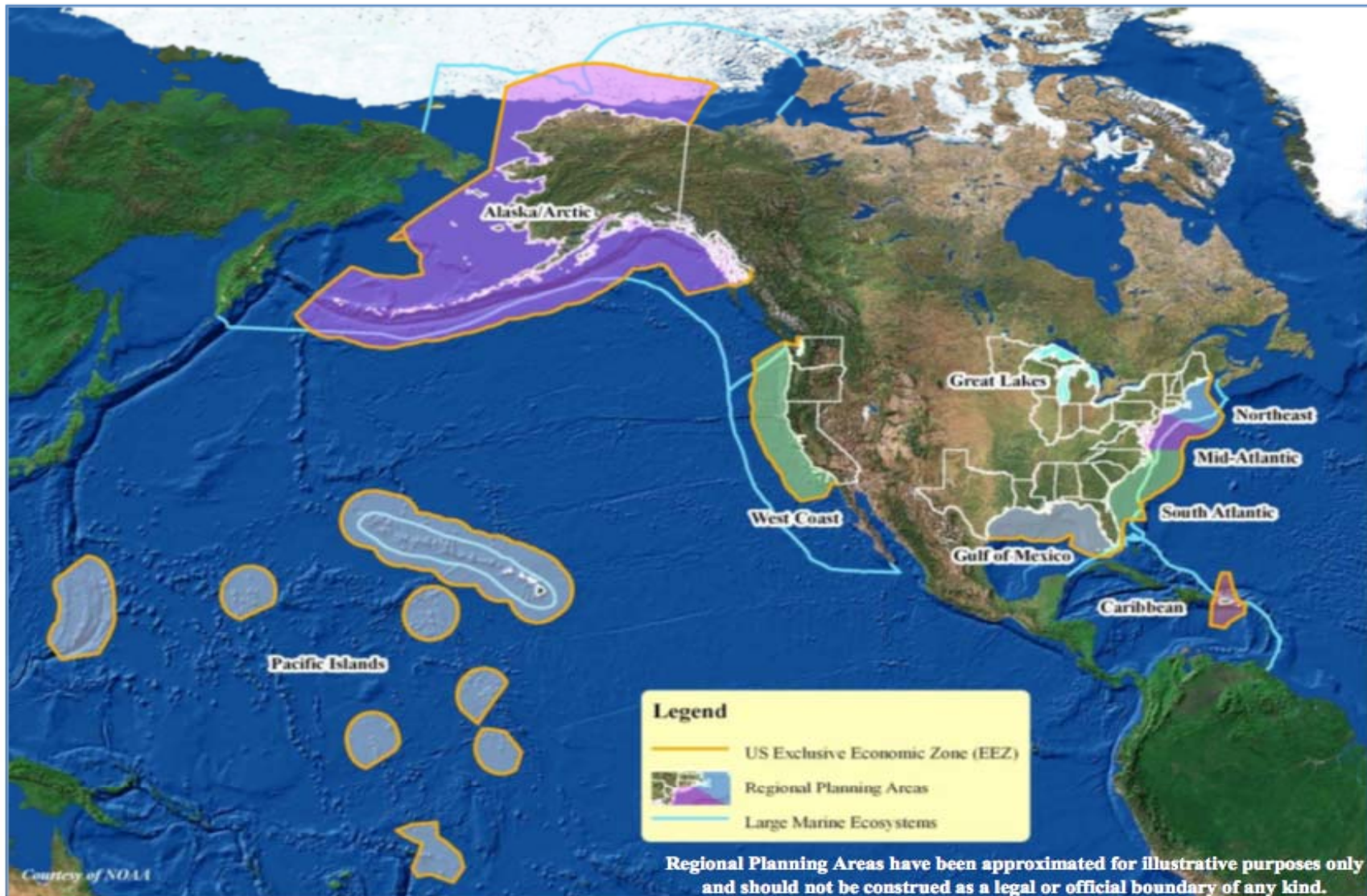
- Improve existing decision-making and planning across multiple levels of government
- Leverage, strengthen, and magnify local planning objectives through integration with regional and national planning efforts
- Facilitate sustainable economic growth by providing transparency and predictability for economic investments
- Improve ecosystem health and services by planning human uses in concert with the conservation of important ecological areas
- Maximize the ability of marine resources to continue to support a wide variety of human uses

