



The Sanctuary Advisory Council: Connecting Marine Sanctuary Managers with the Community to Plan for Climate Change

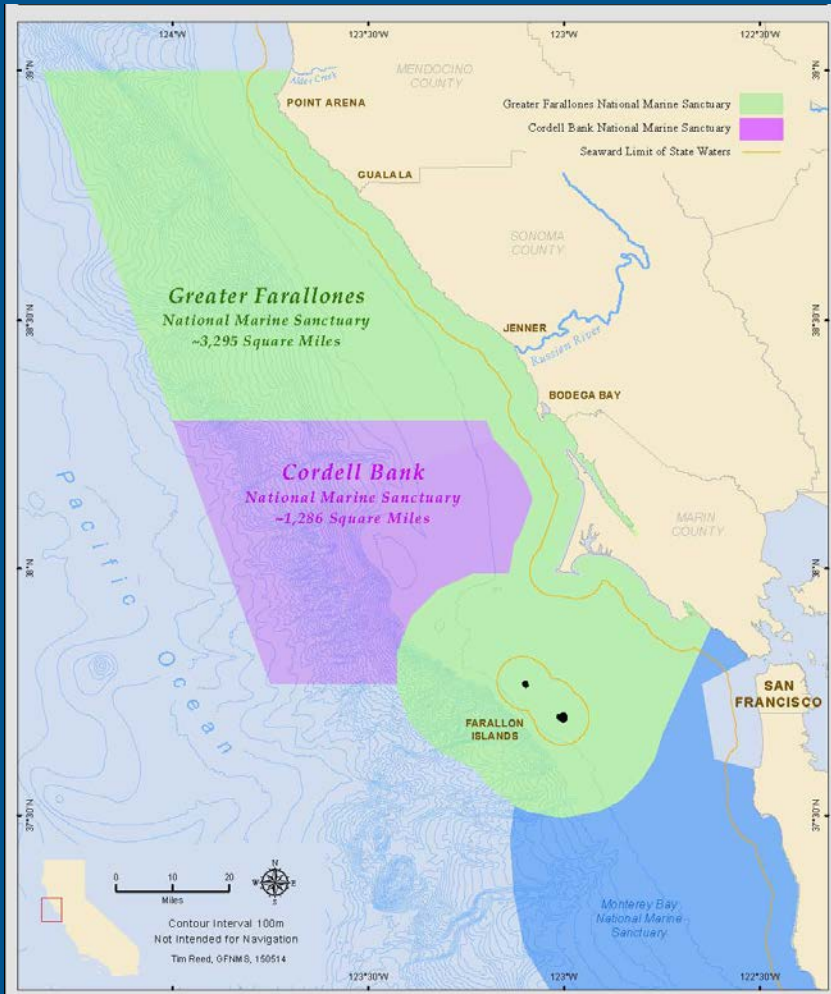
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Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary



- Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (NOAA)
- 1 of 4 California Sanctuaries
- 3,295 square miles
- Open ocean, tidal flats, rocky intertidal, estuarine wetlands, subtidal reefs, and beaches
- Breeding/feeding grounds for:
 - 25 E&T species
 - 36 marine mammal species
 - > 1/4 million breeding seabirds
 - Significant white shark population

The Sanctuary Advisory Council: A Critical Boundary “Organization”

Community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to sanctuary superintendents.



Conservation
Research
Youth

Tourism
Fishing
Community-at-large

Education
Boating/shipping

Harbors
Recreation
Government

Councils are supported by working groups composed of outside experts to tackle specific issues.

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- Effectively bridging the gap between various community members, including scientific community and the federal government
- Ensuring community voices are heard and represented
- Vector for sharing climate information with diverse audience and management
- Forum for local to federal collaboration
- Leverage regional expertise

