

Marine Spatial Planning in Washington

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Outline

What is it? Why is it going on? What does it mean? Why is it important? Who's going to be involved? How is it going to be done? Where are we and what lies ahead?

- Context
- State legislation and framework
- Status Report: where we are and what is next

What is it?

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

Why do we need planning?

- Dependent on existing uses:
 - Economic, cultural & recreational activities
- Increasing pressures and demands of existing uses
- Conflicts among uses
- New uses of the ocean
- Integrate management resources and authorities
 - Balance needs of society, environment and economy
 - Bring together information for decision-making
 - Proactively consider existing, future and emerging uses

What is Driving MSP in WA?

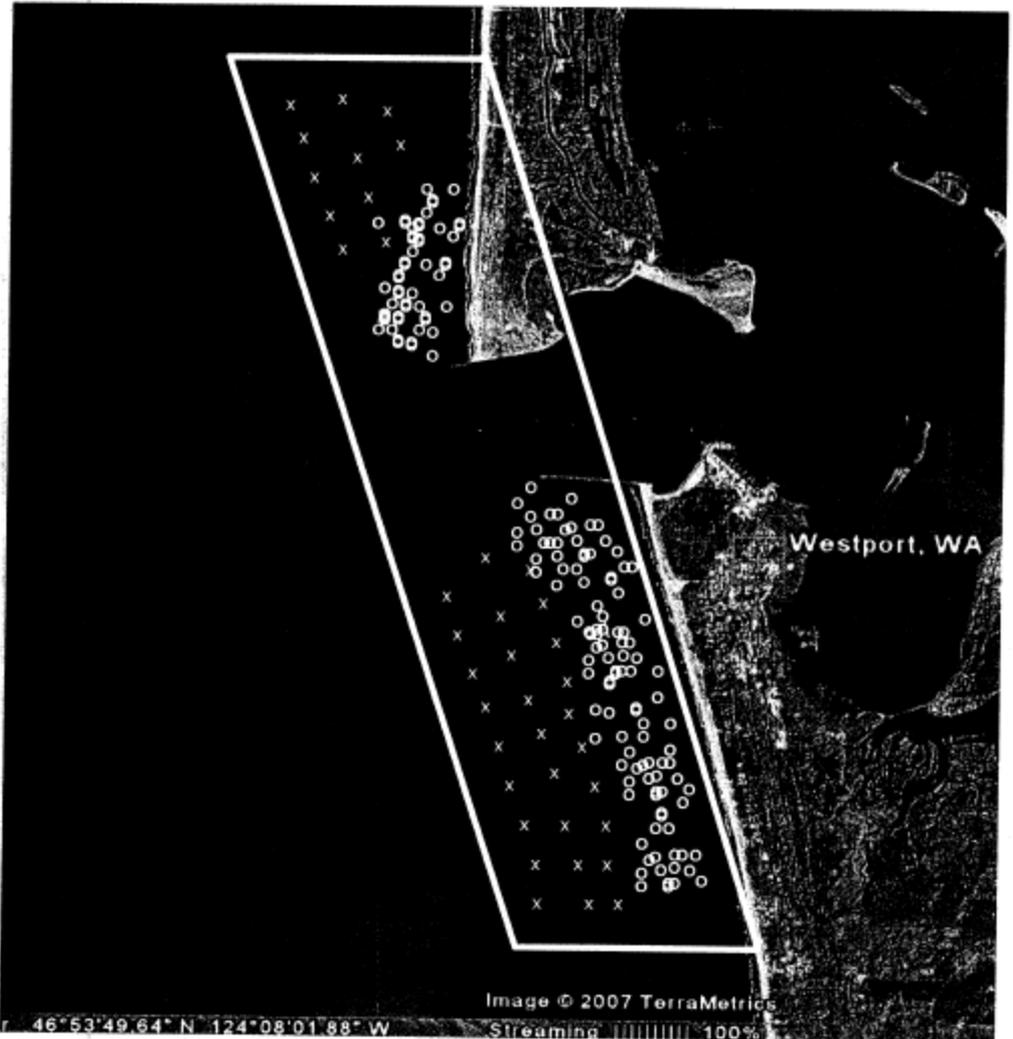
- ***March 2010: State: State law to include MSP***
- ***July 2010: Executive Order signed by President Obama***
 - Regional/Federal: National Ocean Policy
 - Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning:
1 of 9 national priorities
- ***January 2011: State recommendations to Legislature***
- ***May 2012: Budget proviso approved***

