

THE CASE FOR OCEAN ZONING

What do you want your ocean to look like?
How can we make a plan to get there?

WHAT IS OCEAN ZONING?

A big picture approach to managing the ocean that balances all uses and helps ensure sustainability.

WHY USE OCEAN ZONING?

It's not feasible to do every ocean activity in the same place at the same time. We need to create a vision for what we want the ocean to look like, and a plan to get there.

HOW DOES OCEAN ZONING WORK?

Science plus community priorities result in a map for what activities happen where in the ocean.



Potential zoning categories: Fishing, Marine reserves, Tourism, SCUBA diving, Offshore energy, Aquaculture, Recreation, Shipping, and Anchoring.

Marine Reserves

No-take zones where all species and their habitats are completely protected, so ecosystems can be restored and fisheries can be replenished.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Science-based
- ✓ Stakeholder-driven
- ✓ Clear management objectives
- ✓ Transparent decision making
- ✓ Balance economic, environmental, security, social and cultural interests

BENEFITS

- + Reduce conflicts between users
- + Safeguard ecologically important areas
- + Develop commercial activity with certainty
- + Support international cooperation
- + Facilitate sustainable economic growth

CURRENT OCEAN ZONING



10% of the world's national waters are already zoned, with zoning in progress for an additional 20%



31 countries worldwide already use ocean zoning as a tool to manage their oceans