

## West Coast Priorities, FY20

- Reflects priorities of the sites and regional office
- Involves 2 or more units:

Regional Office

Olympic Coast

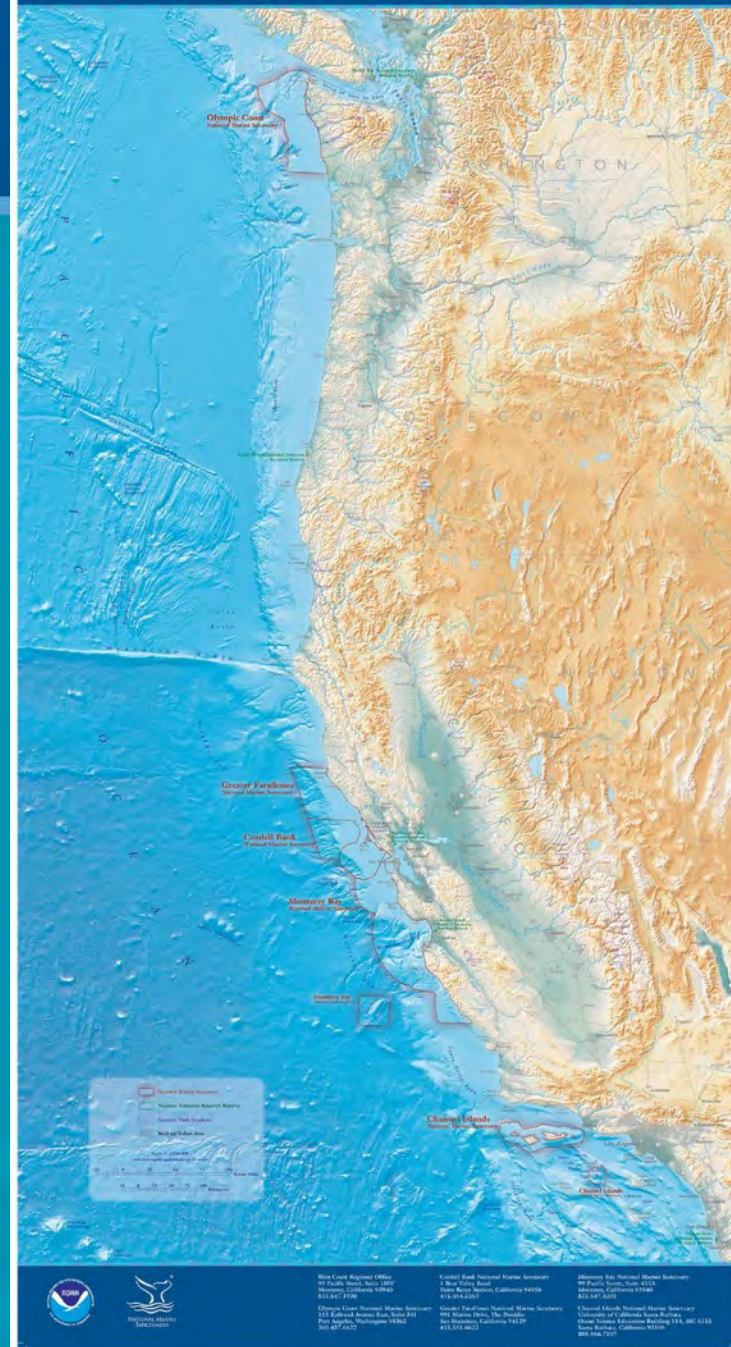
Cordell Bank

Greater Farrallones

Monterey Bay

Channel Islands

15,333 square miles of marine protected areas



## Reduce Whale Ship Strikes

Reduction of whale-ship strike risk along west coast sanctuaries, primarily through voluntary/incentive-based measures; Improved scientific data on whale movement and distribution patterns; Improved tracking of ships; Engage in multi-agency, multi-stakeholder, marine spatial planning to address impacts.



