

Connections and compatibilities: SMP updates & Marine Spatial Planning

Shoreline Planners Meeting

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Outline

- Context
- Marine Spatial Planning overview
- SMPs and MSP: compatibilities and connections
- Next steps for MSP on Washington's Coast

Why do we need planning?

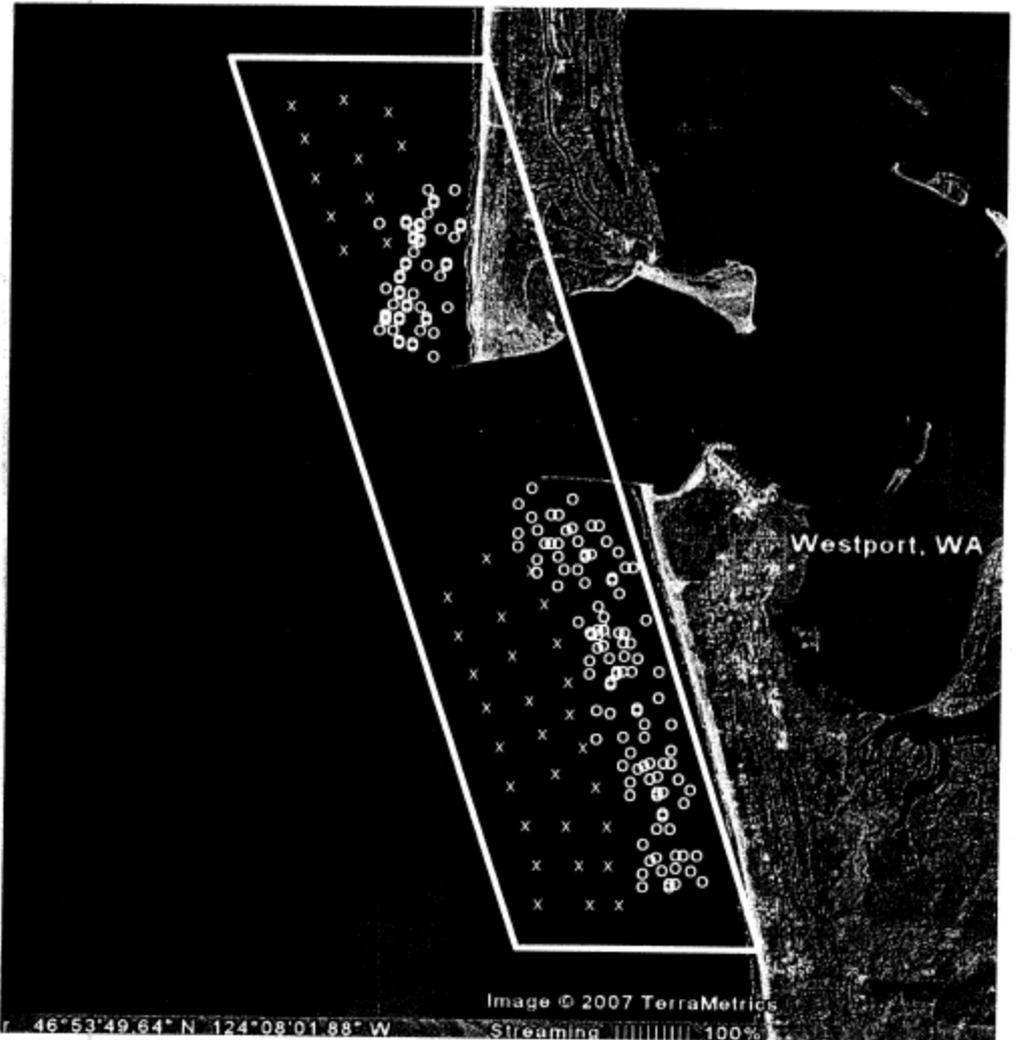
- New uses of the ocean: renewable energy
- Increasing pressures and demands of existing uses – shipping traffic
- Conflicts among uses
- Lots of governments and authorities: potential for conflict and need coordinated information & vision = integrated management of resources

Renewable Energy: A Planning Driver



AquaBuoy Finavera
project: Makah Bay

Figure 3: Conceptual Locations of Wind Turbines and Wave Converters
(x = wind turbine, o = wave converters)



Why (else) is it going on?

