



Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Process for Sanctuary Advisory Council Review and Decision

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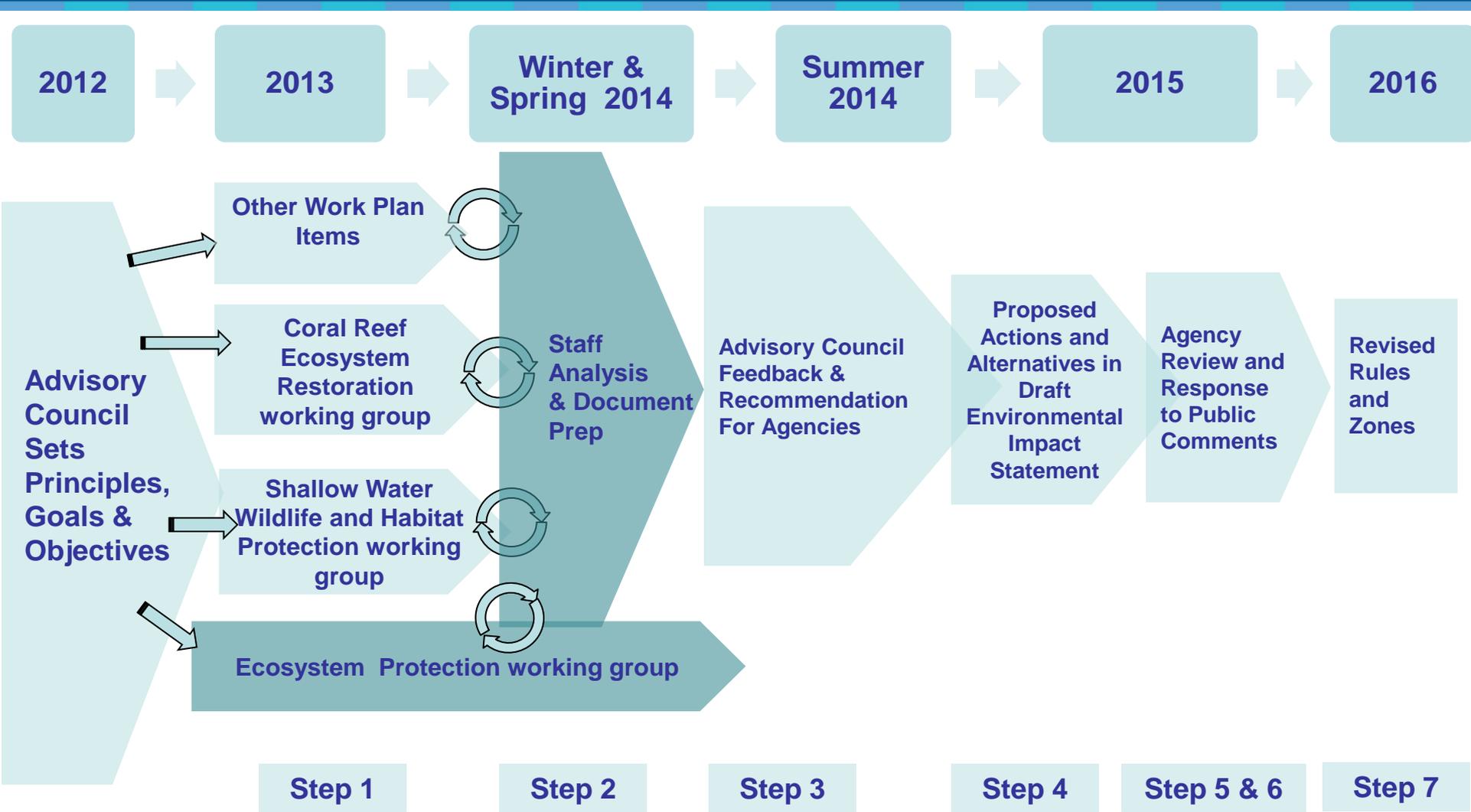
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Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Process Time-Line



