

Draft National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan released for public comment

The National Ocean Council released for public comment, the draft National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan, an action plan to address the most pressing challenges facing ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

The plan reflects ideas and input received by the National Ocean Council through extensive public and stakeholder engagement during two previous public comment periods, numerous listening sessions, and face to face meetings around the country.

The draft Implementation Plan will ensure the Federal Government targets its resources to more effectively deliver results for Americans, including more predictability for users, more efficient and coordinated decision-making, and better access to the most updated data and technology. The plan focuses on promoting efficiency and collaboration, managing resources with an integrated approach, making available and using the best science and information, and supporting regional efforts and public-private partnerships. For each action, the plan also outlines key milestones, identifies responsible agencies, and indicates the expected timeframe for completion.

NMMA previously submitted comments to the policy outline, prior to the draft. These can be [found here](#). To read more about the National Ocean Council, view the complete draft Implementation Plan, and submit comments, please [click here](#). The draft Implementation Plan will be available for public comments through February 27, 2012. For more information, or questions, please contact **Jim Currie** at **202-737-9760** or jcurrie@nmma.org.