

“Marine Spatial Planning: International and National Perspectives”

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Ms. Geiger focused on a Coastal Services Center initiative, Marine Spatial Planning:

- Marine uses and rights – showed a diagram of vertical air/water column
 - o Allocates marine space for specific uses; balanced approach between conservation, social, economic objectives
 - o One tool for ecosystem-based management
 - o Ocean zoning; regulatory measure to implement spatial plan
- Ex: Used internationally, in Europe, Canada, Australia (for Great Barrier Reef)

She recommended a UNESCO Workshop publication; can find it on the Web at <http://ioc3.unesco.org/marinesp/>.

She also referenced work in Massachusetts, where a broad management plan for state waters is under development.

She closed by saying that the Coastal Services Center has two, related focus areas: marine boundary making and decision-support tools.