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)



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

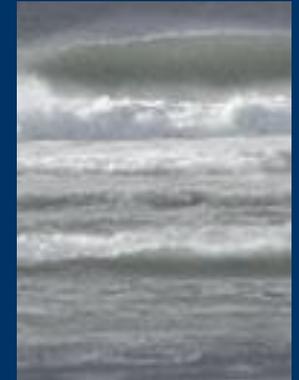
Core principles: content and process



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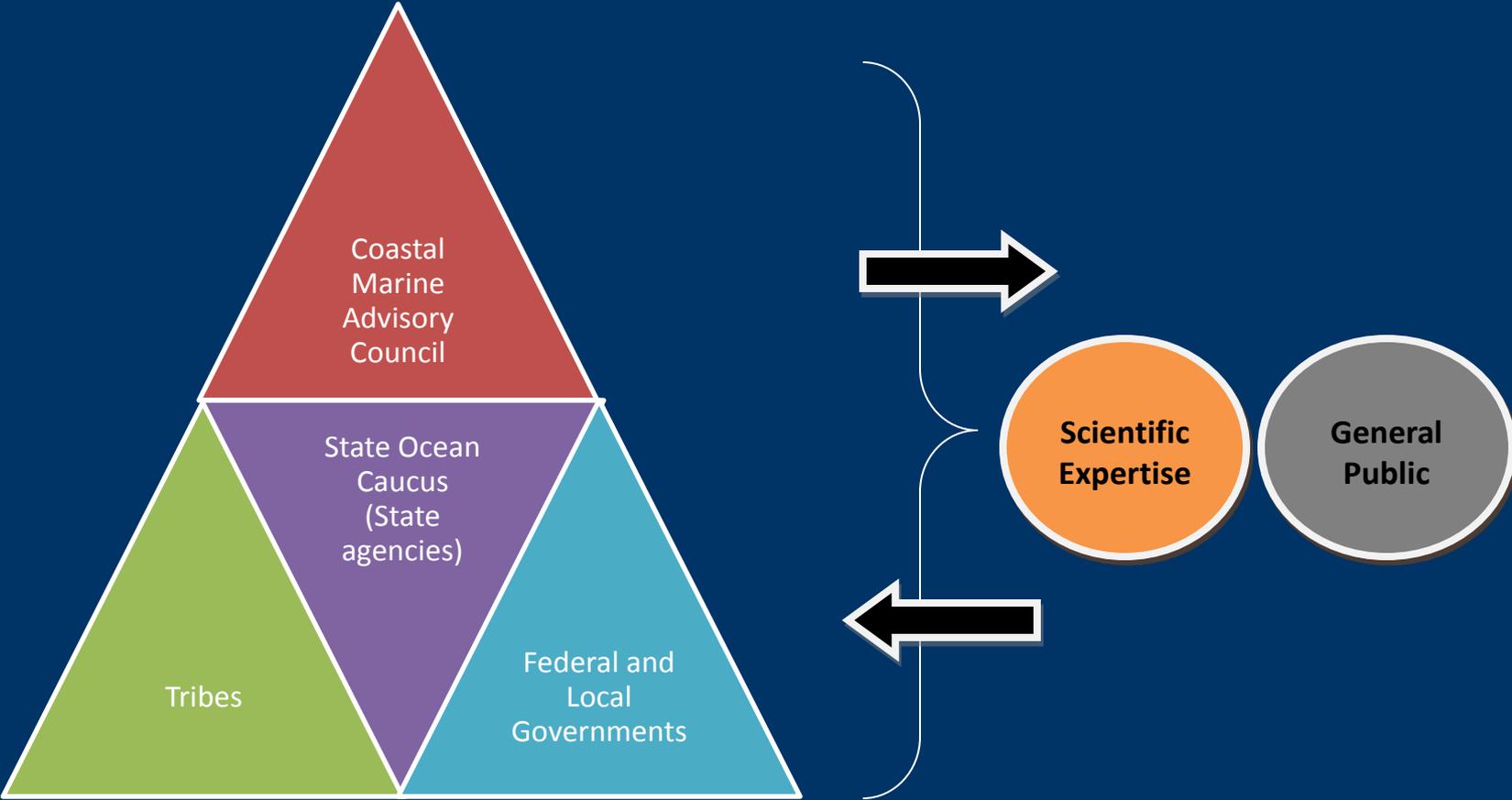


