

# **External Evaluation of OCNMS Institutional Relationships**



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# Agenda



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### Experience

- Ecological data collection and analysis
- Environmental education
- News reporting

### Interests

- Collaborative resource management
- Environmental conflict resolution
- Strategies for consensus building

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# What is a Master's Project?



- 12-month team-based project
- Focused on the needs of a client
- Interdisciplinary, problem-solving experience
- Free labor for clients



# Connection To OCNMS Management Plan:



- A priority identified in the Draft Management Plan was to achieve effective collaborated and coordinated management (page 35).
- To begin working towards this goal, we are completing the External Evaluation as described on page 37:

**“Strategy CCM1:** Evaluate the contribution of OCNMS□’s institutional relationships to the management of resources within OCNMS.

**Activity A:** Bring in an independent organization to conduct an external evaluation of OCNMS□’s institutional relationships in order to obtain fresh insights, and to assess and support programmatic improvements in management of resources in the sanctuary.

**Activity B:** Report to the IPC and AC on the findings of the evaluation, and seek advice on potential improvements.”

# The Project

## Evaluating Sanctuary Relationships

- Who does OCNMS work with?
- How have its relationships contributed to OCNMS accomplishments?
- What has been challenging?
- How can these relationships be strengthened?
- What indicators could OCNMS use to measure the success of its relationships?
- How might climate change affect the relationships?



# Status and Next Steps



## Status

- We've talked to some of you
- We need to talk to more of you!



## Next steps

- Phone conference call interviews in late September-Early October
- The informational interviews will inform a survey that will be sent out in early November
- Data collection and analysis in December
- Results presented to OCNMS partners in March

# What we need from you?



To evaluate the partnerships, we will need:

- A small amount of your time
- Your candid ideas, opinions and suggestions

**Please Remember: We will respect your right to privacy and will not divulge your responses to anybody unless we receive your permission.**

**Success Depends on Your Participation!**

# Today's Mini-Survey:



Please take a 5 minutes to complete the mini survey before you leave today! Put them in the manila envelope!

Your responses will inform the survey that we distribute in early November!

**The End.**



**Questions for us today?**

**Please contact us with additional  
questions or comments:**

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