West Coast Priorities, FY20

- Reflects priorities of the sites and regional office
- Involves 2 or more units:
  Regional Office
  Olympic Coast
  Cordell Bank
  Greater Farrallones
  Monterey Bay
  Channel Islands

15,333 square miles of marine protected areas
Reduce Whale Ship Strikes
Reduction of whale-ship strike risk along west coast sanctuaries, primarily through voluntary/incentive-based measures; Improved scientific data on whale movement and distribution patterns; Improved tracking of ships; Engage in multi-agency, multi-stakeholder, marine spatial planning to address impacts.
Deep Sea Coral Initiative
Increase awareness about DSC and utilize Sanctuary DSC school curriculum

Work with NOAA partners on research opportunities

Provide relevant DSC information to the PFMC
Characterization of Sound/Soundscape
Understanding of sanctuary soundscape through coordinated system-wide approach to sound research and management
Climate Change
Objective: Enhance understanding of observed and predicted impacts from climate change and improve understanding of ocean acidification on sanctuary resources.
LIMPETS (Long-term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students)

1) Coordinated and sustained implementation of LiMPETS across GF/MB/CI national marine sanctuaries (growing student scientists on our sanctuary shores)
Vessel Incidents
Improve understanding of vessel incidents and impact to sanctuary resources

Develop solutions to prevent vessel groundings

Increase the percentage of incidents for which the RP/Insurance pays for salvage thus reducing the percentage of incidents for which NOAA pays.
**Improve Enforcement Outcomes**

1) Fully document/quantify incoming complaints, suspected violations, and incident referrals to OLE; 2) Analysis/statistics of nature and scope of violation complaints and incident reports; 3) Increased enforcement of state/local statutes, ordinances, and regulations in sanctuaries; 4) Increased public compliance with sanctuary regulations; 5) Enhanced USCG enforcement of sanctuary regulations & support for resource protection; 6) Prepare robust impact statements that demonstrate injury to NMS resources 7) Increased collaboration with DOJ to prosecute complex sanctuary cases.
Blue Economy

1) Increased awareness about sustainable tourism and recreation opportunities within the national marine sanctuaries; 2) Plan for successful GIYS/VIYS 2020 with increased attendance from 2019; 3) Compile a recommendation document for adapting a program like Blue Star for West Coast sanctuaries (aka Whale Tail Business Recognition Program in MBNMS).
Signage Plan
1) Create a systematic approach to maintaining West Coast sanctuaries signage plan, updating with current priority needs and identifying strategic opportunities for enhancing sanctuary messaging
Veteran Engagement
1) Learn more from veterans on how they could best engage with national marine sanctuaries to better inform Outcome 2; 2) Engage veterans in sanctuary programs by increasing participation in volunteer programs and events.