How CMSP Can Work: A Glance at Stellwagen Bank

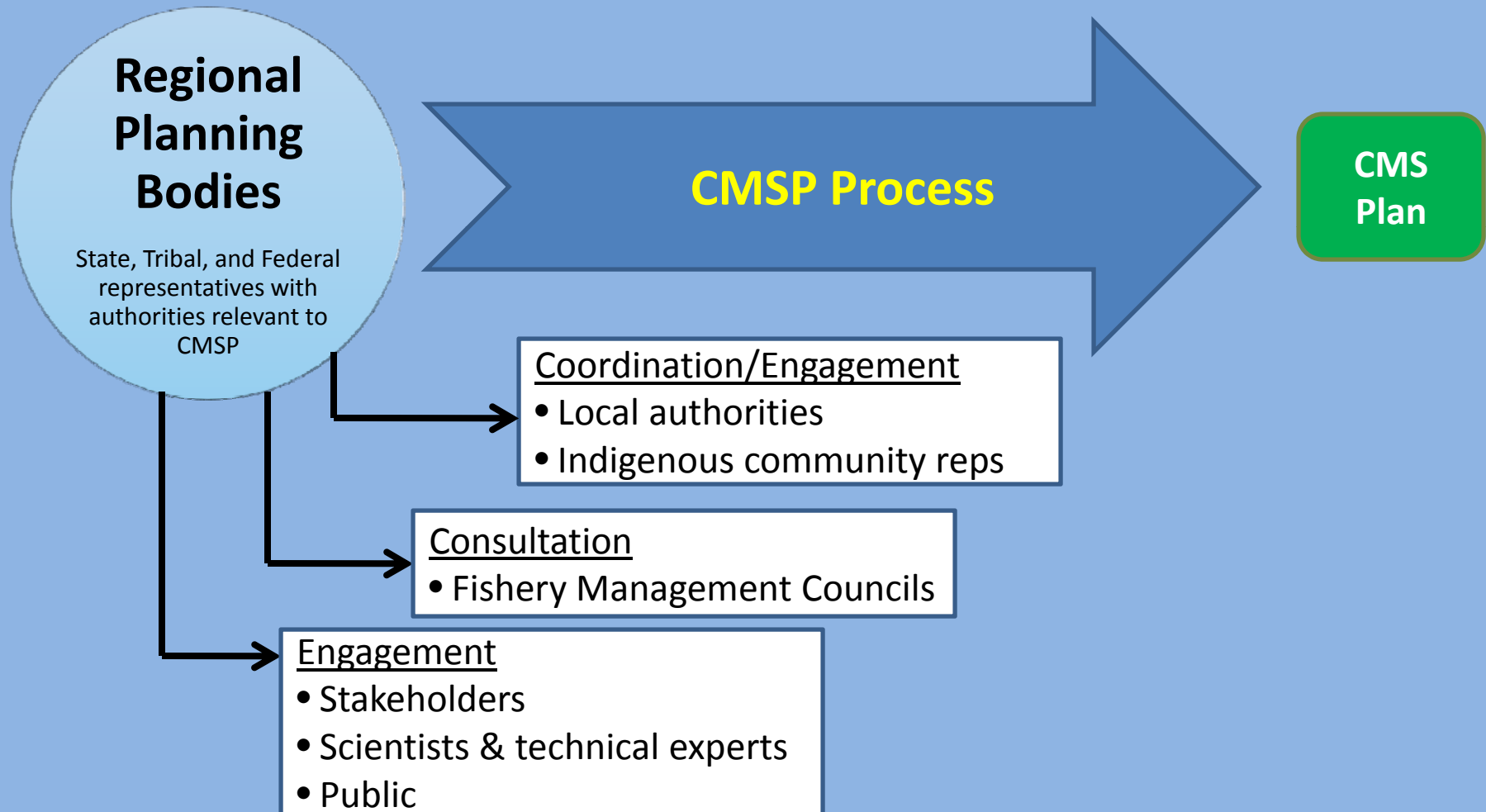


CMSP Framework: A Regional Planning Process

Large Marine Ecosystems and Regional Planning Areas



Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning: A Regional Planning Process



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Phase I

(1-12mo)

- National CMSP Workshop
- Establish RPBs
- Regional CMSP capacity assessment
- Launch data portal
- Stakeholder/scientific/public participation process

Phase II

(9-24mo)

- Initial regional steps
- Building capacity and testing CMSP process
- Work Plan development and submittal to the NOC
- Stakeholder/science/public engagement

Phase III

(18mo-5yrs)

- CMSP formally implemented
- CMS Plans drafted
- Final CMS Plans certified by NOC
- Stakeholder/science/public engagement

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Questions?

“America's stewardship of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes is intrinsically linked to environmental sustainability, human health and well-being, national prosperity, adaptation to climate and other environmental changes, social justice, international diplomacy, and national and homeland security.”

- President Barack Obama

www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans

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