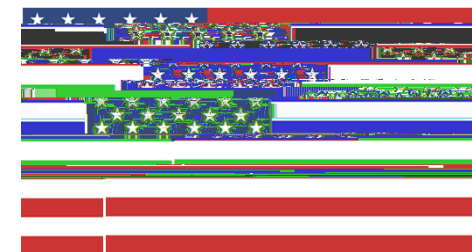




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MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- Multiple MPA programs managed by multiple agencies (National Marine Sanctuaries, National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, state programs)
- NOAA/ONMS: National Marine Sanctuaries
 - 15 sites protecting nationally significant resources across U.S. waters
 - Program focuses on resource protection, science, & education
 - Strong public engagement through site based advisory councils

Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- For National Marine Sanctuaries:
 - Currently establishing 2 new sanctuaries focused on historic shipwrecks
 - Expanding/management plan updates for Flower Garden Banks (Gulf

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