

# Recommendations for State and Territorial Participation in the National MPA System

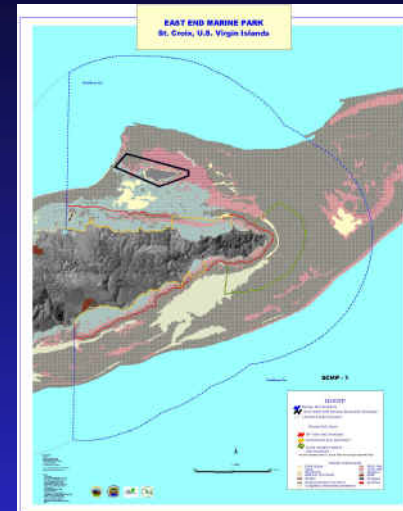
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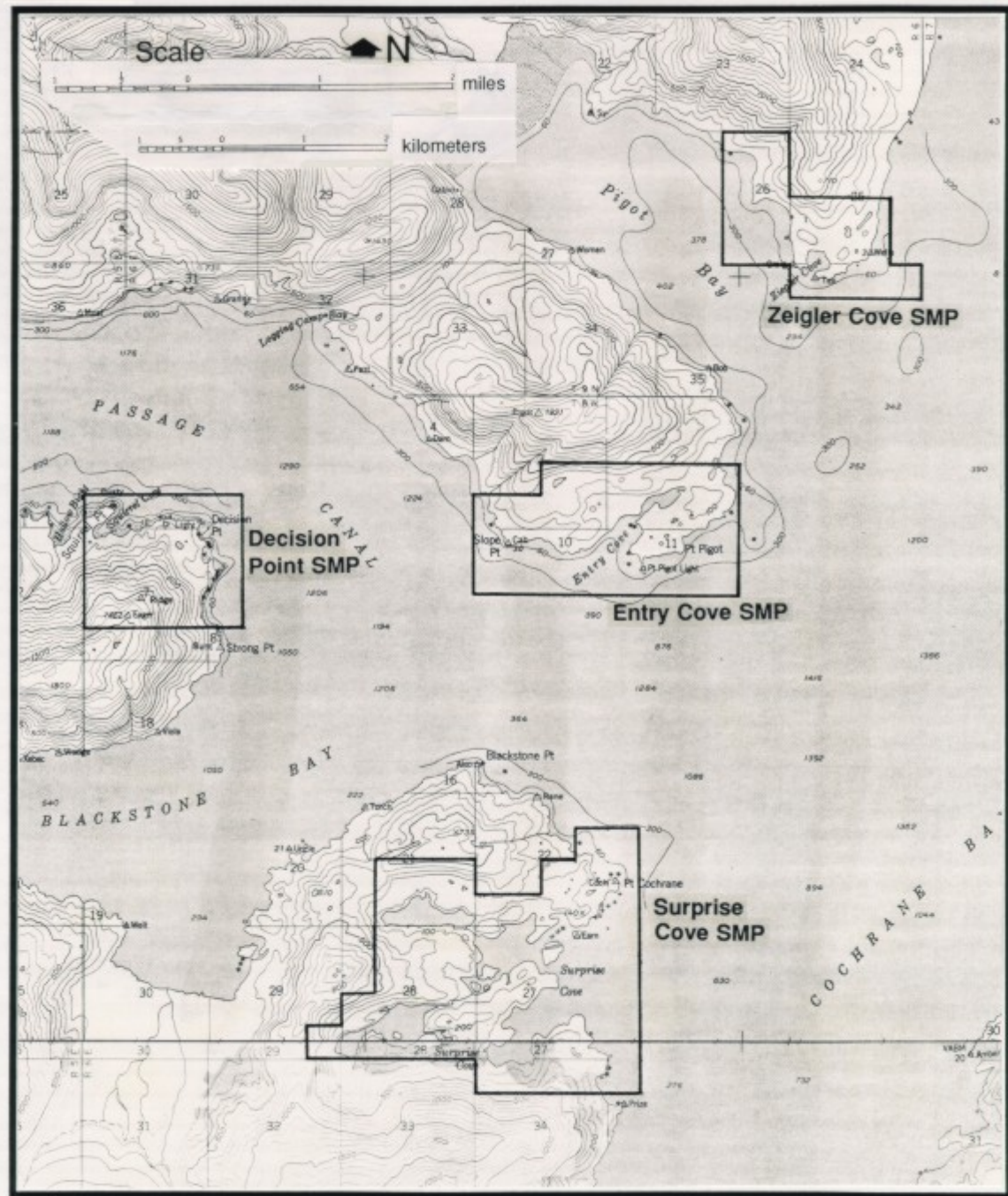


