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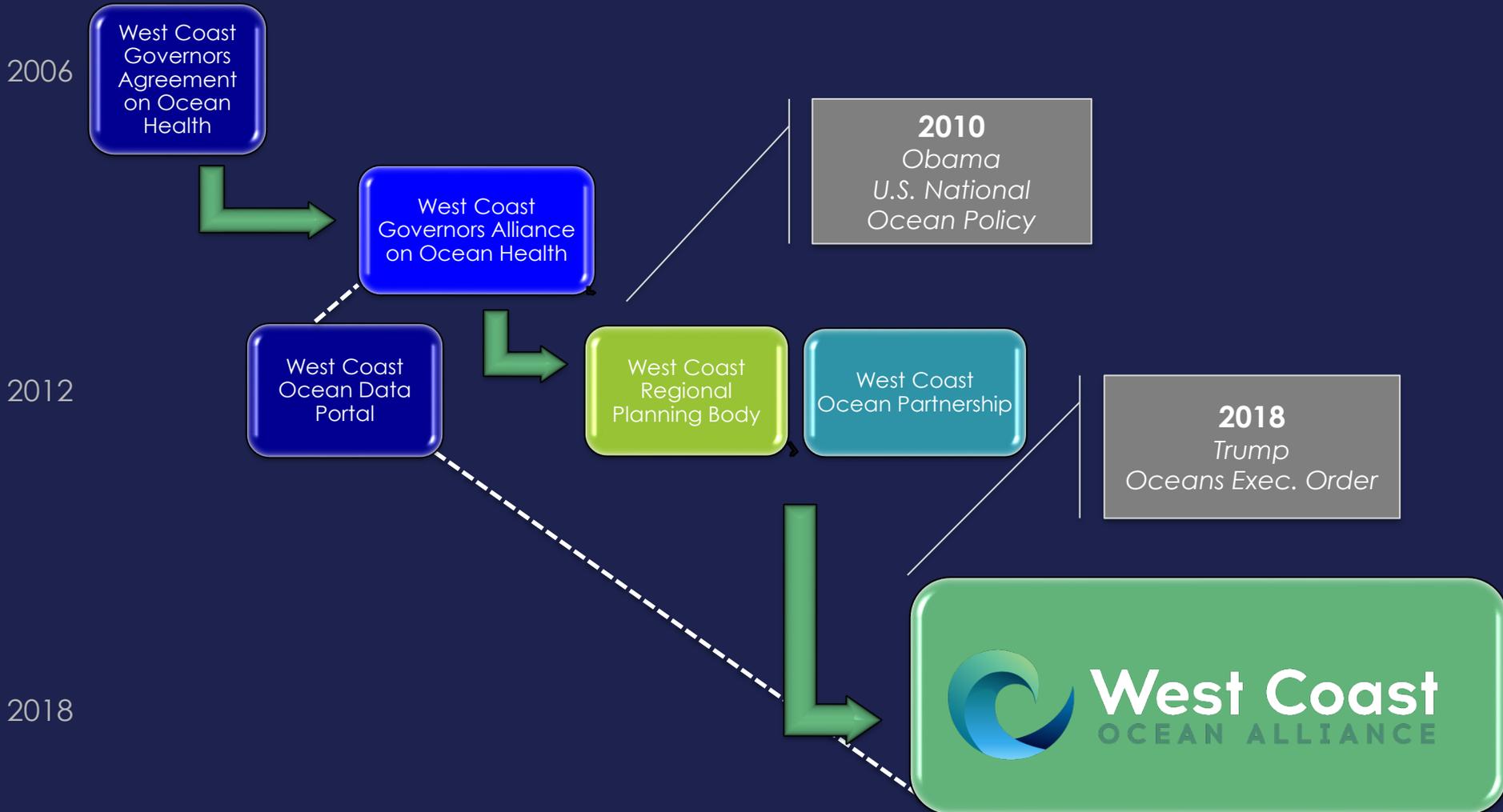
West Coast Ocean Alliance Update

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West Coast Regional Ocean Governance



West Coast Ocean Alliance

- TRIBAL, STATE & FEDERAL PARTNERS
- REGIONAL & SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATION
- WEST COAST OCEAN DATA PORTAL
- FLEXIBILITY + RESPONSIVE TO REGIONAL NEEDS
- NON-REGULATORY



Project Partnerships

- WEST COAST OCEAN DATA PORTAL / SCCWRP
 - OCEAN HEALTH DASHBOARD
- UDALL FOUNDATION
 - TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT
- ECOTRUST
 - WEST COAST BLUE PAGES TOOL
- WHITE HOUSE OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE
 - FEDERAL OCEAN POLICY IMPLEMENTATION



New in '22: IJA Funding

- NEW FEDERAL FUNDING (VIA NOAA)
- \$10M/YR. X 5 YEARS (FOR ALL REGIONS)
- 4 ACTIVE ROPs: WCOA, NROC, MARCO, GOMA
- SUPPORT ROP ACTIVITIES & TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT
- FUNDING EXPECTED LATE 2022 – EARLY 2023



West Coast Ocean Planning Activities

- NEW 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
- PRIORITY MANAGEMENT TOPICS:
 - OCEAN DATA
 - TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT
 - OFFSHORE WIND
 - AQUACULTURE



2022– 2023 Funding

- PROPOSED TASKS

- STAFF (EXEC. DIRECTOR, PROJ. COORDINATOR, TRIBAL COORDINATOR)
- MEETINGS: TRIBAL SUMMIT, WIND SUMMIT, WCOA SUMMIT
- NEW WEST COAST SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIP COHORT
- AQUACULTURE INVENTORY & BEST PRACTICES
- TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM
- OCEAN HEALTH DASHBOARD & BLUE PAGES TOOL



WCOA Administration

- FALL 2022: NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM TERMS
- 2023: NEW WCOA CHARTER / AGREEMENT
 - DEFINE WCOA MEMBERSHIP
 - DECISION-MAKING, STRUCTURE, PROCEDURES, ETC.
 - EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP:
 - WEST COAST OCEAN DATA PORTAL
 - PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (?)



Moving Forward: WCOA & PFMC

- OCEAN PLANNING: WHAT SHOULD WCOA & PFMC COORDINATE ON?
 - OFFSHORE WIND & AQUACULTURE
 - FISHERY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
 - WEST COAST PLANNING SUPPORT
- PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: WHAT SHOULD COORDINATION LOOK LIKE?
 - PFMC AS FORMAL VS. INFORMAL PARTNER
 - INTEGRATION INTO WCOA CHARTER / AGREEMENT DOCS
 - FISHERIES IN WCOA STRATEGIC PLAN (2023)





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Thank You!

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