

An underwater photograph showing a group of divers swimming in clear blue water. The divers are wearing scuba gear, including tanks and masks. The lighting is bright, suggesting a shallow depth. The background is a deep blue, and the water appears calm.

How NOAA and DOI Have Used MPA Federal Advisory Committee Recommendations

April 6, 2015

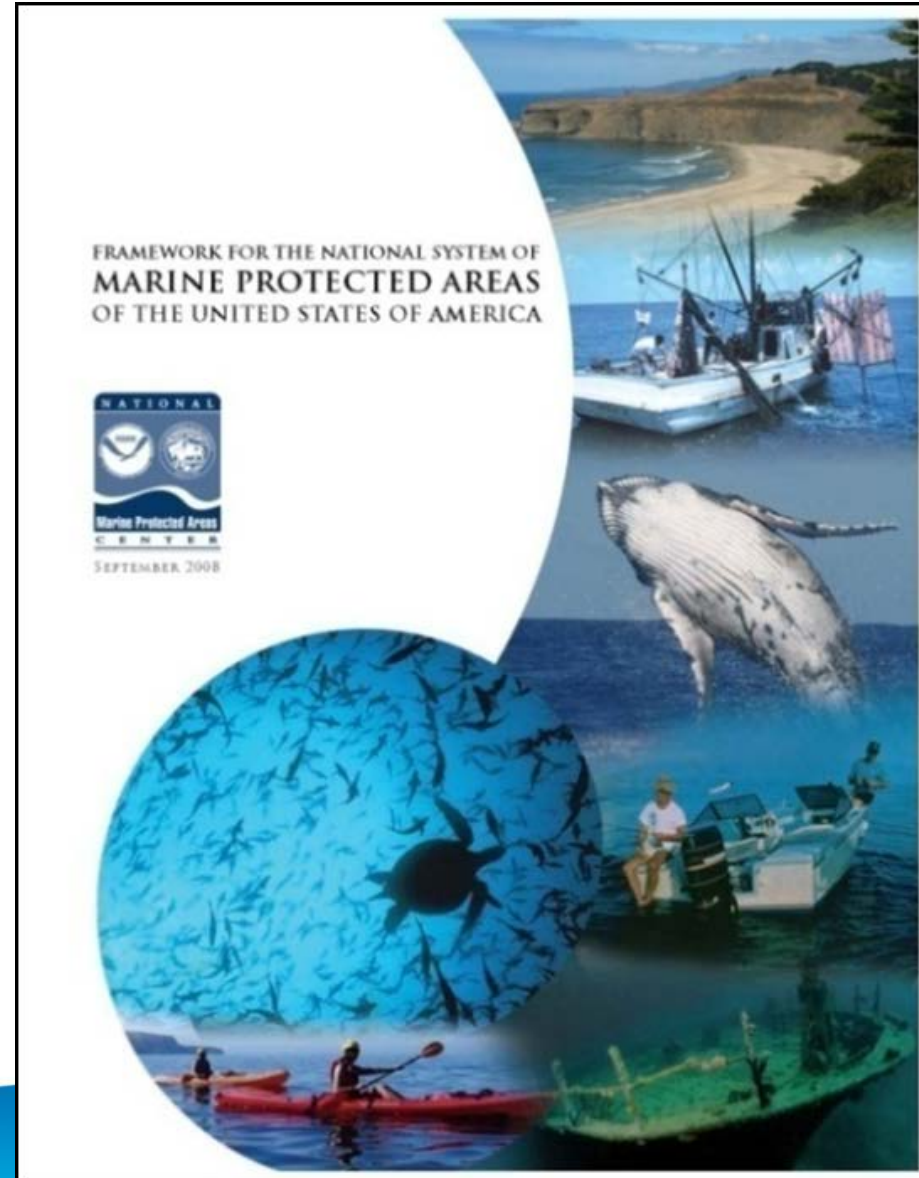
The Big Picture

- Key advice in developing National System Framework
 - Definition of MPA
 - Goals and objectives of the National System
 - Scope of National System
 - Process for establishing the National System



Updating the National System Framework

- Published in 2008
- Sets out goals, objectives and implementation process for the National System
- Major input from MPA FAC, 2003-2007



Why update the Framework?

