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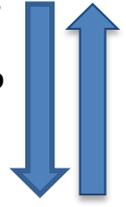
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OPC, OST, and OPC-SAT Coordination

**Ocean Protection Council
– Science Advisory Team
(OPC-SAT)**

Provides science advice to OPC via science advisor



OST provides policy insight back to SAT on OPC initiatives and projects

Ocean Science Trust (OST)

Provides policy insight on state priorities, requests science services



Provides science services and science advisor

Ocean Protection Council (OPC)

- CA Resources Agency
- California EPA
- State Lands Commission
- Legislature
- Public

State Coastal Conservancy (SCC)



Provides governance and oversight



Ocean Science Trust Board





A Vision for Our Ocean and Coast

Ocean Protection Council Strategic Plan

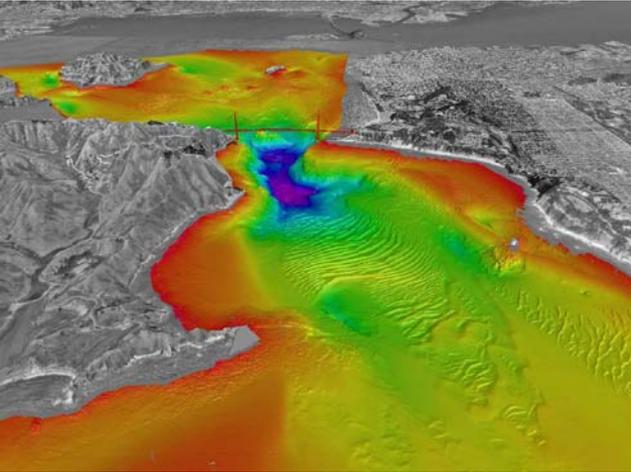
Developed with input from:
Council members,

- Agency Steering Committee
- OPC Science Advisory Team
- state & federal agencies
- tribes & tribal communities
- members of the public

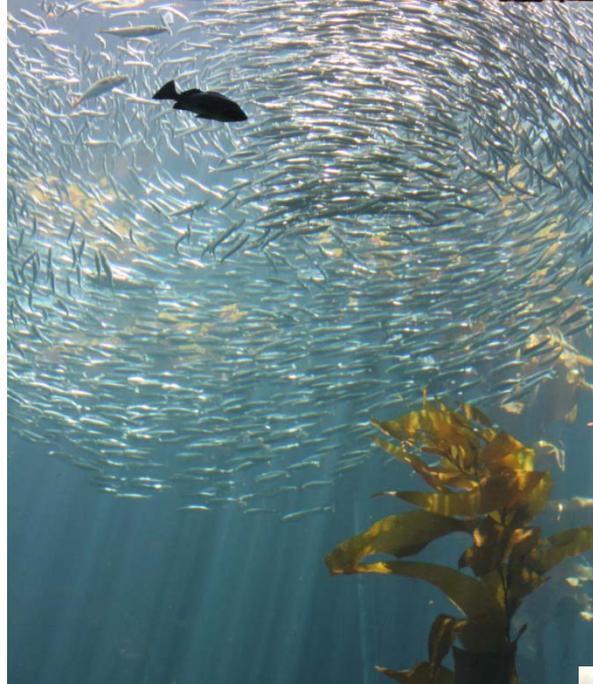
Five-Year Strategic Plan
2012 – 2017

Five Focal Areas

Science Based Decision Making



Marine Ecosystems



Credit: Scott Toews, OPC Staff

Climate Change



Credit: Santa Monica Baykeeper

Land Based Impacts on the Ocean



Credit: Heal the Bay

Existing & Emerging Uses of Ocean



Credit: Chad King, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Opportunities

- Sea Level Rise and Climate Change
- Land/Sea Connection
- Desalination





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