

West Coast Priorities, FY19

- 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; track outreach activities.

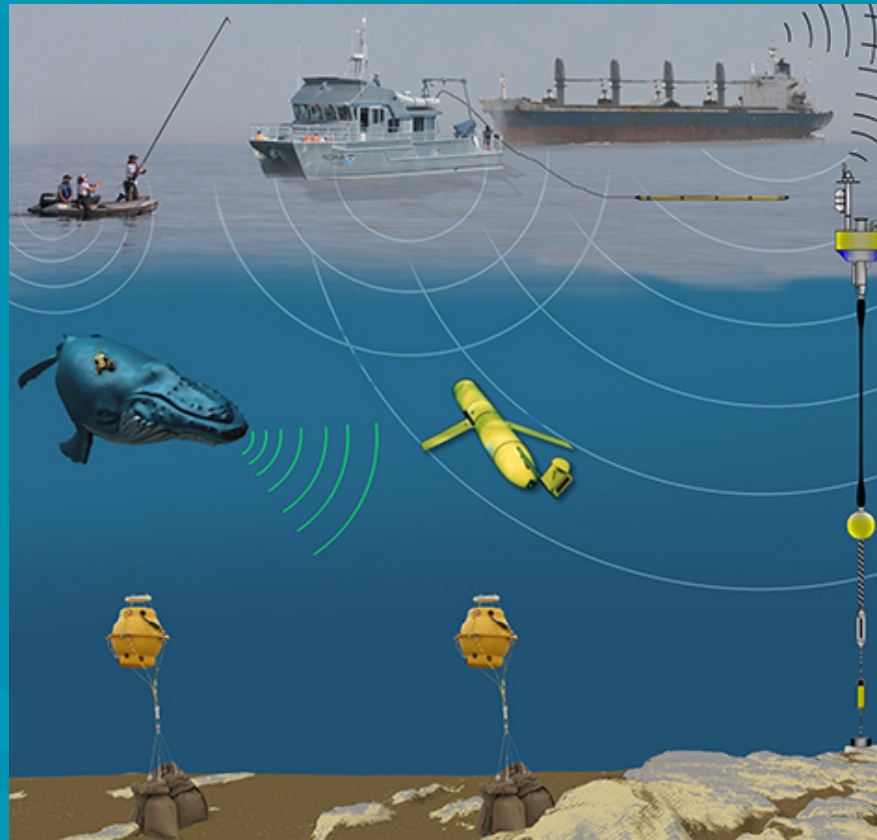
Work with NOAA partners on research opportunities to inform potential management actions by the PFMC

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

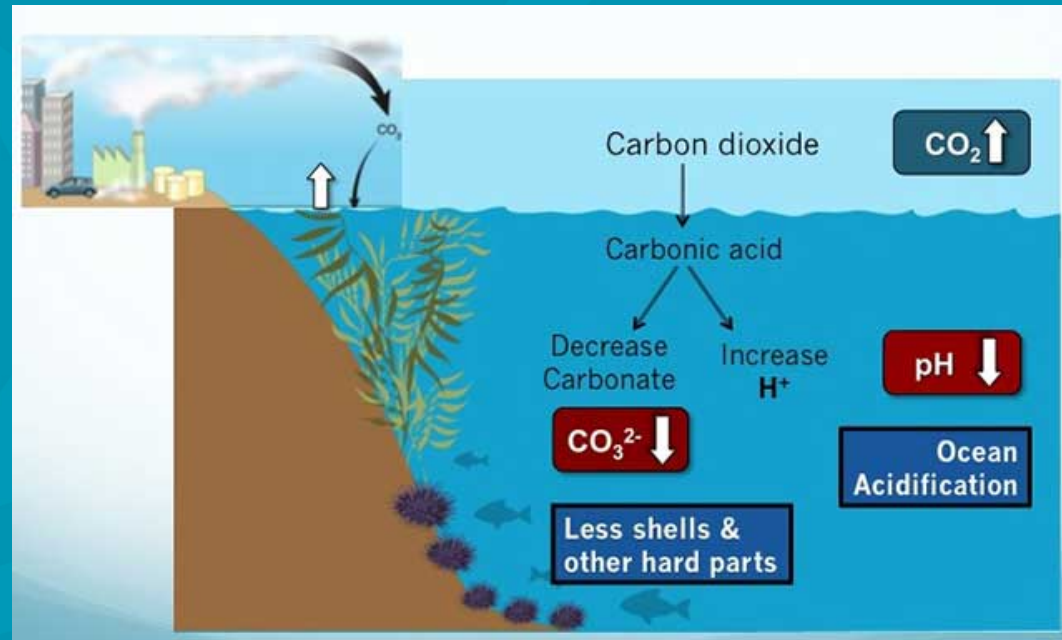
Objective:

West Coast sanctuaries have a clear understanding of observed and predicted impacts from climate change and are taking management measures to reduce risks of climate change impacts.



