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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 of Mexico), Florida Keys, Monitor (Mid Atlantic)
  - Evaluating how to continue to advance mission in light of COVID-19
  - Planning for 50th anniversary in 2022 - vision for the next 50 years