



**NOAA West  
and  
West Coast Governors'  
Agreement on Ocean Health**

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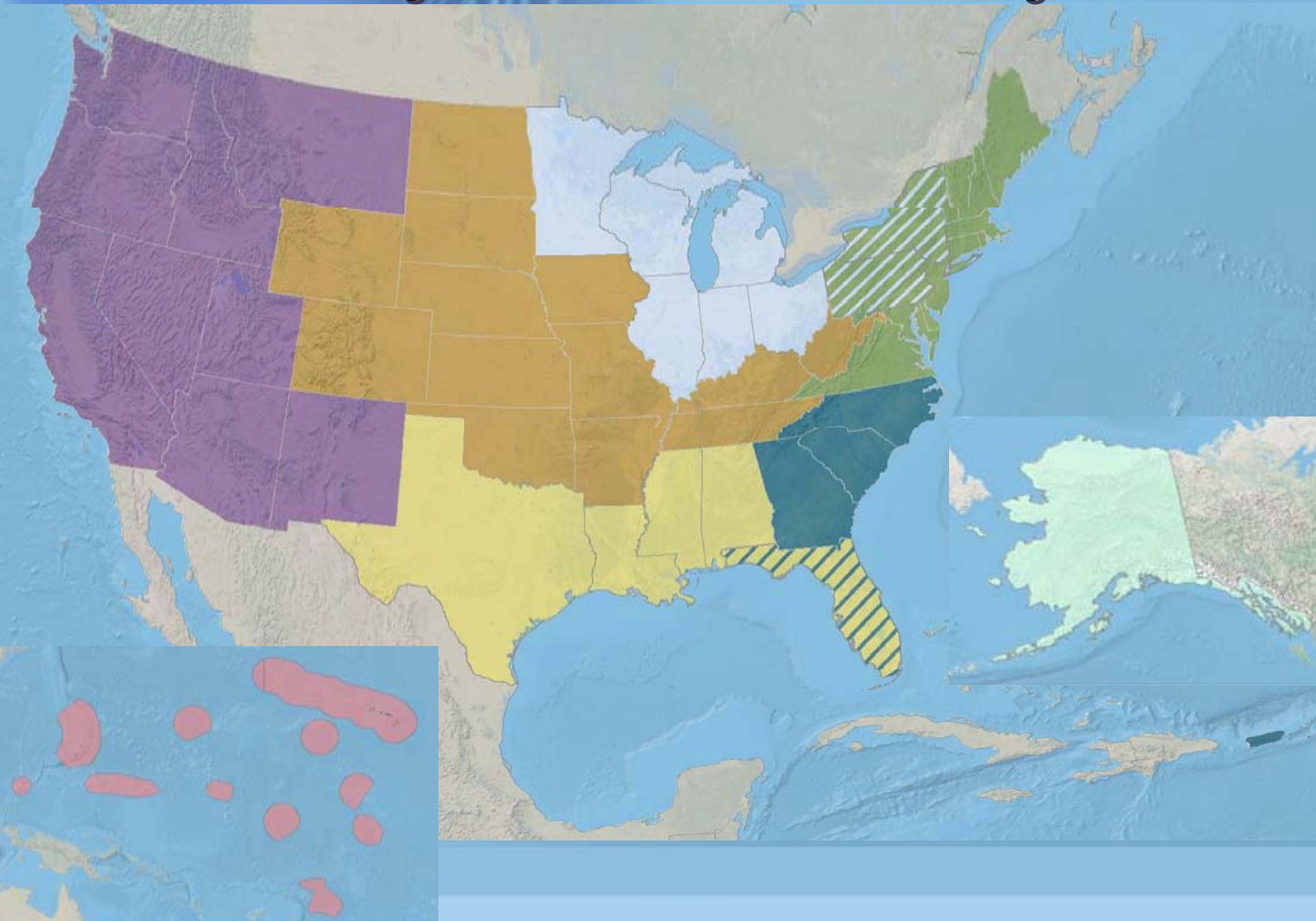
# NOAA Regional Collaboration

- Improve our value to customers by identifying and applying NOAA's full range of capabilities, within and across regions.
- Design the best solutions to address geographically specific problems.
- Use existing authority and accountability structures and does not entail changes to NOAA's organizational structure.

More information:

- [http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/regional\\_collaboration.htm](http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/regional_collaboration.htm)

# NOAA Regional Collaboration – 8 Regions



# NOAA West Team Membership

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Dave Brandon	NWS	Chief, Western Region Hydrologic and Climate Services Division
Dave Reynolds	NWS	Meteorologist-in-Charge, WFO Monterey, CA
Nancy Dean	NWS	Meteorologist-in-Charge, WFO Eureka, CA
Claudia Cox	NWS	Regional Outreach and Planning Scientist
Usha Varanasi	NMFS	Director, Northwest Fisheries Science Center
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Barry Thom	NMFS	Deputy Regional Administrator, Northwest Region
Jonathan Phinney	NMFS	Assistant Center Director for Ecosystem Research
Patrick Rutten	NMFS	Southwest Region Supervisor
Eddie Bernard	OAR	Director, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory
Robert S. Webb	OAR	Lead, Climate Analysis Branch, ESRL
Rebecca Smyth	NOS	West Coast Regional Coordinator, Coastal Services Center
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Dave Neander	NOS	Commander, Office of Coast Survey and Office of Response and Restoration
Susan McLean	NESDIS	Lead, Earth Geophysics Group, NGDC

# **Priority Areas for NOAA West**

- **Integrated Ecosystem Assessments**
- **Integrated Water Resource Services**
- **Hazard Resilient Coastal Communities**
- **Outreach and Communications**
- **West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health**

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# West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

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- Three West Coast Governors signed an agreement on Ocean Health September 2006
- Identified 7 priority areas for the states to work together
- Draft action plan is scheduled to be released October 1, 2007
  - Public meetings in all three states (April – CA, June – WA, and July – OR)

More information: (coming soon)  
<http://www.WestCoastOceans.gov>

# WCGA 7 Priority Areas

- Ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches;
- Protecting and restoring healthy ocean and coastal habitats;
- Promoting the effective implementation of ecosystem-based management of our ocean and coastal resources;
- Reducing adverse impacts of offshore development;
- Increasing ocean awareness and literacy among our citizens;
- Expanding ocean and coastal scientific information, research, and monitoring; and
- Fostering sustainable economic development throughout our diverse coastal communities.



# What's Unique About The Regional Approach?

- **Broader national priorities** are more effectively realized by tailoring them to specific regional contexts.
- **Design and delivery of products** is uniquely focused on end-user.
- **Reliable points of access** established for regional and international partners to collaborate.
- **Partners' knowledge, priorities, and resources** are intentionally integrated into planning and execution.
- **Community knowledge and practice** evolves with cutting-edge science and technology.
- **Self-generated, shared leadership** strengthens regional capacity to deliver services.

# The West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

## Priorities

...touch on a broad range of issues, including ecosystem management, habitat protection / restoration, ocean and coastal science, coastal and offshore development, and ocean literacy.

## Partners

...initially focused on state governments of Washington, Oregon, and California. A new federal interagency group is now working with the states to identify ways to collaborate.

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...co-chair the federal workgroup and are inviting other Federal agencies under the Subcommittee for Integrated Management Of Ocean resources to support WCGA partners.