Report to legislature (Jan. 2011)

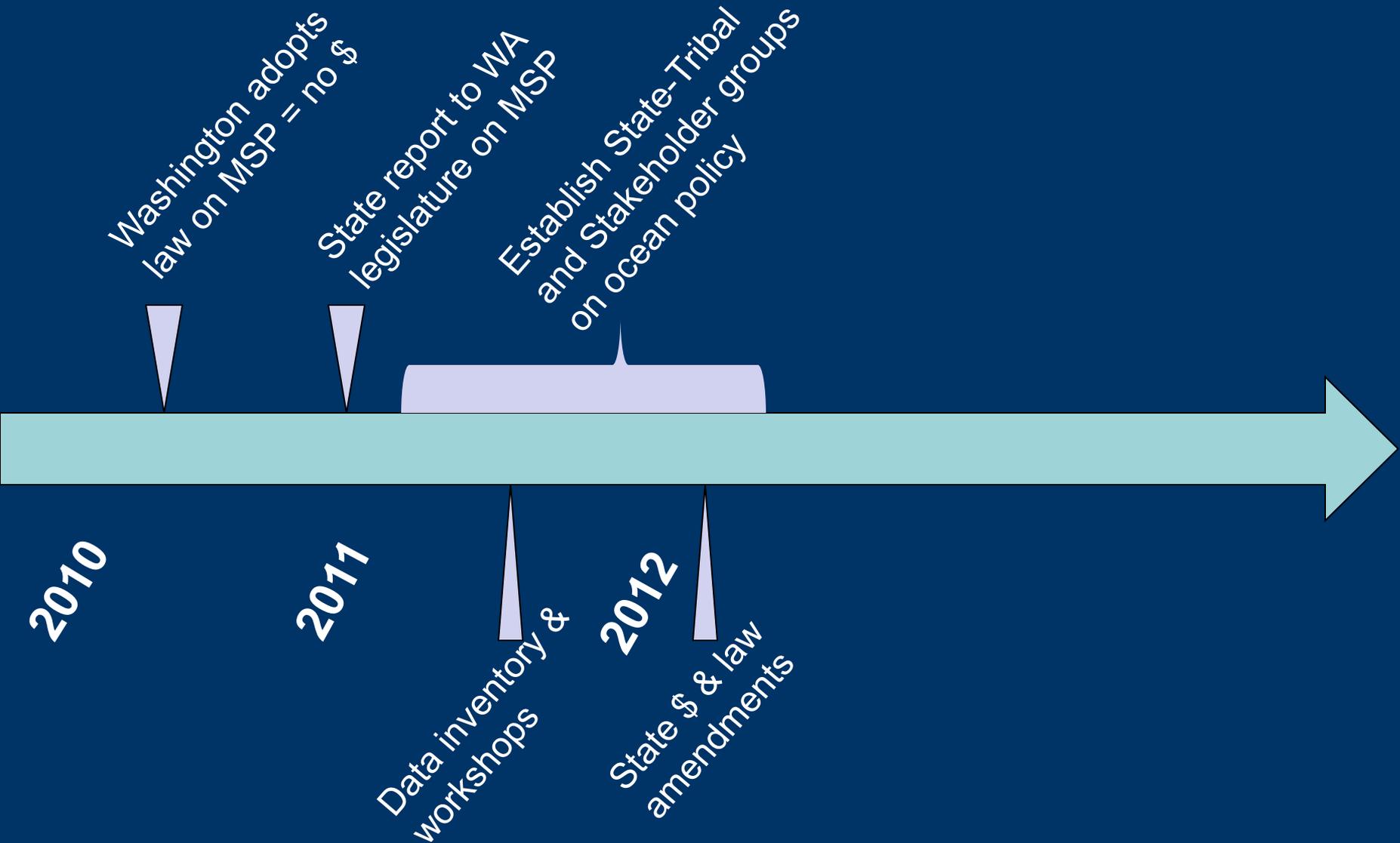
General recommendations for how the state should proceed with MSP, including:

- Renewable energy as key driver
- Separate plans for large regions:
Coast, Puget Sound, Columbia River
- Goals and objectives
 - Consistent with existing state policies and programs (integration and non-regulatory)

Planning is a Public Process



Status: Where have we been?