## Deep Sea Coral Initiative

Increase awareness about DSC and utilize Sanctuary DSC school curriculum

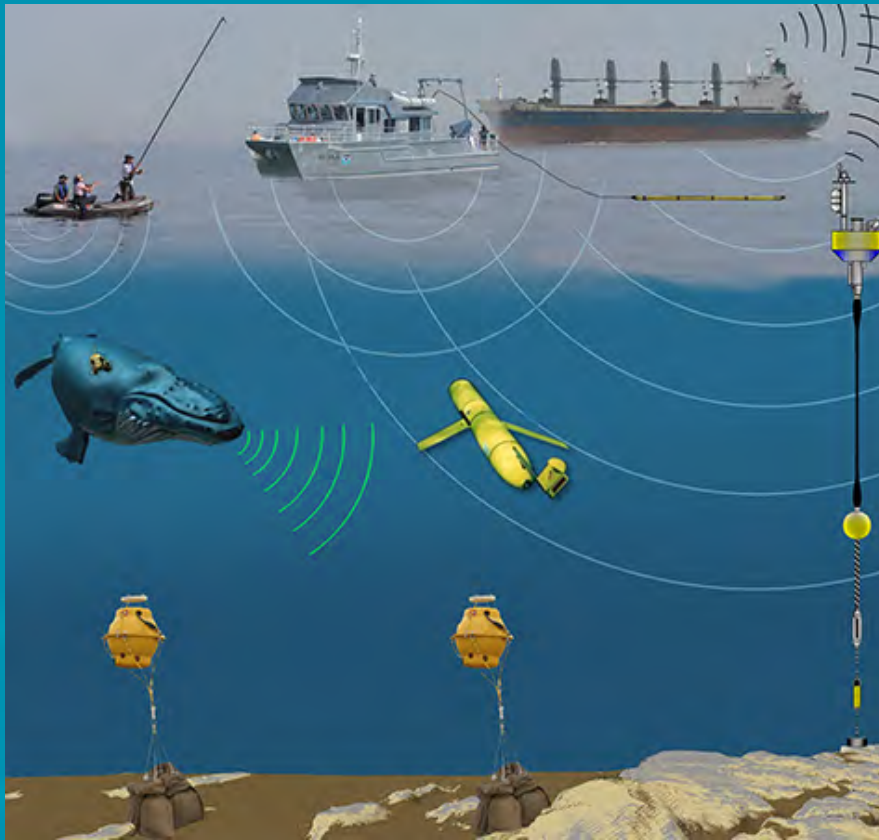
Work with NOAA partners on research opportunities