- Experience from implementing the national system since 2008
- Input from MPA FAC on cultural resources
- Refocused scope of MPA Center role



Major Changes

- Shortened and streamlined language
- More recognition of cultural landscape approach and tribally managed areas and resources
- More focus on functions of the national system; less on operational processes
- MPA Center role focused on capacity building and support



MPA FAC Recommendations on Cultural Heritage Resources

- New eligibility criteria for cultural heritage MPAs
 - Tribal and indigenous designations
 - Cultural landscapes
- New definition of cultural heritage (less focus solely on maritime heritage)
- New definitions of marine cultural resource, tribe, indigenous peoples and cultural landscape



Framework for the National System of Marine Protected Areas of the United States of America




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A Closer Look at Marine Protected Areas




Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge – the nation's largest refuge is home to 80% of Alaska's seabirds.



Stories of Special Places

Marine protected areas are special places in our oceans. Whether they've

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Glacier Bay National Park, Michael Hogan/TizzyLish Photography

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How Representative are U.S. Marine Protected Areas?

MPA FAC Recommendations on Recreation

- “Recommendations for Managing Recreational Use to Sustain the Natural and Cultural Assets of U.S. Marine Protected Areas”
 - Drafted in June 2014 in response to a DOI/DOC charge and drawing from insights shared by MPA managers
- **“Call to Action” - Destination MPAs: Sustaining America’s Most Treasured Ocean Places for Recreation and Stewardship**
 - Jointly drafted by MPA FAC and Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs in June 2014, and independently approved by council votes this past December.

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Calls for Action on Managing Recreational Uses

Posted on July 16, 2014 - 3:26pm, by cmwahle

**We
heard
your
call...**



Outdoor recreation is growing rapidly throughout the U.S. and recreation along our coasts and in our ocean is no exception. To highlight the recreational opportunities created by the nation's marine protected areas (MPAs) and the need for proactive agency actions to ensure sustainable management of the natural and cultural resources that attract these visitors, the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPA FAC) and the Chairs of the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils drafted a **"Call to Action"** in June 2014. This "Call to Action" recommends that the nation's ocean management agencies work actively with local communities to: 1) invite people to play (responsibly) in MPAs; 2) embrace the human dimension of ocean places; 3) sustain MPA ecosystems and values; and 4) engage recreational users as ocean stewards. In addition to its adoption by

the MPA FAC, the "Call to Action" is being presented to each of the 14 Sanctuary Advisory Councils for formal approval during Summer 2014. The MPA FAC also adopted **additional recommendations** on specific measures MPA managers can take to sustainably manage recreational activities.

- Communications
 - Coverage on MPA Center Website
 - Open Channels Blog
 - ONMS website and constituent update





MPA advisory groups urge sustainable management of nation's ocean recreation resources

The nation's leading advisory bodies on marine protected areas are urging ocean managers to promote the recreational value of marine protected areas for travel and tourism while managing these places in a sustainable manner.

This is the first time that both the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils have collaboratively drafted and approved a joint statement regarding priority actions for ocean management. In the resulting "Call to Action," the advisory bodies assert that recreation along America's coast and in the ocean and Great Lakes is growing rapidly, and that healthy, viable marine ecosystems are fundamental to successful ocean recreation and tourism.



More Information

[Call to Action - Destination Marine Protected Areas](#)

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Volunteers at Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary remove marine debris
NOAA



Recreational anglers participating in the annual Sanctuary Classic

Sanctuary Advisory Councils Join with MPA Federal Advisory Committee on Ocean Recreation "Call to Action"

From June to November 2014, the 14 Sanctuary Advisory Councils each formally endorsed the "Call to Action" on managing recreational uses developed by the MPA Federal Advisory Committee and the Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs at their joint meeting in June 2014. This marks the first time these MPA advisory bodies have worked together on advice for managing the nation's MPAs. The "Call to Action" calls on the nation's ocean management agencies to work with local communities to: 1) invite people to play (responsibly) in MPAs; 2) embrace the human dimension of MPAs; 3) sustain MPA ecosystems and values; and 4) engage recreational users as ocean stewards. NOAA and DOI are now looking at ways to implement these recommendations, including through the [Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation](#).