- **State: Washington state law (2010)**
- **Regional/Federal: National Ocean Policy**
 - Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning:
1 of 9 national priorities

State Law Definition

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a public process of analyzing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine environments to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives.

- Coordinating decisions – **NON-regulatory**
- Uses spatial data – often displayed as maps
- Proactive
- Multi-use

State Law: Required plan elements

- Ecosystem assessment and indicators
- Management measures
- Series of maps
- State recommendations for federal waters
- Implementation plan
- Framework for renewable energy

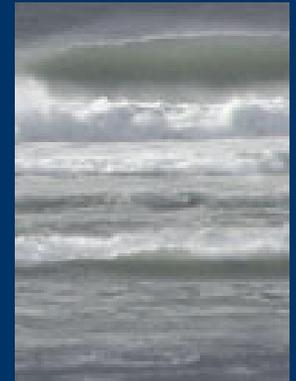
Core principles: content and process



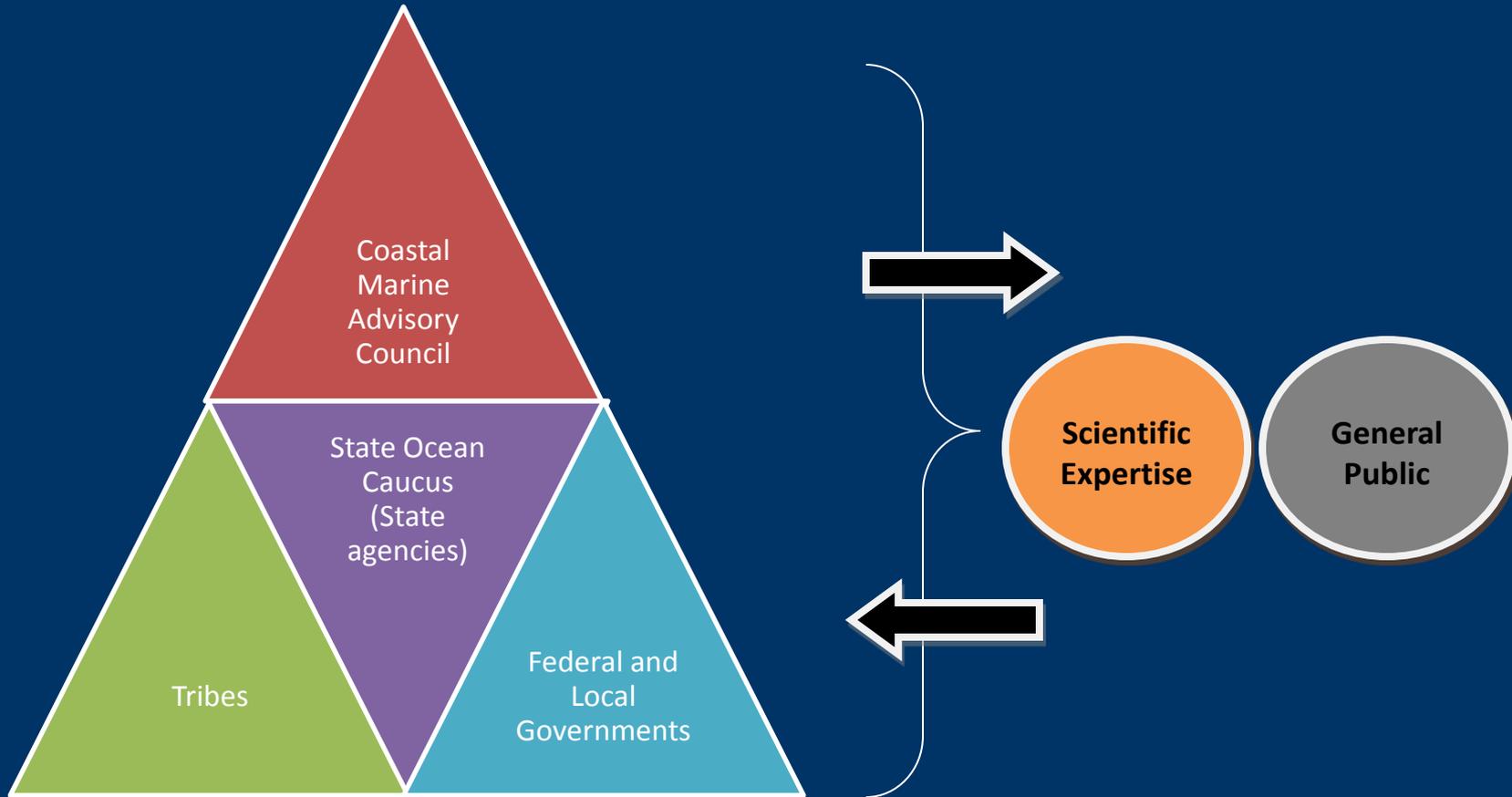
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Planning is a Public Process: Model for Washington's coast