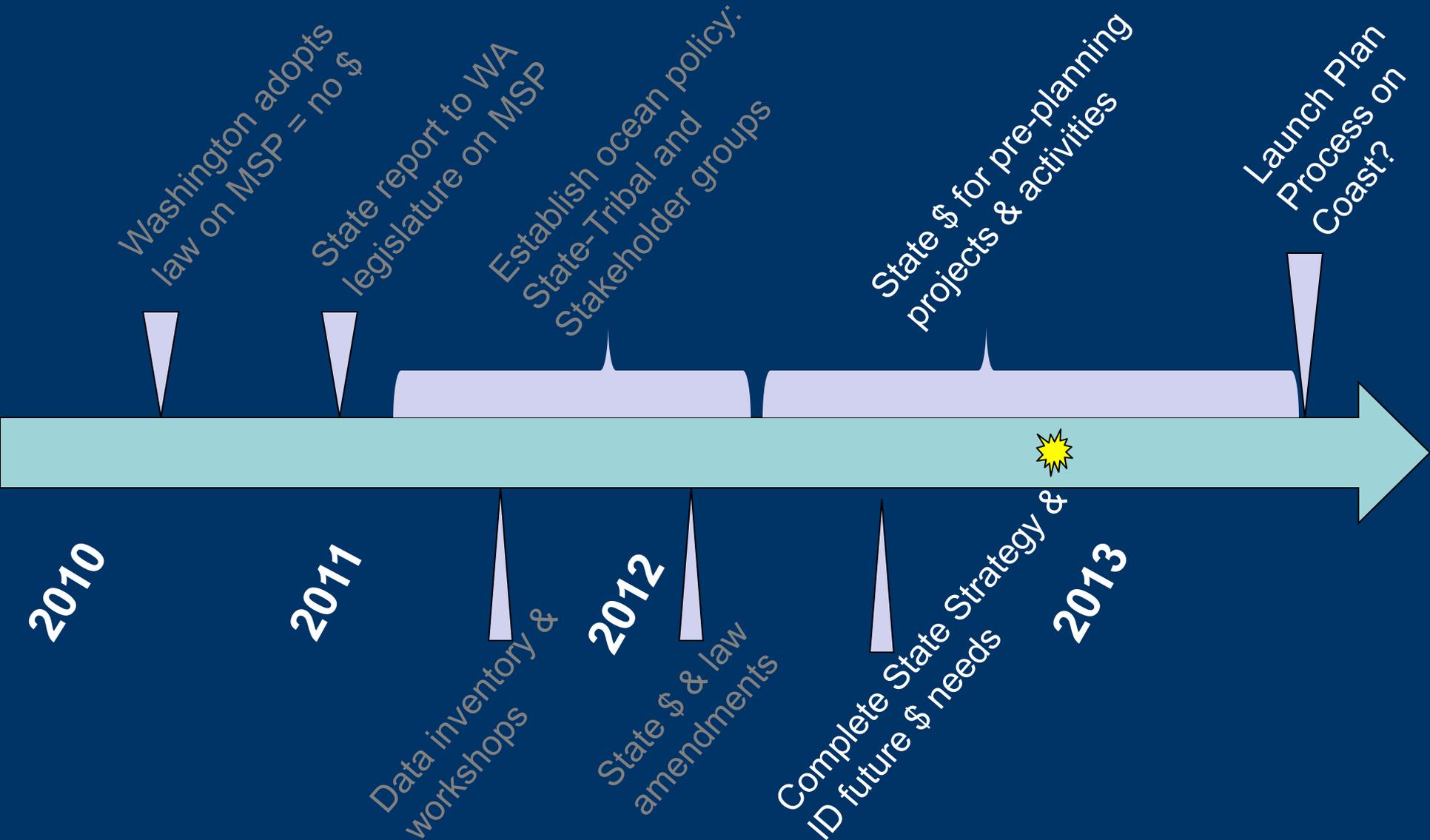


MSP funding categories

- A. Mapping Activities
- B. Ecosystem Assessment – status, trends, risks, indicators of health
- C. Data tools
- D. Stakeholder engagement

Engaged coastal Marine Resource Committees, tribes, stakeholders (advisory council) and agencies in project priorities for funding.