Provide relevant DSC information to the PFMC



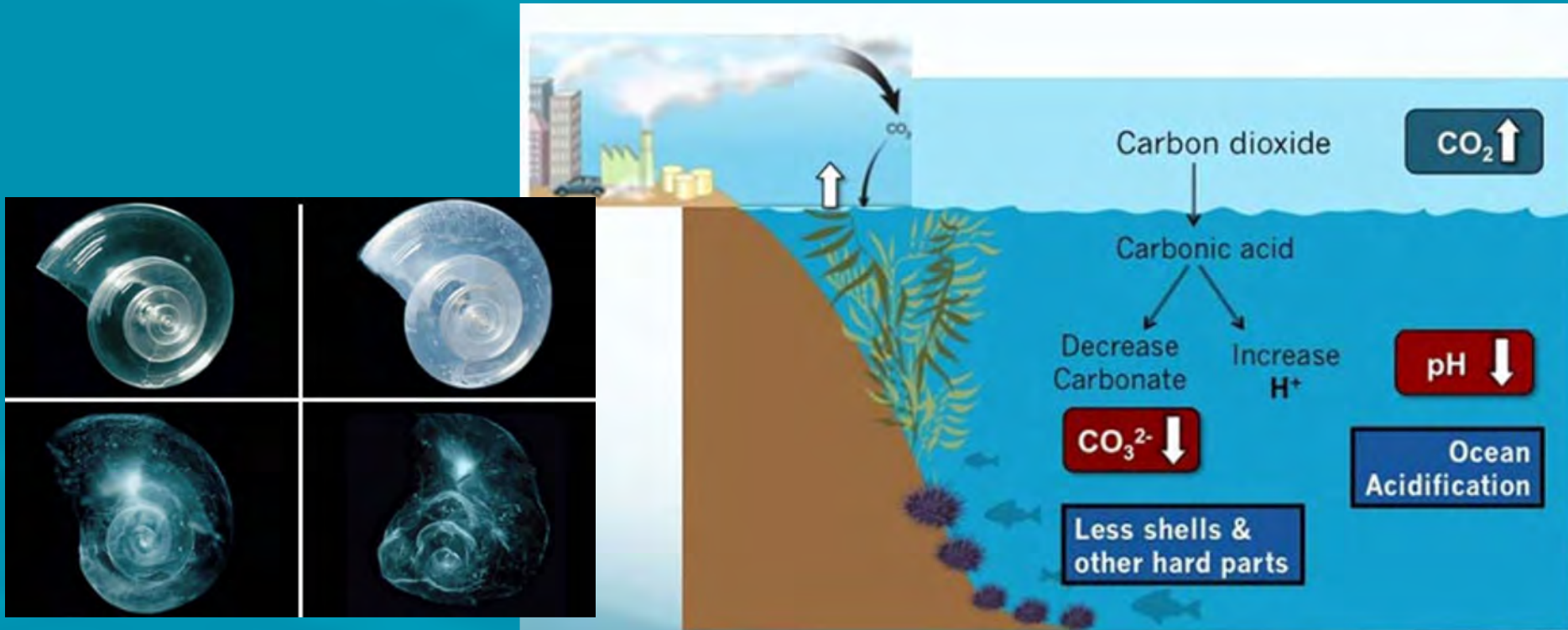
## Characterization of Sound/Soundscape

Understanding of sanctuary soundscape through coordinated system-wide approach to sound research and management



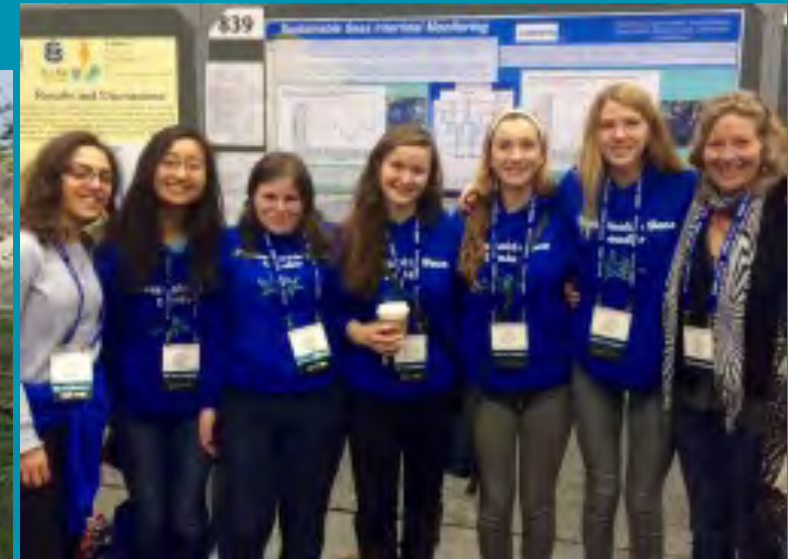
## Climate Change

Objective: Enhance understanding of observed and predicted impacts from climate change and improve understanding of ocean acidification on sanctuary resources.



## LIMPETS (Long-term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students)

- 1) Coordinated and sustained implementation of LiMPETS across GF/MB/CI national marine sanctuaries (growing student scientists on our sanctuary shores)



## Vessel Incidents

Improve understanding of vessel incidents and impact to sanctuary resources

Develop solutions to prevent vessel groundings

Increase the percentage of incidents for which the RP/Insurance pays for salvage thus reducing the percentage of incidents for which NOAA pays.