SMP-MSP

Similarities	Differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Similar planning process• Establish goals, objectives• Common goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMP process is more prescribed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally outline suitable/unsuitable uses for particular areas• Conduct use analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMPs are regulatory• MSP is typically non-regulatory
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use spatial data and some level of spatial detail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different levels of specificity about approved/prohibited developments and uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geographic scope – Both have jurisdiction over marine waters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMPs more shoreline focused• MSP more aquatic focused

Benefits

MSP for SMP

- Source of information and analysis on marine resources and uses.
- Helps satisfy and meet ocean management criteria for coastal jurisdictions.
- Source of policy recommendations.

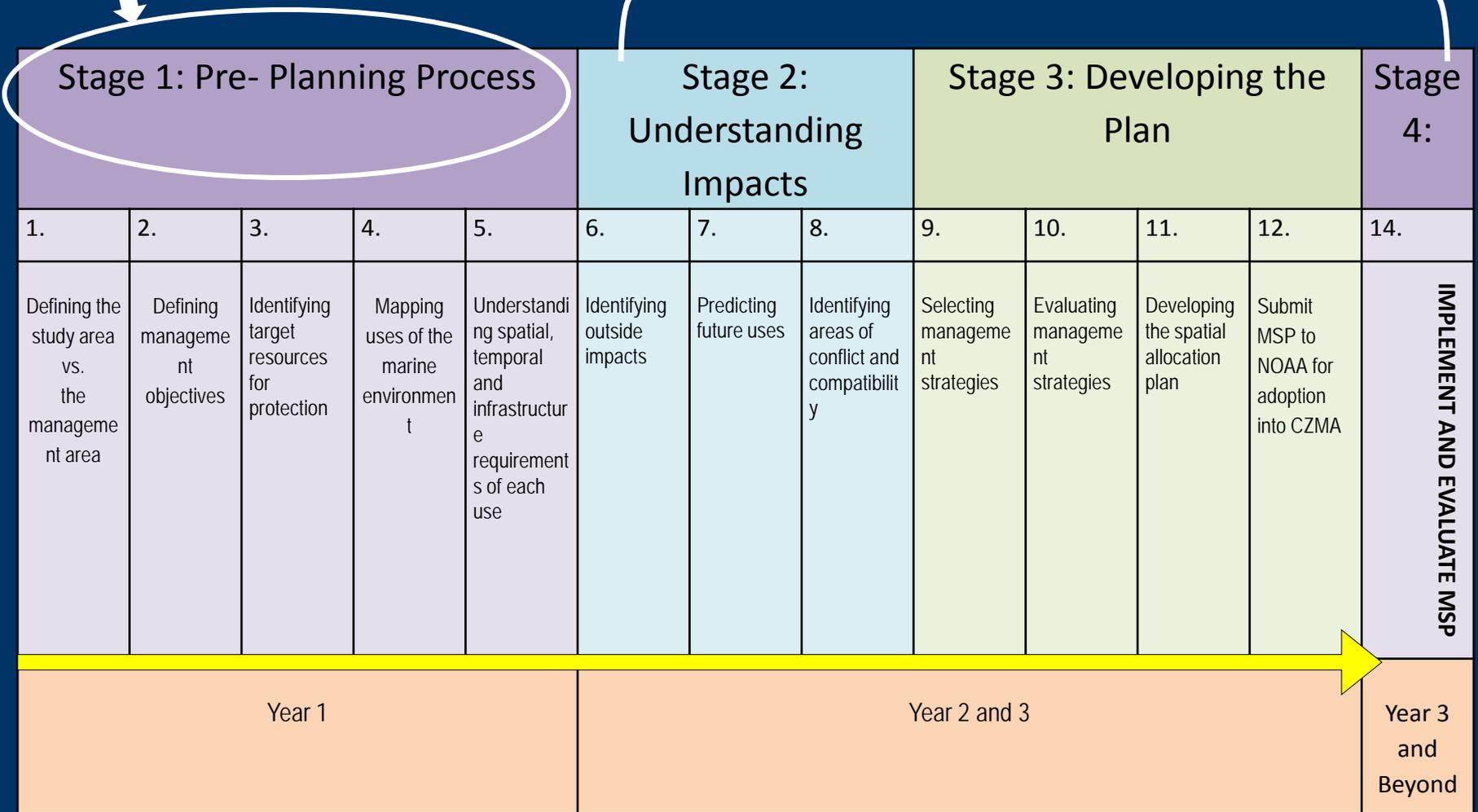
SMP for MSP

- An implementation mechanism for MSP.
- Source of local knowledge, interests and information for MSP.
- Improve federal consistency decisions.