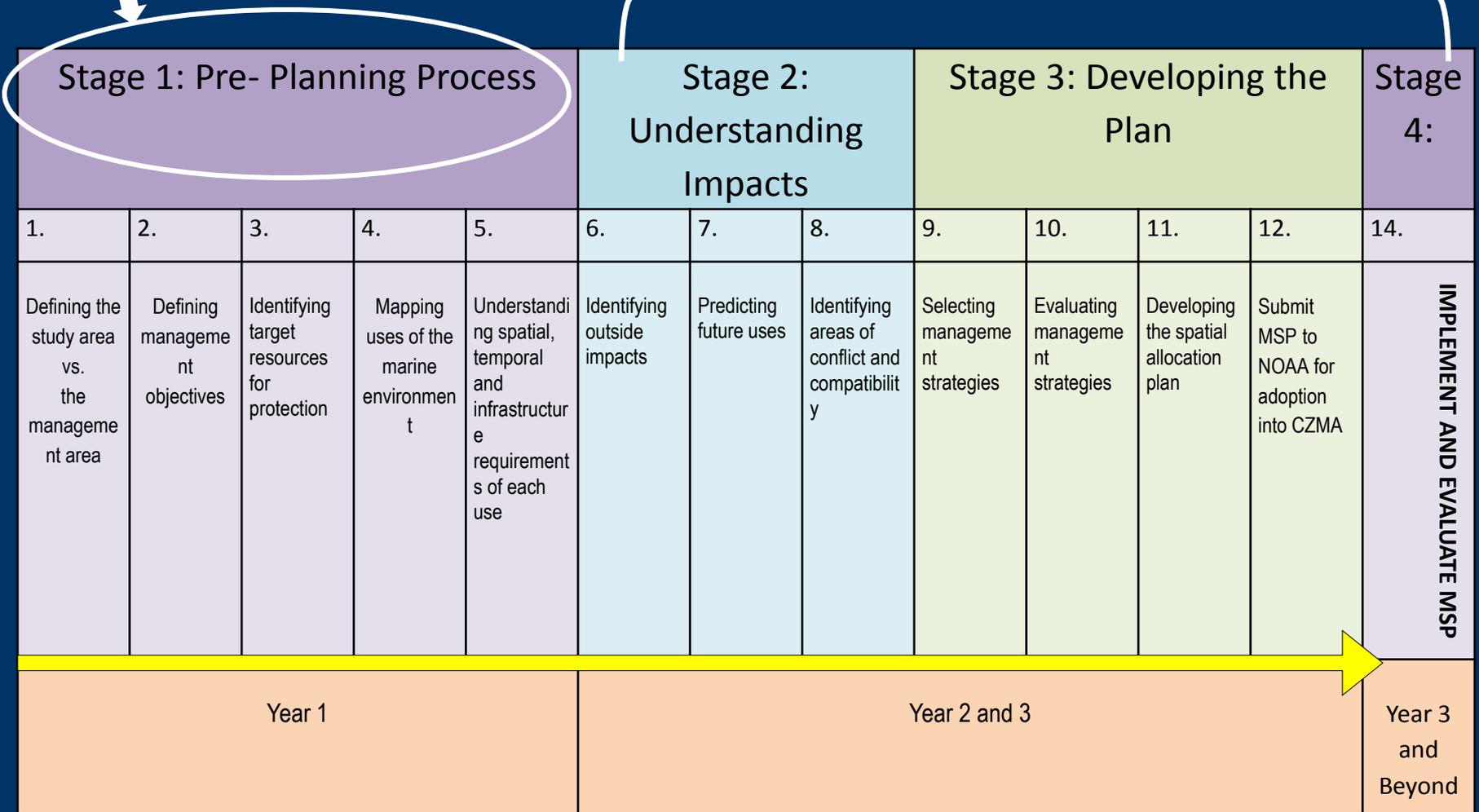
Status: Where are we going?



