

## MARINE PLANNING (MP) UPDATE

The National Ocean Council (NOC) was established by Executive Order in July, 2010. Marine Planning (formerly ‘Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning’) is one of nine priority objectives to “ensure the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems and resources, enhance the sustainability of ocean and coastal economies, preserve our maritime heritage, support sustainable uses and access, provide for adaptive management to enhance our understanding of and capacity to respond to climate change and ocean acidification, and coordinate with our national security and foreign policy interests. Marine Planning is a strategy designed to address competing ocean uses and management.” The NOC describes Marine Planning (MP) as:

*Marine planning is a science-based tool that regions can use to address specific ocean management challenges and advance their economic development and conservation objectives. Marine planning will support regional actions and decision-making, and address regionally determined priorities, based on the needs, interests, and capacity of a given region.*

The regional implementation approach includes establishing regional planning bodies, made up of Federal, state, local, and Tribal interests, as well as voluntary regional fishery management council participation.

Dr. John Stein will provide the Council with an update of progress and activities relative to forming an RPB on the west coast and Marine Planning in general.

### **Council Action:**

### **Discussion.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1: Marine Planning Fact Sheet.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Update on Marine Planning activities
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion and Guidance

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