Now – June 2013

Draft Process Timeline

Requires ongoing \$

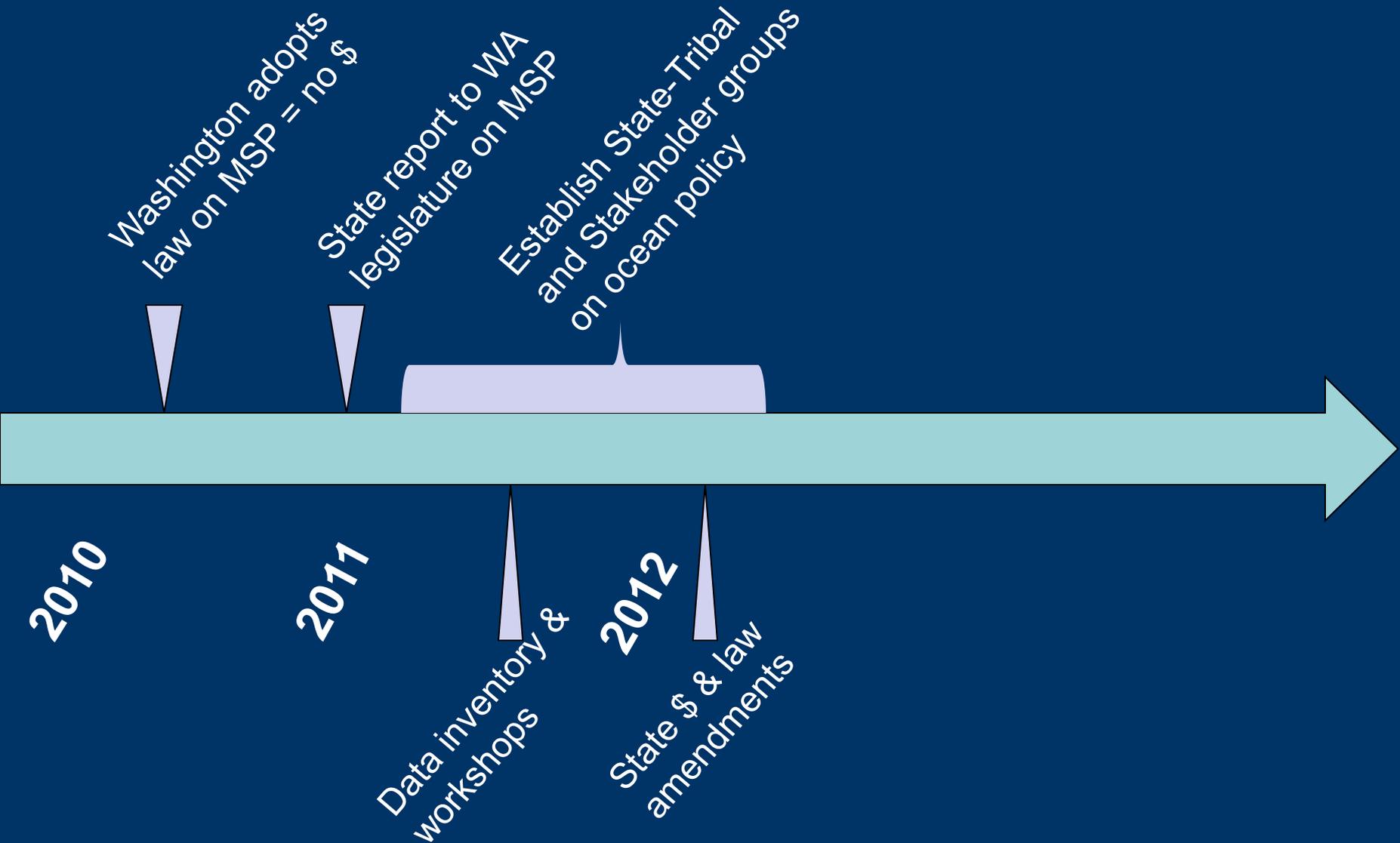


Similar to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of