## Improve Enforcement Outcomes

- 1) Fully document/quantify incoming complaints, suspected violations, and incident referrals to OLE;
- 2) Analysis/statistics of nature and scope of violation complaints and incident reports;
- 3) Increased enforcement of state/local statutes, ordinances, and regulations in sanctuaries;
- 4) Increased public compliance with sanctuary regulations;
- 5) Enhanced USCG enforcement of sanctuary regulations & support for resource protection;
- 6) Prepare robust impact statements that demonstrate injury to NMS resources
- 7) Increased collaboration with DOJ to prosecute complex sanctuary cases.



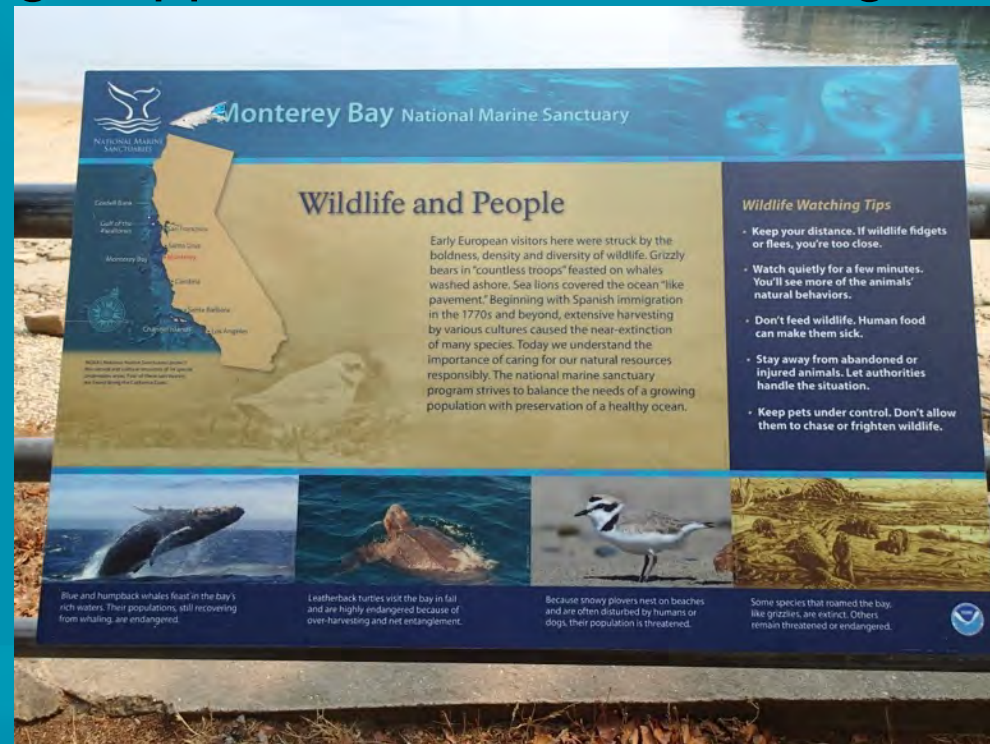
## Blue Economy

1) Increased awareness about sustainable tourism and recreation opportunities within the national marine sanctuaries; 2) Plan for successful GIYS/MIYS 2020 with increased attendance from 2019; 3) Compile a recommendation document for adapting a program like Blue Star for West Coast sanctuaries (aka Whale Tail Business Recognition Program in MBNMS).



## Signage Plan

1) Create a systematic approach to maintaining West Coast sanctuaries signage plan, updating with current priority needs and identifying strategic opportunities for enhancing sanctuary messaging



## Veteran Engagement

1) Learn more from veterans on how they could best engage with national marine sanctuaries to better inform Outcome 2; 2) Engage veterans in sanctuary programs by increasing participation in volunteer programs and events.