- **September 2011** – Release of Condition Report
- **December 2011** – Sanctuary Advisory Council adopt Draft Goals & Objectives for Regulatory Review Process
- **April 2012** – Public Notice of Intent to Conduct Scoping Meetings
- **April-June 2012** – Public Scoping Meetings & Open Public Comment
- **December 2012** – Sanctuary Advisory Council adopt final Goals, Objectives & Principles & Work-plan for Regulatory Review Process
- **January-July 2013** – Sanctuary Advisory Council working groups meet
- **September 2013** – Working Group host regional community meetings
- **Summer 2014** – Sanctuary Advisory Council review and make a recommendation for preferred alternatives for Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- **Winter 2015** – Release and public comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Timeline (Revised)



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Step 1: Working Groups convene & develop recommendations

(Winter – Summer 2013)

- ✓ Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration
- ✓ Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- Ecosystem Protection *(continue through winter 2014)*

Step 2: Agency staff review working group recommendations

Conduct initial analysis *(Winter – Spring 2014)*

- ✓ Ecosystem Protection has requested this review and analysis

SAC Decision: Request staff to conduct review and analysis of the other two working groups

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Step 3: Sanctuary Advisory Council review working group and work plan recommendations and provide a preferred alternative recommendation to the Sanctuary Superintendent (*Summer/Fall 2014*)

Work Plan Items:

- Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration
- Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- Ecosystem Protection
- Adaptive Management & Permitting
- Artificial Habitats
- ✓ Boundary Modifications
- ✓ Personal Watercraft & Fishing Conflicts
- Water Quality
- Fishery Management Coordination

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Step 4: Agency develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (*Fall 2014*)

Step 5: Public comment & response to comment on Draft Environmental Impact (*Winter 2015*)

Step 6: Release of Final Environmental Impact Statement (*Summer/Fall 2015*)

Step 7: Implementation of new Sanctuary Management Plan and associated regulations (*2016*)

Advisory Council Schedule 2014



Winter 2014 – Ecosystem Protection Working Group continue meeting

Winter 2014 – Staff analysis of working group recommendations and document preparation

February SAC Meeting – Enforcement Activities

April SAC Meeting – Update on working group and staff analysis progress to date

June SAC Meeting – Science presentations and summary of biogeographic analysis.

Summer 2014 – Public Information Sessions

August SAC Meeting – SAC Discussion & Preferred Alternative Recommendation



Advisory Council Decision



1. Request staff conduct initial review and analysis of recommendations from Coral Reef Ecosystem and Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection working groups
 - Analysis will include administrative feasibility of recommendations and integrate scientific and socio-economic information
 - All original working group input and recommendations will also be available
2. Approve draft 2014 Sanctuary Advisory Council Schedule



Continued Public Engagement in the Process



How to learn more, stay engaged, and provide comment:

- Sign up for email updates
- Attend meetings:
 - SAC: every other month, 3rd Tuesday
 - Ecosystem Protection Working Group – schedule TBD, winter 2014
 - Public Information Sessions – schedule TBD, summer 2014
- Provide public comment to a SAC Member:
 - Orally at meetings
 - Written at meetings or at any time by contacting a SAC Member
- Submit formal comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (estimated for early 2015)

How to keep engaged and where to find more information:

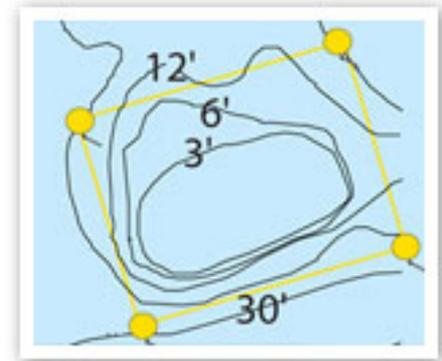


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