

# 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.

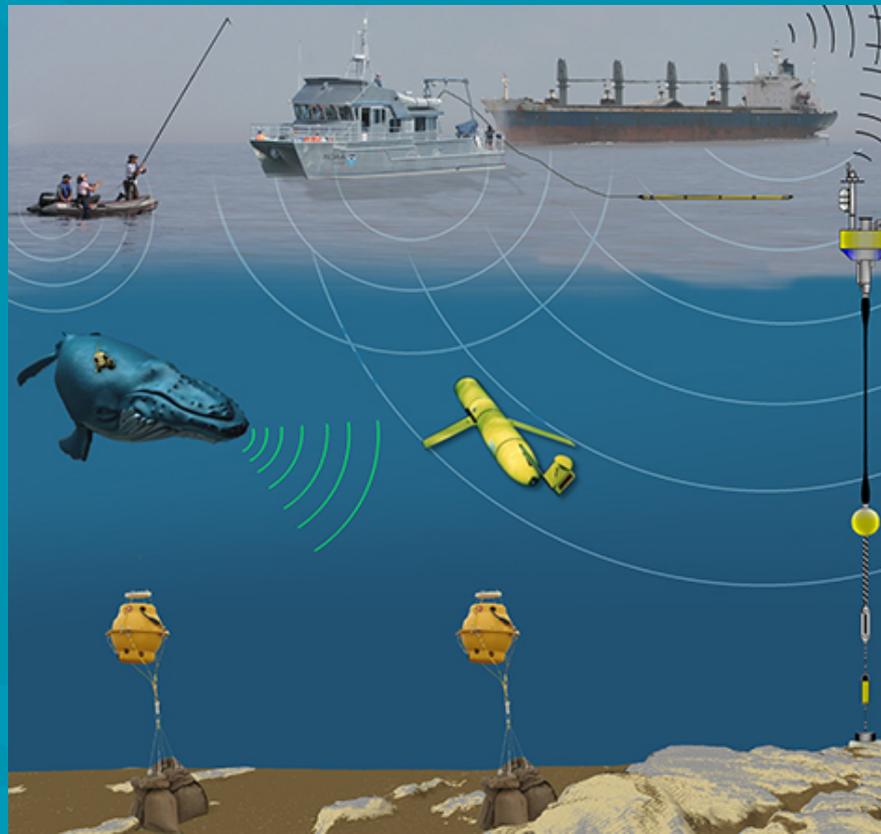
Work with NOAA partners on research opportunities to inform potential management actions by the PFMC

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

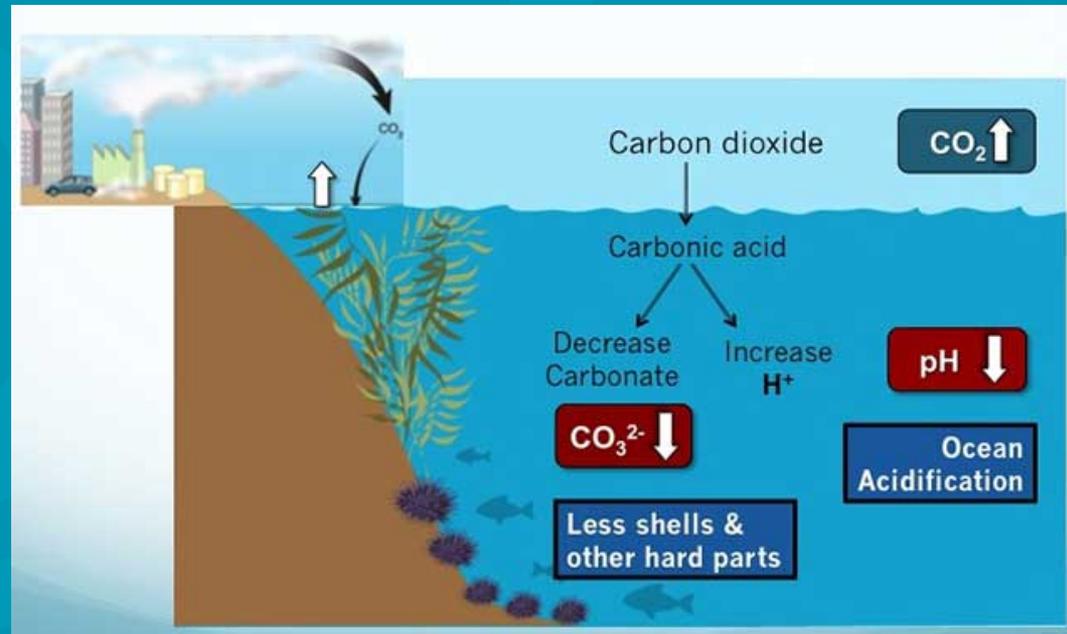
### Objective:

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?