SMP process

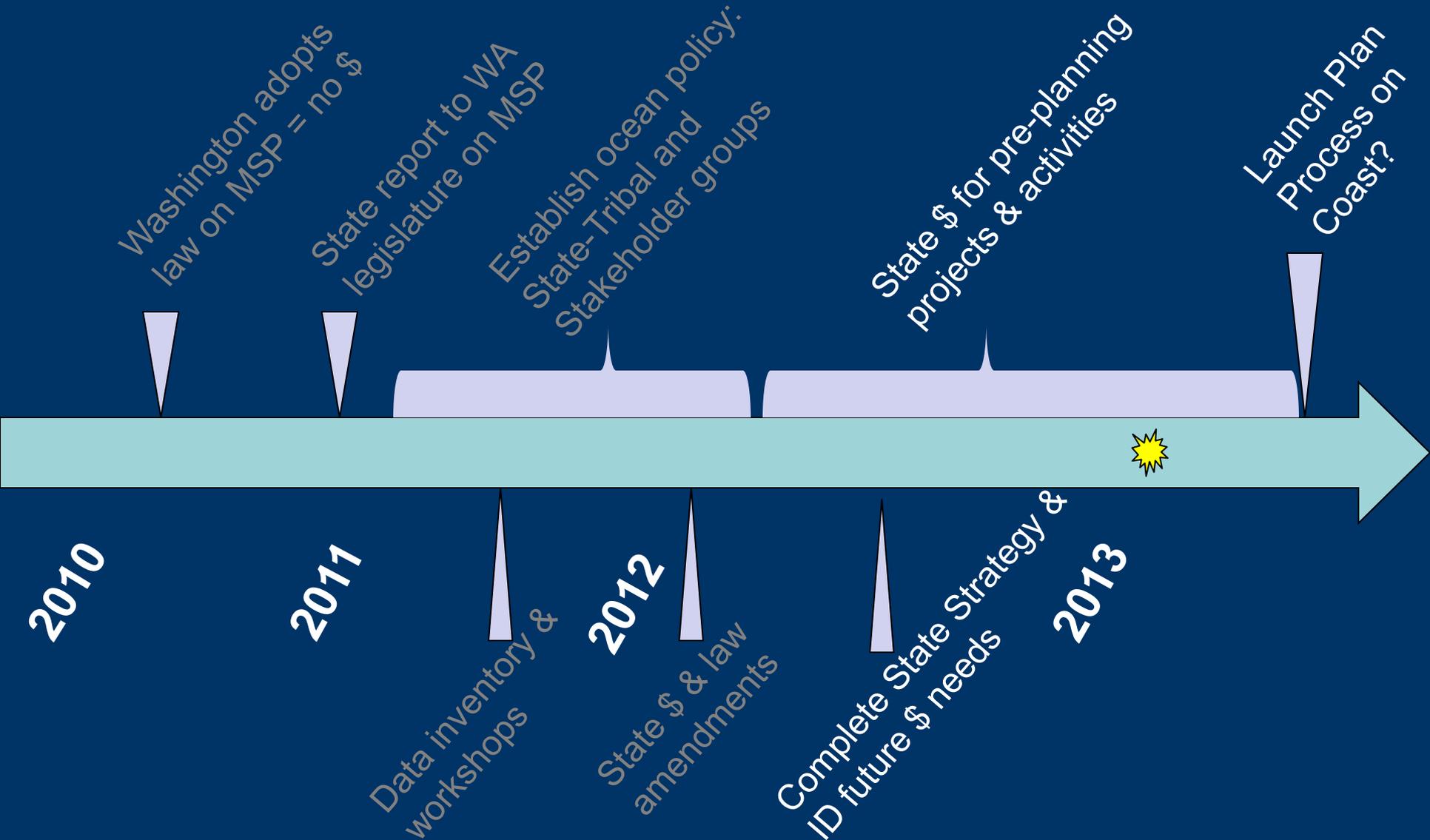
Phase 2, 3 & 4 of SMP process

Phase 5 & 6 SMP

Status: Where have we been?