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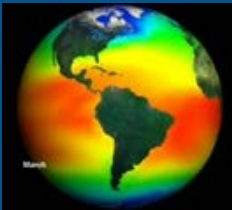
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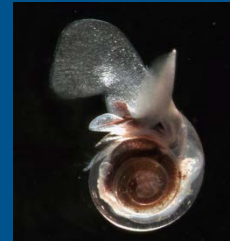
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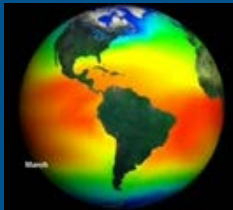
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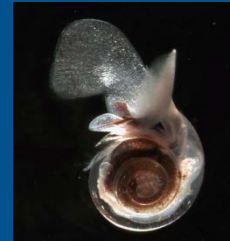
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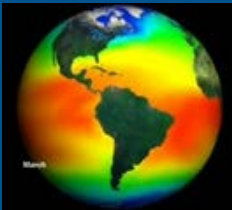
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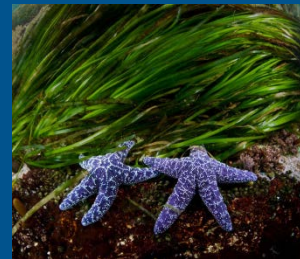
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Case Study: Adaptation Working Group

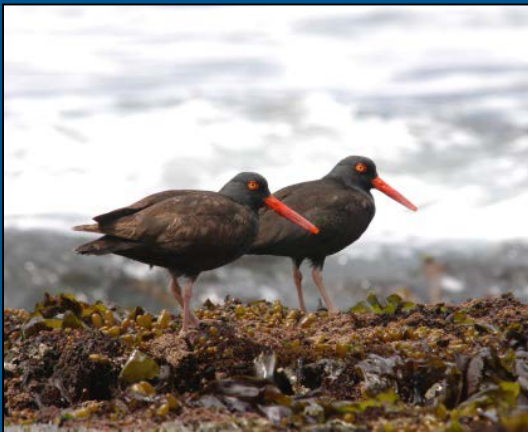
Develop collaborative, multi-benefit adaptive management actions in response to climate vulnerability assessments by regional experts.



Science Information: Climate Vulnerabilities

Two Decision-Support Workshops with regional scientists:

1. Define focal resources
2. Assess resource vulnerability



Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for the North-central California Coast and Ocean

