



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*

Healthy Oceans Matter

SERVICE CATEGORIES

PROVISIONING

REGULATING

CULTURAL

SUPPORTING

SERVICES

Seafood, medicines, fuel

Climate, flood, and disease regulation; water purification; coastal protection

Aesthetic, spiritual, educational, recreational

Nutrient cycling, primary production

Ocean Feast...or Famine

Approximately 60%
of the planet's
ecosystem services
are degraded

At risk:
Food
security
water
health



SCIENCE

COMMERCIAL
FISHING

AQUACULTURE

CONSERVATION

RECREATION

NAVIGATION

ENERGY

The National Ocean Policy

Changing How We Do Business

Over 140 hundred statutes, regulations, & policies govern use of our oceans, coasts & Great Lakes



The National Ocean Policy will help agencies:

- ☞ Coordinate instead of Isolate
- ☞ Cooperate instead of Compete

The President's National Ocean Policy

Shared Values



Balance Ocean Health and
Community Prosperity



Level the Playing Field for All
Stakeholders



Make Decisions Based on the
Best Available Science

Respect the Unique Character of
Each U.S. Region

The President's National Ocean Policy

Building Blocks



THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Final Recommendations
Of The
Interagency Ocean Policy
Task Force
July 19, 2010*

National Ocean Council

National Priority Objectives

Framework for Coastal and
Marine Spatial Planning

Regional Planning Bodies

National Ocean Council Website

whitehouse.gov/oceans

The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Ocean Council website. At the top, there is a header for the White House, including the text "the WHITE HOUSE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA" and a logo of the White House. Below this is a navigation bar with links for "BLOG", "PHOTOS & VIDEO", "BRIEFING ROOM", "ISSUES", "the ADMINISTRATION", "the WHITE HOUSE", and "our GOVERNMENT". A search bar is located on the right side of the page, with the text "Search National Ocean Council" and a "Search" button. The main content area features the National Ocean Council logo and the title "National Ocean Council". Below the title is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "What's New", "FAQ", "Contact Us", "About the Council", "National Policy", and "Priority Objectives". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a quote from President Barack Obama: "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." The right column features a photograph of a whale breaching the ocean surface, with snow-capped mountains in the background.