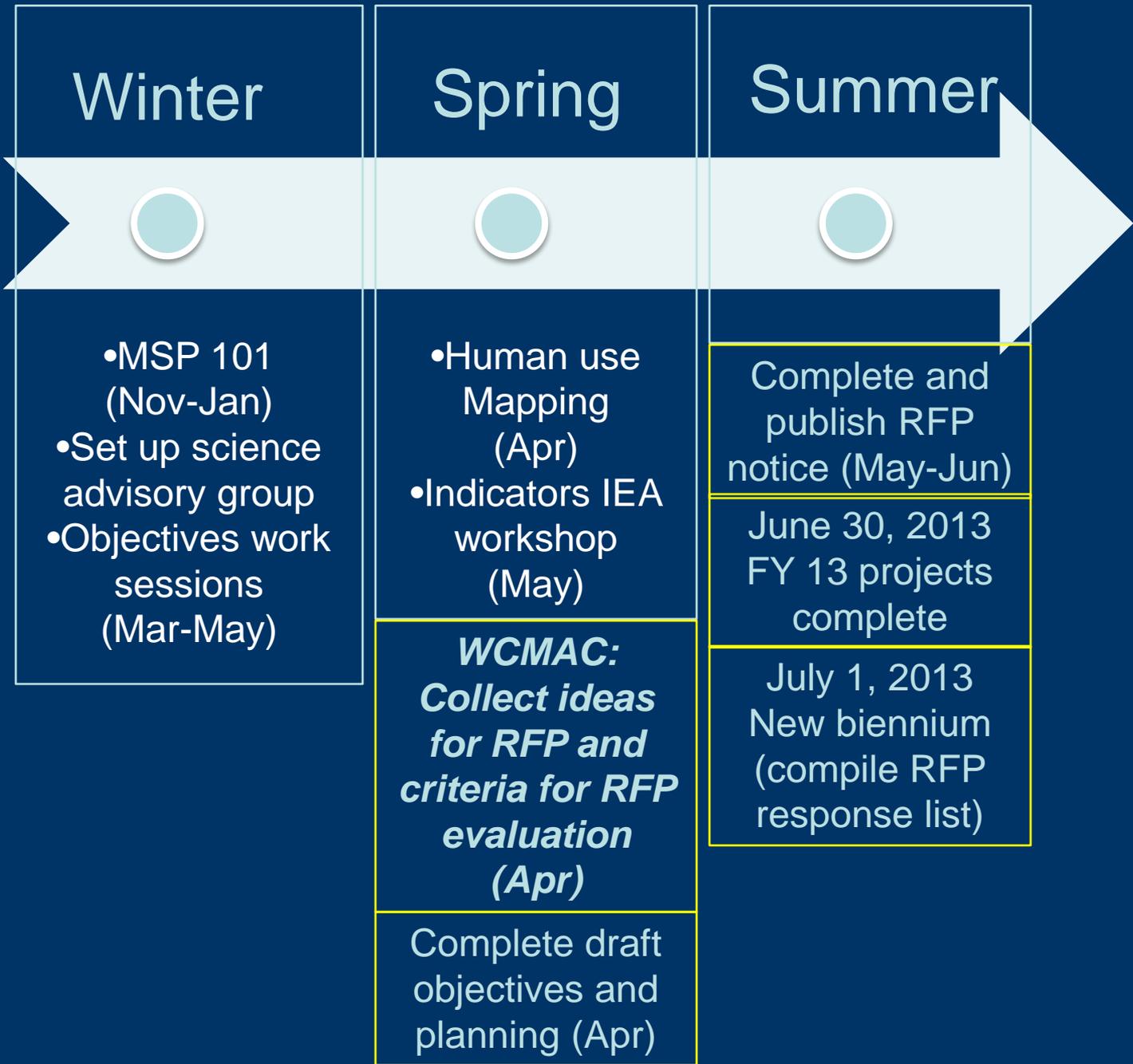


Status: Where are we going?



DRAFT MSP Timeline

Now - June 2013



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