# Full State Participation

- Significant coastal and marine resources under state jurisdiction
- Potential impacts to states from MPAs in federal waters
- Most existing MPAs in state waters









# State Input and Sources of Info

- CSO Report on State MPA Policies (2004)
- Tony MacDonald remarks to FAC (February 2005)
- Three regional state workshops (2005)
- State white paper and CZ '05 presentation (July 2005)
- Final state recommendations (April 2006)
- SAG comments to MPA Center on draft MPA system framework (July 2006?)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

for State and Territorial Participation in  
the National System of Marine Protected Areas



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## *Recommendation One:*

**Ensure that the MPA system  
is national, not federal**



## *Recommendation Two:*

Create a blueprint that clearly defines what the national MPA system will include, how the national system adds value to current state or regional efforts, and how states fit into that system

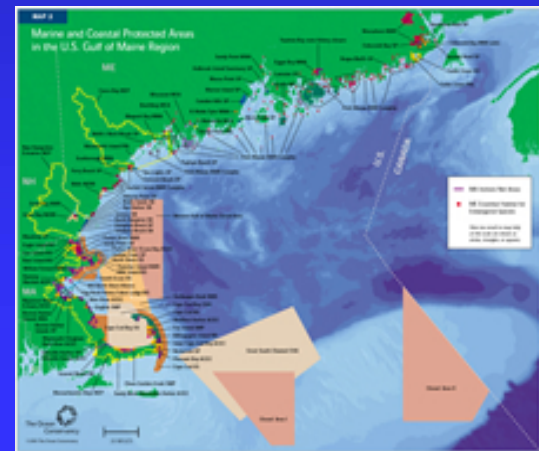


## *Recommendation Three:*

Develop a specific process for designating MPAs in federal waters through an administrative process or by enacting new federal legislation

# *Recommendation Four:*

Involve states as partners in the continued development of the national MPA system, and establish a process to ensure participation in all future MPAs that affect state waters and resources



# A Digression

- Seminal questions of federal and state interest in the EEZ
- Governance needs to catch up
- MPAs need to integrate with burgeoning regional ocean governance
- Avoid “stovepipes”

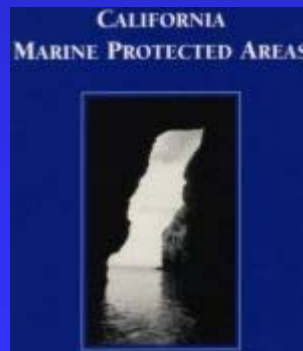
## *Recommendation Five:*

Assist and support states to  
both enhance their  
participation and further the  
development of the national  
MPA system



## *Recommendation Six:*

Develop clear criteria and performance measures by which to evaluate the use and management goals of individual MPAs





## *Recommendation Seven:*

**Provide effective outreach and education about MPAs to all stakeholders**



# Summation

- States have been managing MPAs for decades
- Most MPAs in state waters
- Full state participation voluntary but critical
- National system should focus on filling gaps
- Jurisdictional questions --- MPAs in federal waters
- States will require funding and technical assistance
- Long-term performance measurement, education and outreach is essential
- Full coordination and cooperation among all levels of governance (including regionally) is vital



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