

Council Motion
D2 Area-based Management
April 9, 2022

The Council recommends that NPFMC representatives make the following comments at the CCC, with respect to the ongoing work of the CCC Area-based Management Subcommittee.

- The Council recommends that the CCC highlight the need for GIS funding to complete the work of the subcommittee. The calculation of total area closed is an important input to the America the Beautiful Act (ATB) guidance document and atlas, and GIS work to account for overlapping areas is needed.
- The Council recommends that the CCC Subcommittee report highlight that the implementation of conservation areas is most effective when developed through ground-up collaborations taking place over many years, with diverse stakeholder and agency involvement, and that the CCC encourage the Departments of Commerce and the Interior to consider a bottom-up approach to identifying important areas for ATB.