



Save Our Seas Act

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Act

What stays the same?

- Existing program elements
- Authorization of appropriation level =\$10M

What changes? Areas of Emphasis

- Interagency Collaboration
- Emergency Response: Severe Marine Debris Events
- International Action



Program Pillars

- Removal
- Prevention
- Research
- Emergency Response
- Regional Coordination



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Interagency Collaboration

IMDCC

- Add **Department of Interior** and **Department of State** as official members

Develop outreach & education strategies with Federal agencies

- Exploring opportunities with NPS





Severe Marine Debris Event Implementation

Develop Interpretive Guidance Doc

- Definitions – what is a SMDE?
- Criteria for making a determination
- Process for making declaration





Questions?



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