Advancing Ocean Acidification strategies

Improve understanding of the impact of ocean acidification on sanctuary resources across west coast sanctuaries. Pilot proactive and comprehensive approach to OA using sentinel site concept



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 and quantify incoming complaints, suspected violations, and incident referrals to OLE for investigation;
- 2) Increase enforcement of state/local statutes, ordinances, and regulations in sanctuaries that complement sanctuary resource protection goals;
- 3) Increases public compliance with sanctuary regulations;
- 4) Enhance USCG enforcement of sanctuary regulations & support for resource protection goals;
- 5) Prepare robust impact statements
- 6) Enhance engagement with General Counsel regarding penalty approach and penalty schedule calculation factors, once GC has determined a violation occurred;
- 7) Increase hours of OLE investigative effort; marine/ground patrols, and # of referred investigations completed by OLE;
- 8) Increase # of NOVAs issued for priority cases;
- 9) Increase collaboration with DOJ to prosecute complex sanctuary cases.

Recreation and Tourism

Increase awareness about sustainable tourism and recreation opportunities within the national marine sanctuaries

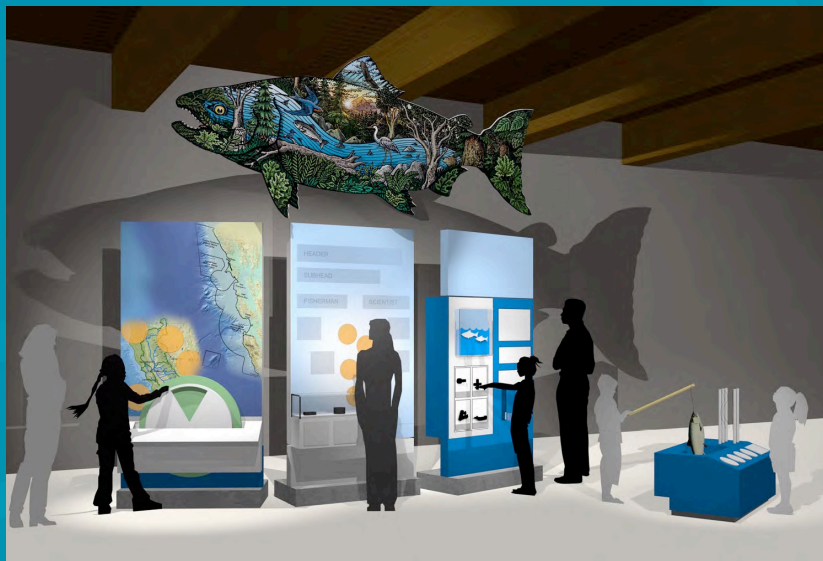
Plan for successful GIYS/VIYS 2019 with increased attendance from 2018

Compile a recommendation document for adapting a program like Blue Star for West Coast sanctuaries.



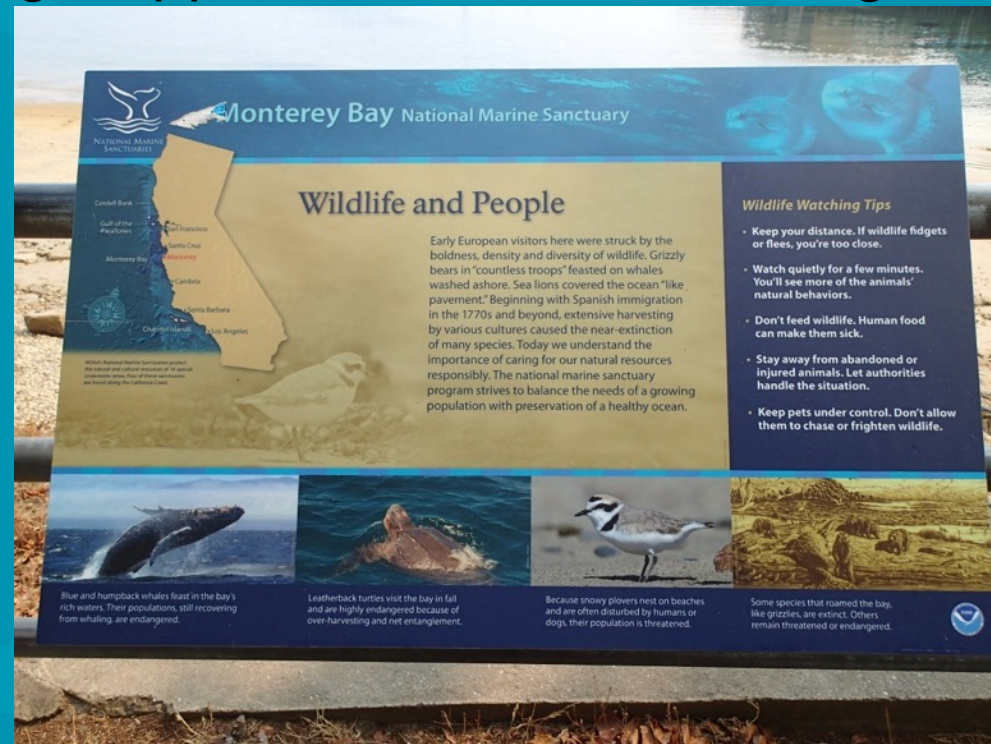
US Forest Service Partnership

Enhanced understanding of each organization' mission, culture, and work programs; 2) Identification of partnership project ideas and joint activities/events; 3) implementation of partnership activities including an unveiling ceremony with Principals of the salmon exhibit.



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

Learn more from veterans on how they could best engage with national marine sanctuaries

Engage veterans in sanctuary programs by increasing participation in volunteer programs and events.



Questions?