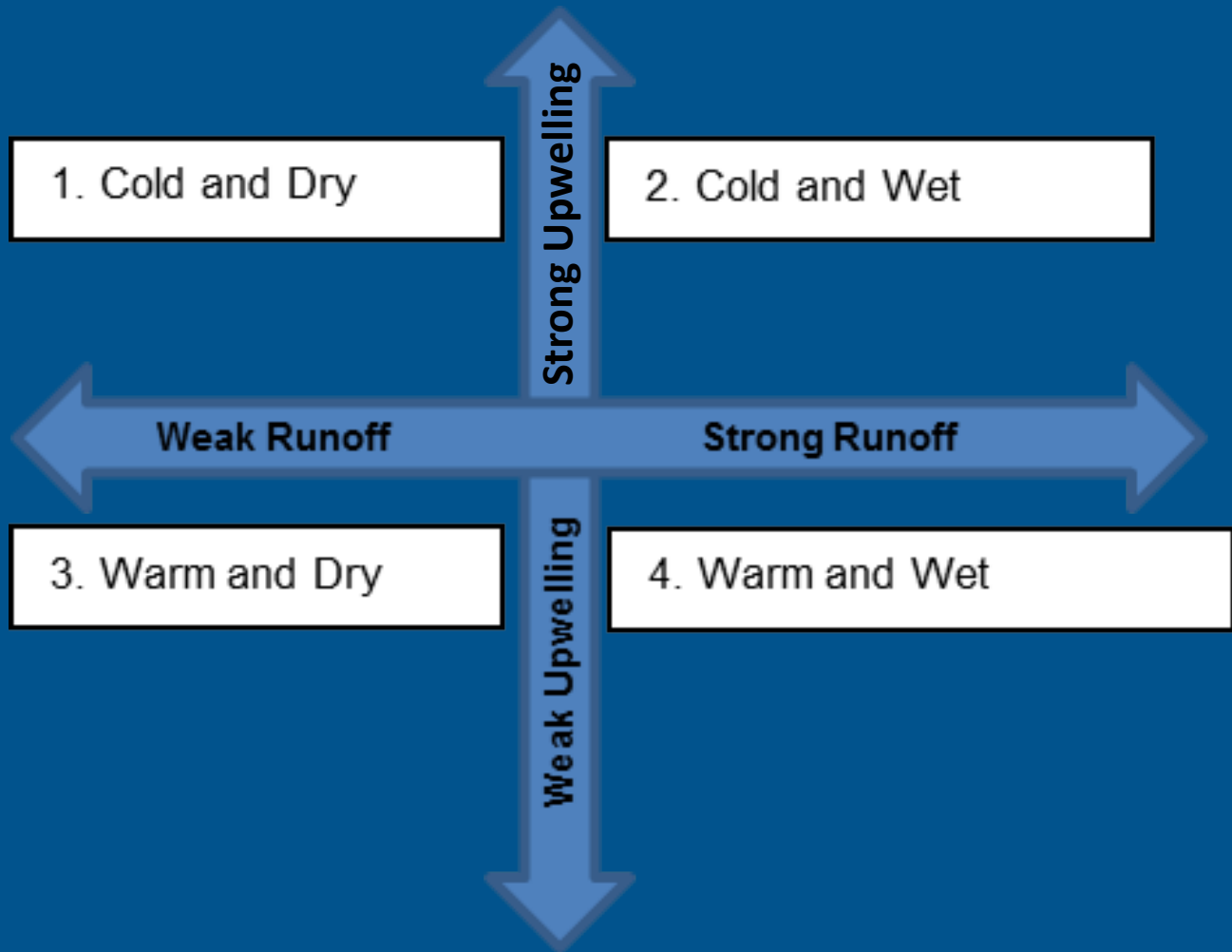


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Science Information: Climate Scenarios



Climate-Smart Adaptation Working Group

Federal: USFWS, CA LCC, National Park Service, GGNRA, NMFS, BLM, USGS

State: Coastal Commission, State Parks, State Coastal Conservancy, CDFW

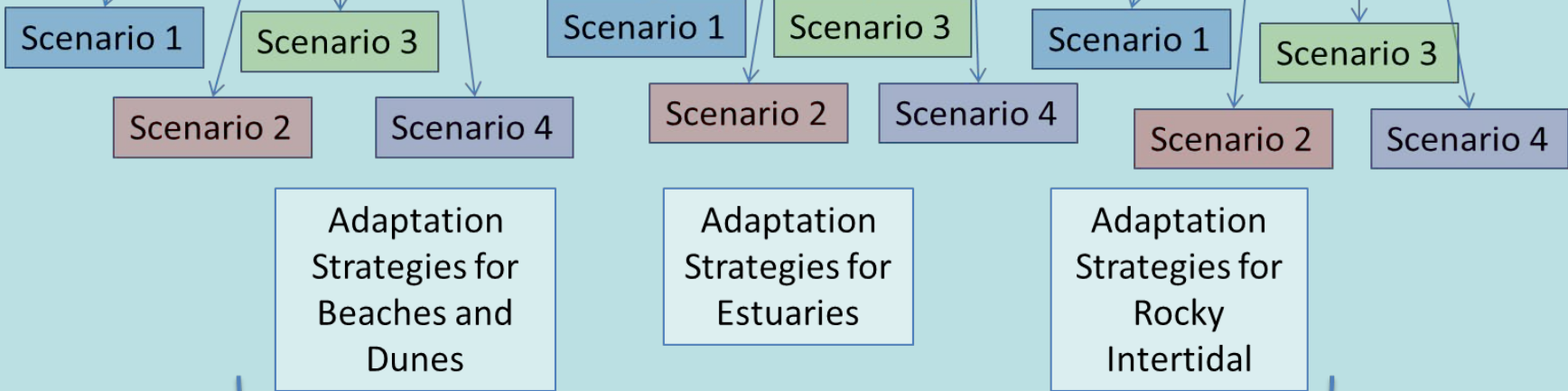
Local: San Mateo and Marin Counties

NGOs: Point Blue, BAECCEC, Greater Farallones Association

Academia: Bodega Marine Lab, Stanford University



Adaptation Options



Master list of recommendations

Climate-Smart Adaptation for North-central California Coastal Habitats

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Benefits:

- More robust outcomes
- Investment and buy-in from partners and community
- Regional expertise

Challenges:

- External process, staff cannot intervene
- Partners, partners, partners

Lessons learned:

- Involve as many partners as possible – whomever shows up gets the say
- Provide necessary resources

Thank you!

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