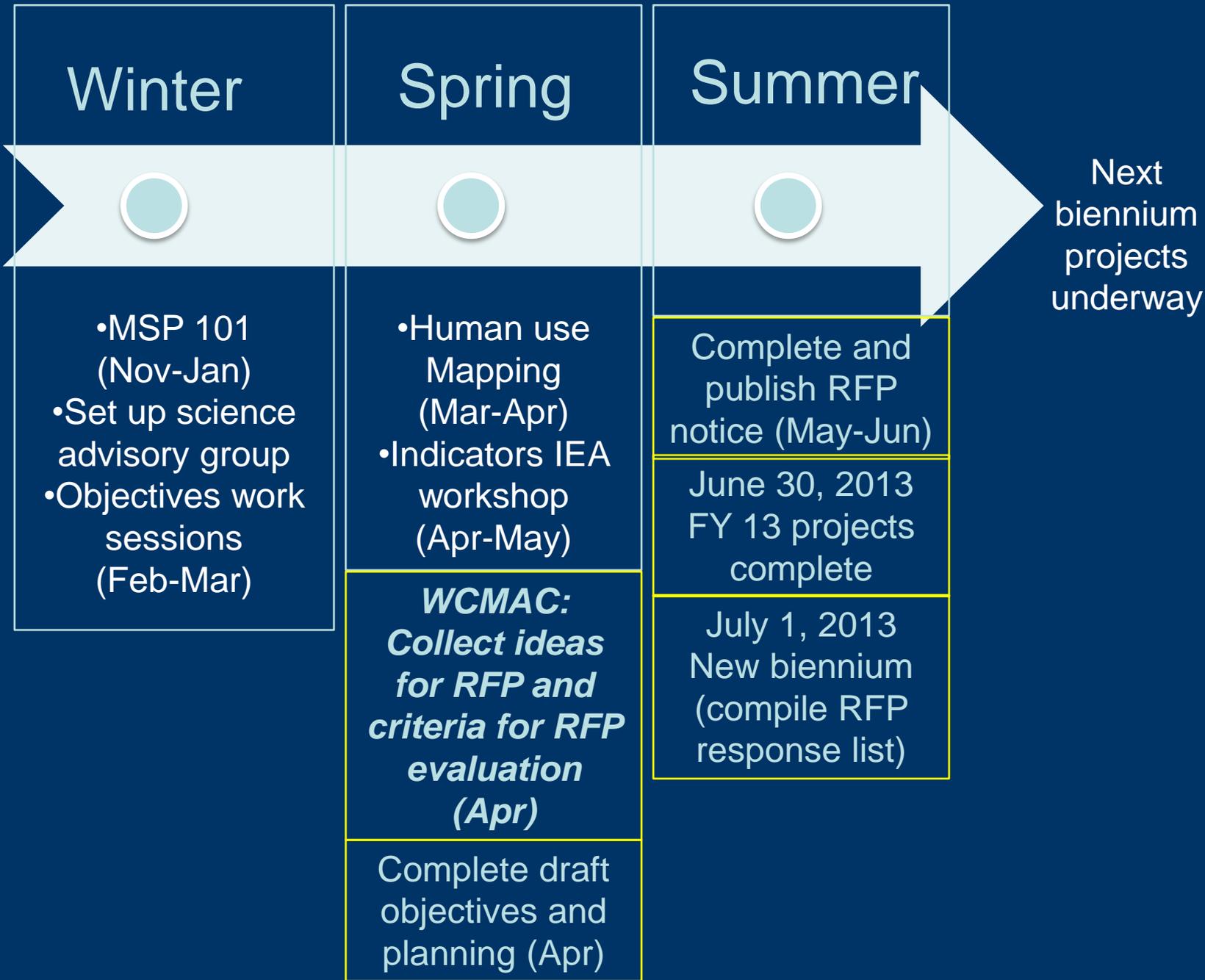
Now – June 2013

Draft Process Timeline

Requires ongoing \$



DRAFT MSP Timeline - June 2013



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