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— President Barack Obama



National Ocean Policy

Nine 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

Moving Toward Implementation

Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

Fair and Objective

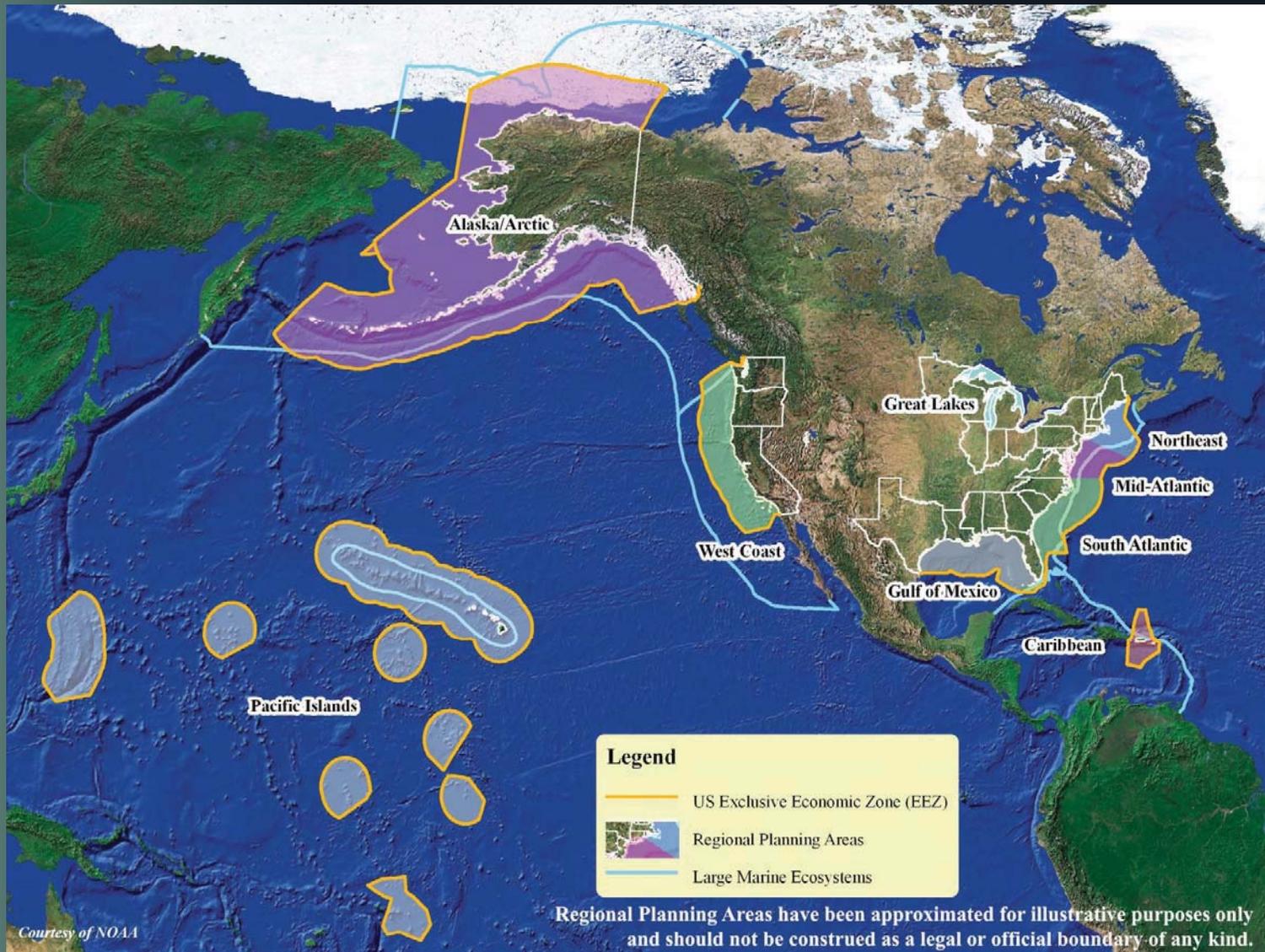
Regional and community focused

Ecosystem Based Management

Transparency

**NOT an added layer of
regulation or bureaucracy**

Regional Focus



Steps Toward Better Management

Successful CMSP will:

- ┆ Restore focus to regions and communities, away from Washington, DC
- ┆ Allow all stakeholders to have an equal voice
- ┆ Make decisions based on the best available science



Cooperation...not Competition



Preserve current uses

Embrace new uses

Grow relationships of trust and mutual respect



Respect for Local Authority



The National Ocean Policy rests on existing legal authority

Builds upon and informs current plans, projects and decision-making

Cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments

Science: Common Ground for Stakeholders

Science-based Decision Making needs:

- ⌵ A clear understanding of a communities ecosystems
- ⌵ Objective measures of ocean, coast, and Great Lakes health
- ⌵ Scientists who are effective communicators



Aquaculture Community

Aquaculture interests will have the opportunity to participate in CMSP in two ways.

Mandatory Stakeholder Engagement—the CMSP process requires stakeholder engagement at key steps in developing and implementing regional objectives and plans.

Regional Fishery Management Councils—The CMSP Framework recognizes the RFMCs as critical stakeholders in CMSP.



Of interest ...

- Preserve current uses
- Balance conservation and ocean uses
 - Task Force focused on stewardship, did not single out individual sectors.
 - Improved stewardship would benefit economies and communities that rely on healthy and resilient ecosystems and services.
- Use precautionary approach as a national principle
 - Precaution is a tool or approach and would not prevent activities.
 - Precautionary approach states:
 - “Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.” (Rio Declaration, 1992)

Toward a New Ocean Ethic



Responsibility to
both our
communities
and our oceans,
coasts, and
Great lakes