

Welcome to the
West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health
Executive Committee Meeting

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2012 ExComm Survey

- Three goals to achieve in 2 years
 - Prioritize
 - Create awareness of WCGA
 - Define, repurpose, clarify
 - Partnerships
- Obstacles
 - Lack of resources
 - Lack of clarity

2012 ExComm Survey (continued)

- Opportunities that exist to meet goals
 - Improved clarity and functionality
 - Increased funding and Governor-level support
 - Outreach and engagement
- Critical roles for WCGA
 - Communication
 - Collaboration
 - Coordination

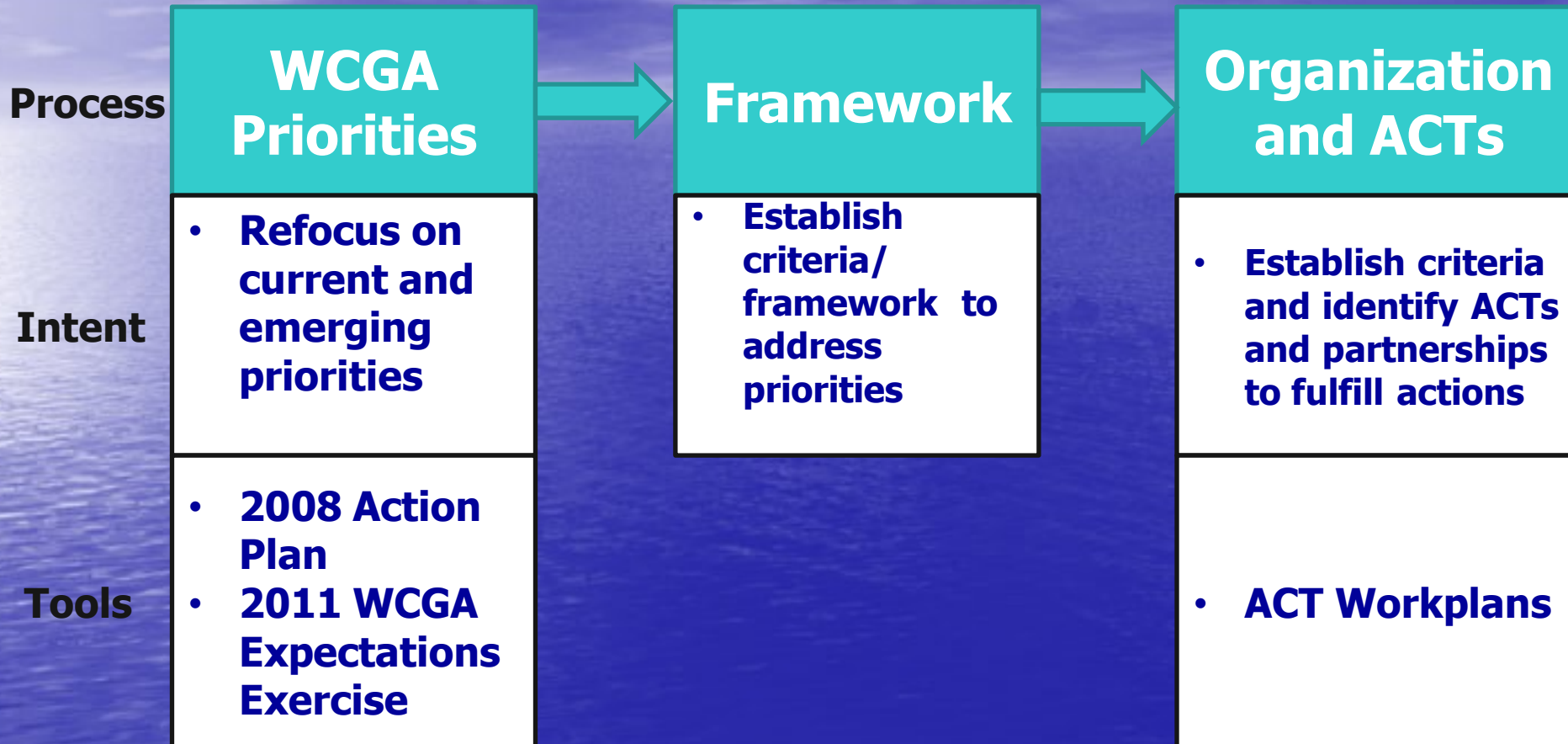
2012 ExComm Survey (continued)

- Changes to WCGA structure/function
 - ACT function, criteria, and purpose
- What changes need to occur?
 - Establish goals and priorities framed in terms of outcomes
 - Create an efficient structure and function
 - Reengage governors
 - Improve existing partnerships
 - Create new partnerships

Introductions

- Name
- Organization and Position
- Role with WCGA

WCGA – Day 1 Roadmap



WCGA Action Coordination Teams

- **Climate Change**
- **Integrated Ecosystem Assessments**
- **Marine Debris**
- **Ocean Awareness and Literacy**
- **Polluted Runoff**
- **Regional Data Framework**
- **Renewable Ocean Energy**
- **Seafloor Mapping**
- **Sediment Management**
- ***Spartina* Eradication**
- **Sustainable Coastal Communities**

ACT Status Updates

- Achievements and highest priorities
- Support – by WCGA, funding, home agency
- Existing and emerging challenges
- Current activity level and recommendations for the future

Key Priorities (from 2011 exercise)

- Climate
- Working Waterfronts
- Energy
- Marine Transportation

WCGA Action Plan – Priority Areas

1. Ensure Clean Coastal Waters and Beaches
2. Protect and Restore Ocean and Coastal Habitats
3. Promote the Effective Implementation of EBM
4. Reduce Adverse Impacts of Offshore Energy Development
5. Increase Ocean Awareness and Literacy Among Citizens
6. Expand Ocean and Coastal Scientific Information, Research, and Monitoring
7. Foster Sustainable Economic Development in Coastal Communities

Priority Area 1: Ensure Clean Coastal Waters and Beaches

- Polluted Runoff
- Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia
- Marine Debris
- Oil Spill Prevention and Response
- Maritime Shipping Emission Controls

Priority Area 2: Protect and Restore Ocean and Coastal Habitats

- Habitat Protection and Restoration
- Marine Invasive Species

Priority Area 3: Promote the Effective Implementation of EBM

- Ecosystem-Based Management

Priority Area 4: Reduce Adverse Impacts of Offshore Energy Development

- Offshore Oil and Gas Operations
- Alternative Environmentally Sustainable Energy Development

Priority Area 5: Increase Ocean Awareness and Literacy Among Citizens

- Ocean Awareness and Literacy

Priority Area 6: Expand Ocean and Coastal Scientific Information, Research, and Monitoring

- Regional Marine Research
- Ocean Observing and Long-term Monitoring
- Seafloor Mapping

Priority Area 7: Foster Sustainable Economic Development in Coastal Communities

- Working Waterfronts and Sustainable Coastal Economies
- Regional Sediment Management

Existing Partners and Initiatives

- Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems
- Ecosystem-Based Management Network
- Sea Grant Program
- Pacific Coast Collaborative
- Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Pacific States-British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force
- Pacific Ballast Water Group
- Others?