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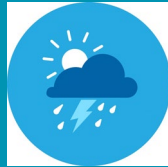
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**SANCTUARIES**

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# OUR ORGANIZATION



**National  
Ocean Service**



**National  
Weather Service**



**National  
Environmental  
Satellite, Data, and  
Information Service**



**National  
Marine  
Fisheries Service**



**Office of  
Marine & Aviation  
Operations**



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Oceanic &  
Atmospheric  
Research**



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# NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM



# OUR MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES



In managing the sanctuary system, we seek to:

- conserve for future generations ocean and Great Lakes areas of special national significance
- strike a balance between resource protection and sustainable uses
- employ innovative, transparent, & community-based problem solving with a focus on non-regulatory solutions
- customize management actions to meet the needs and features of individual sanctuaries
- enhance our efforts through a diverse array of partnerships
- use the best available science in our decision-making



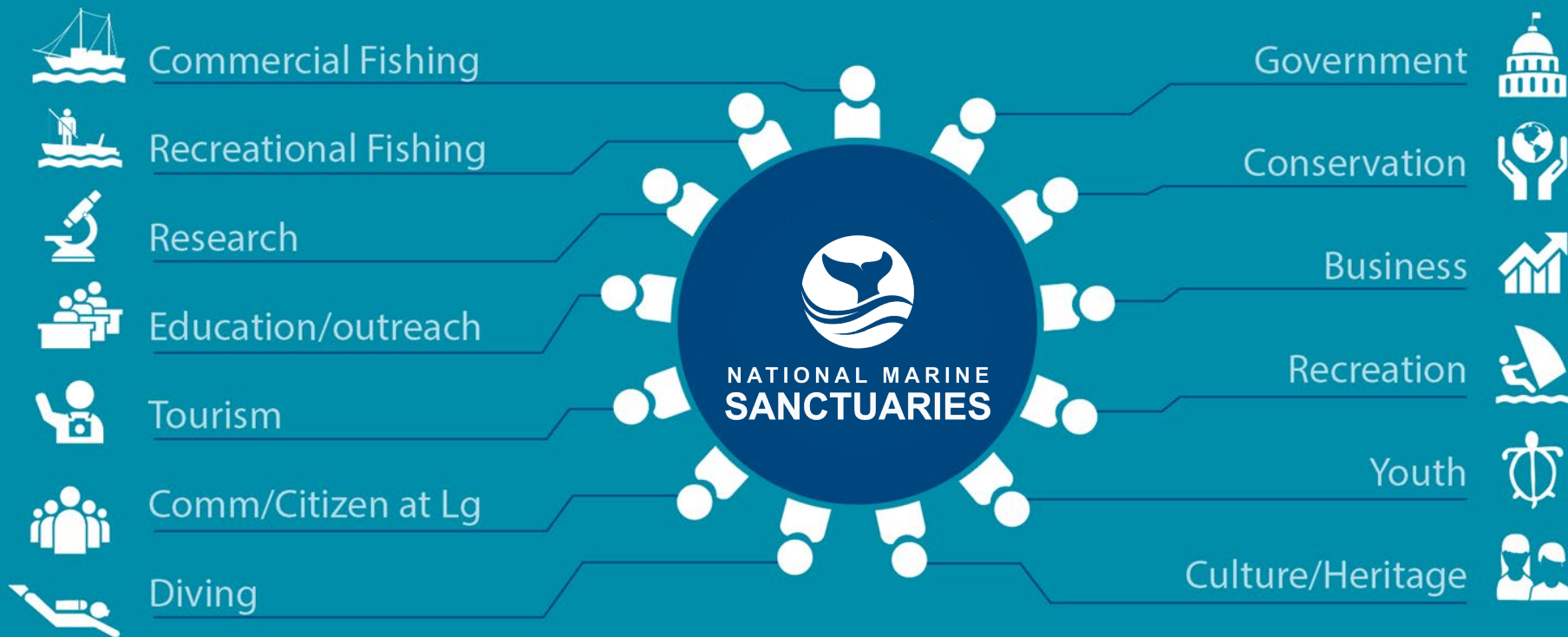
# OUR MANAGEMENT TOOLS



- Research & Monitoring
- Outreach & Engagement
- Maritime History & Heritage
- Volunteers
- Regulatory & Non-regulatory Programs
- Sanctuary Advisory Councils
- Recreation & Tourism
- Indigenous and Tribal Engagement
- Partnerships



# SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCILS



# MONUMENTS VS. SANCTUARIES



# DESIGNATION PROCESS (3-5 YEARS)



## Public Scoping Process

- 60 days for public to comment - closes August 8, 2022
- First phase of the process; NOAA begins to analyze and review public comments and questions and shape our initial proposal

## Development of Draft Documents

- Draft environmental impact statement
- Draft management plan & proposed rule
- Intergovernmental and stakeholder consultations
- Public review including public meetings

## Final Stage

- Final environmental impact statement
- Final management plan & rule





# NMSA SECTION 304(a)(5)



- Requires ONMS to “provide the appropriate Council with the opportunity to prepare draft fishing regulations as the Council may deem necessary to implement the designation”
- Council can
  1. recommend draft fishing regulations;
  2. recommend that fishing regulations are not necessary; or
  3. choose not to act on the matter
- We would like to start this process now so that we can incorporate your analysis and recommendation into the DEIS

# THE HUDSON CANYON NOMINATION



- **February 2016** - Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) submits nomination to NOAA
- **February 2017** - NOAA places nomination on inventory for potential sanctuary designation
- The WCS nomination states a sanctuary designation could:
  - support long-term conservation of marine wildlife and habitats
  - highlight and support sustainable economic uses of Hudson Canyon, including fishing
  - preclude uses such as oil, gas, and mineral extraction in the area
  - expand ocean education, outreach, monitoring and research programs in the area
  - bring together diverse organizations and provide a framework for local and regional partnerships.

# ABOUT HUDSON CANYON



- ~ 100 miles southeast of New York City
- Largest submarine canyon along the Atlantic coast
- 7.5 miles wide, reaches depths of 2.5 miles
- Steep slopes, diverse sediments, flux of nutrients, areas of upwelling
- Ecological hotspot for a variety and abundance of marine life
- Indigenous culture and history



# ABOUT HUDSON CANYON



- Nationally significant natural resources
  - Productive waters and habitats for many fish and invertebrates
- Threatened, endangered & protected species
  - Whales, turtles, deep sea corals
- Unique geological features
  - Rocky outcrops, boulders, and steep canyon walls
- Sense of place for coastal communities
- Maritime history and heritage





# NOAA's GOALS FOR THE PROPOSAL



- Support long-term conservation of the area's marine wildlife, habitats, and maritime cultural resources
- Highlight and promote sustainable uses of the area
- Work to identify and raise awareness of Indigenous connections to the area
- Expand ocean science and monitoring in, and education and awareness of the area
- Provide a platform for collaborative and diverse partnerships that support effective and inclusive long-term management of the area
- No boundaries or management actions proposed at this early phase; will be published as part of a DEIS in 12-16 months time

# NOAA IS SEEKING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON:



- Boundary options that meet the goals of the proposed designation
- The location, nature, and value of natural and cultural resources in the area under consideration
- Specific threats to these resources
- Information on the Indigenous and Tribal heritage of the area
- The non-regulatory actions NOAA should prioritize within its draft management plan for the proposed sanctuary
- The regulatory framework most appropriate for management of the proposed sanctuary
- The benefits to the “blue economy” of the region, including promoting sustainable tourism and recreation
- A permanent name for the proposed sanctuary

# SUBMITTING SCOPING COMMENTS



## Submit Electronic Comments

- Submit all electronic public comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)
- Docket number: NOAA-NOS-2022-0053
- Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments

## Submit Written Comments

- Mail to: LeAnn Hogan, NOAA Sanctuaries Eastern Regional Office  
1325 East-West Highway  
SSMC-2, #3337  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

# SCOPING MEETINGS



## Virtual public meeting #2

- Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 5:00 pm ET

## In person public meeting #1

- Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:30 pm
  - Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House, Naval Officers Room
  - 1 Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004

## In person public meeting #2

- Thursday, July 21, 2022, 6:30 pm
  - Monmouth University, Urban Coast Institute, Edson Building Atrium - E201
  - 400 Cedar Ave. West Long Branch, NJ 07764





<https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/hudson-canyon/>