

## MARINE PLANNING UPDATE

The National Ocean Council, which was established by Executive Order in July, 2010, holds marine planning (formerly “Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning”) as one of its nine priority objectives. Marine planning is a strategy designed as a comprehensive, adaptive, integrated, ecosystem-based, and transparent planning process based on sound science for analyzing current and anticipated uses of ocean and coastal areas.

Last September, the Council received a draft charter from NMFS for a “regional planning body” focused on marine planning for the West Coast. Membership of regional planning bodies is comprised of Federal, state, and federally-recognized Tribal government representatives, as well as regional fishery management councils. Participation by all sectors, except federal, is on a voluntary basis. At this meeting, Dr. John Stein and Mr. John Hansen will present a final version of the charter, which has been slightly, but not substantially, changed. The update will focus on the extensive process for developing the charter, involved parties, and next steps.

### **Council Action:**

**Discuss and approve the Regional Planning Body charter.**

### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1: West Coast Regional Planning Body Final Charter.
2. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 2: West Coast Regional Planning Body Charter Approval Form.

### Agenda Order:

- C.1 Marine Planning Update
- a. Report on Marine Planning Activities Jennifer Gilden
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities John Stein and John Hansen
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Discuss and Approve the Regional Planning Body Charter, and Provide Additional Guidance as Appropriate