Update on Gap Analysis

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MPA Gap Analysis

- Identify Conservation Gaps in MPA Coverage
- Evaluate Contribution of Existing MPAs to National System
- Analyze Patterns and Impacts of Ocean Uses
- Seek Regional Stakeholder Input

Develop MPA Priorities

- Enhances National System
- Managing Agencies Create New or Enhanced MPAs
- Improves Place-Based Management
Work collaboratively with managing agencies at the regional scale.

Recognize that primary authority lies with existing entities.

Use the best readily available science and information.

Provide opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement.

Consider the broader context of ocean management.

Design the national system for ecological resilience.

Ensure lasting protection.

Consider various types of gaps.

Adaptively manage gap analysis process.
Phase 1: Analysis of Existing MPAs

A. Identify conservation gaps in MPA coverage
   - Map PCO areas
   - Compare MPAs to PCOs

B. Analyze patterns and impacts of ocean uses
   - Ocean Uses Atlas
   - Assess use conflicts and PCO impacts

C. Evaluate \textit{(potential)} contributions of existing MPAs to National System Priority Conservation Objectives
Phase 2: Comprehensive Regional Assessments and Priorities for Place-Based Management

A. Seek regional stakeholder input (*throughout*)

B. Develop MPA priorities

C. Managing agencies create new or enhanced MPAs, as needed
Status and Plans

Gap analysis design workshop held – Feb 2009

Partnership initiated with NCCOS – Apr 2009

Geographic range focused initially on California – Jul 2009

CA Ocean Uses Atlas synthesis completed – Sep 2009

Draft gap guidelines reviewed by FAC, IAWG and public by Dec 2009 (tbd)

PCO regional expert workshop(s) – Spring 2010

Phase 1 analysis of existing CA MPAs – target = Sep 2010