



# America the Beautiful Update

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# Recent Announcements

- White House Conservation Summit
- The Economic Report of the President
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act
- Initiate Process for Pacific Remote Islands as a national marine sanctuary



# “Conservation” Update



- Progress is being made by the Administration
- Decision Framework rather than traditional “definition”
- Fishery Management Council input
- Timeline TBD

# Atlas Update



- Target release of beta version of the Atlas planned for Spring/Summer 2023
- NMFS QA/QC'd the CCC managed area database. Quality was very good; a few issues were caught and corrected
- NMFS will consider using CCC managed area database as a foundation for submitting areas to the Atlas





# Marine and Coastal Area-Based Management FAC Update

- New discretionary advisory committee
- Provide advice to NOAA
- In the process of choosing from almost 100 applicants
  - Expect a Committee of 20
- Expect first meeting to be summer/fall 2023



# Federal Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Update



- FICOR re-established July 2022
- Inter-Agency MOU
- Charter/Work Plan
- FICOR is intended to support the recreational activities under ATB



# Engagement with Aquarium Conservation Partnership

- Met with NOAA in February 2023
- Continued to develop a work plan of actions ACP can take to further the goals of AtB focusing on the following areas:
  - Develop a framework of equitable and inclusive best practices to enhance engagement of Indigenous, youth, and communities of color.
  - Inspire and mobilize audiences through public engagement, education, and incubation.
  - Inform conservation priorities and policies to support new and maintain and/or strengthen existing protected area designation, protection, and monitoring.



An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The water is clear and blue. In the foreground, there are large, textured coral structures, possibly brain coral, with a brownish-green hue. Numerous small, silvery fish with blue-tinted scales are swimming throughout the scene, some in schools and others individually. The background shows more coral and fish, fading into the blue water.

**Thank you!**

**Questions?  
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