# Making Connections: NEP-Marine Lab Collaborations

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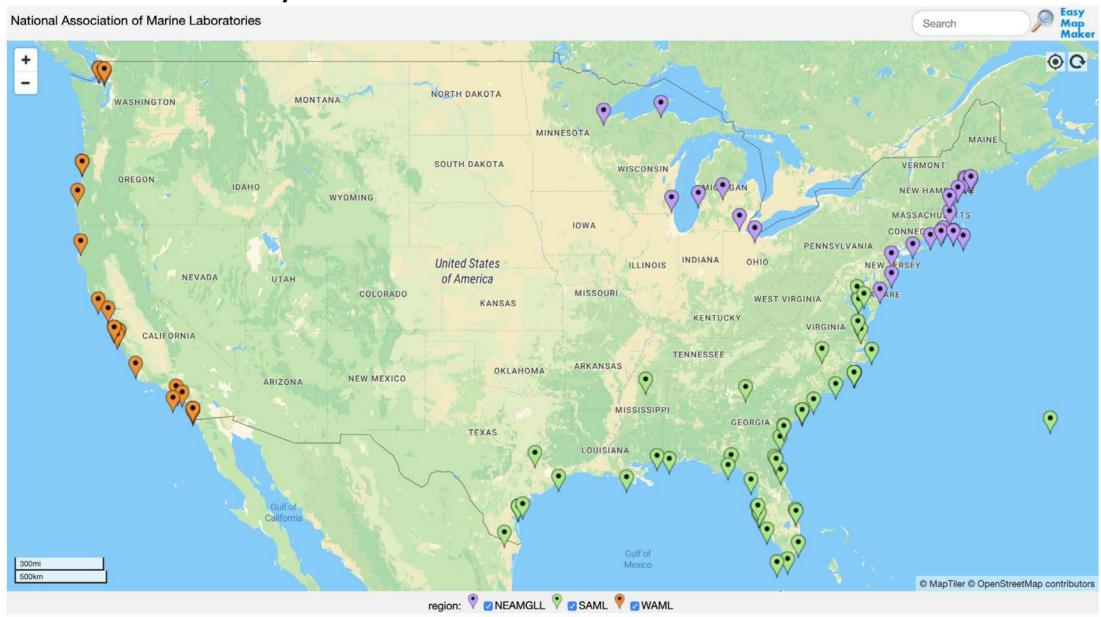
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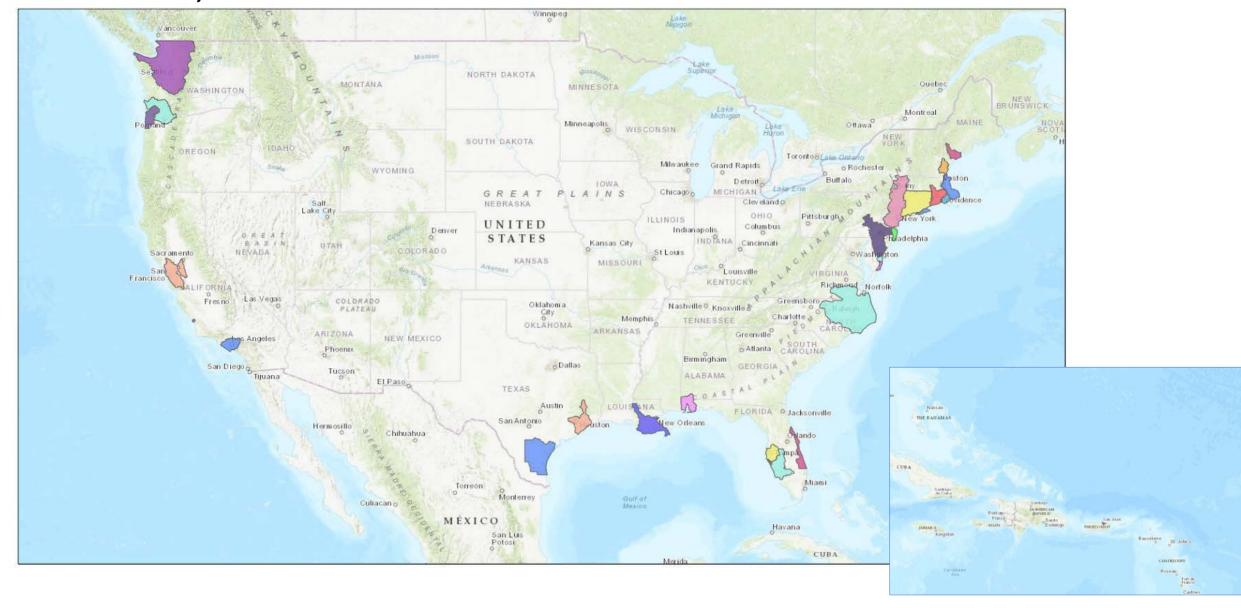




## You're everywhere...



### We are, too!



## Marine Labs already contribute to NEP governance and structure

Serving in governance and advisory roles:

- Sea Grants
- University-based marine labs
- NOAA Fisheries

Hosting individual NEPs:

- Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- U. New Hampshire
- U. Maine

#### And collaborate through programming

#### Education & outreach:

- Broader impact
- Stakeholder engagement
- Bridging research-policy gaps

#### Research:

- Field studies
- Monitoring & sample analysis
- Pilot programs
- Regional assessments





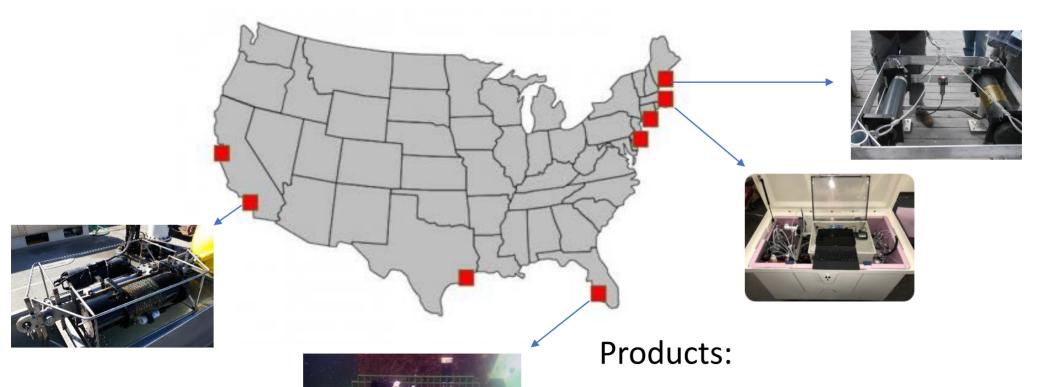






#### NEP Coastal Acidification Monitoring Project

Continuous, autonomous sensing plus discrete sampling & analysis



- National guidelines for CA monitoring
- Report on "Lessons learned" (in prep)
- 3 years' monitoring data in the near-shore

#### Future ANEP-NAML Connections

- Program/science initiatives...
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