We heard your call...

- Staffing
- Action plan development



Recommended Actions...

1. Inviting people to play (responsibly) in marine protected areas
2. Embracing the human dimension of ocean places
3. Sustaining marine protected area ecosystems and values
4. Engaging recreational users as ocean stewards

Leadership Team Priority for FY2015

1. Inviting people to play (responsibly) in marine protected areas

Create a National *Get Into Your Sanctuary* event:

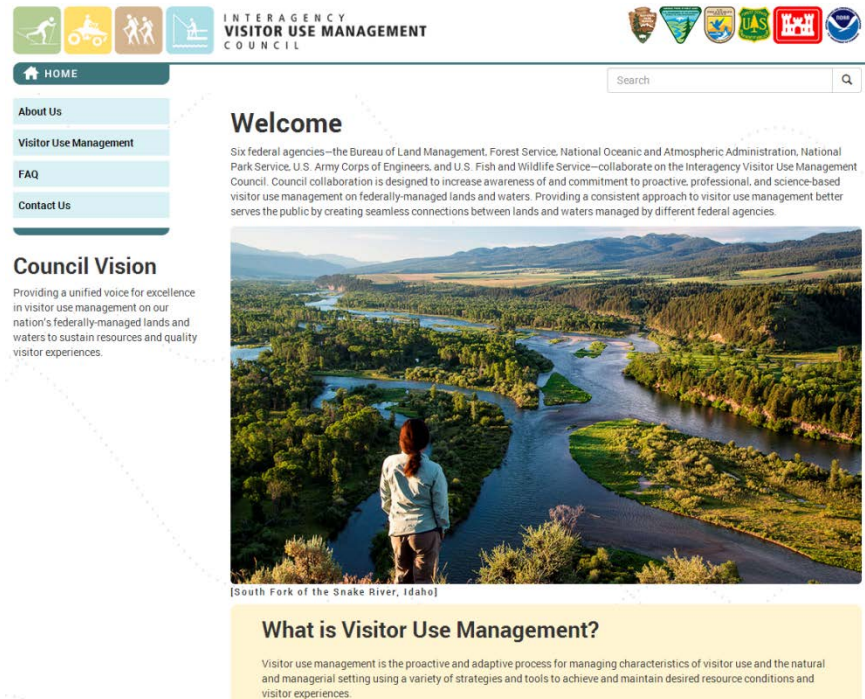
- Increase visibility of national marine sanctuaries as destinations for tourism and recreation through large-scale outreach to communities via social media (#VisitSanctuaries)
- Host members of congress on the same weekend and facilitate opportunity to take part in recreational activities
- Mark your calendars for weekend of June 27-28!

1. Invite people to play (responsibly) in MPAs

- National “Get into Your Sanctuary” event
- ONMS session at Marine & Coastal Tourism Conference (Hawaii)
- Sustainable tourism in MPAs – capacity development
- NOAA representation on interagency councils
 - Tourism Policy Council
 - Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (and Every Kid in a Park!)

2. Embrace the human dimension of ocean places

- MPA managers survey on expanding recreational uses
- Socio-economic studies
- NOAA representation on Visitor Use Management Council



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Welcome

Six federal agencies—the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—collaborate on the Interagency Visitor Use Management Council. Council collaboration is designed to increase awareness of and commitment to proactive, professional, and science-based visitor use management on federally-managed lands and waters. Providing a consistent approach to visitor use management better serves the public by creating seamless connections between lands and waters managed by different federal agencies.



[South Fork of the Snake River, Idaho]

What is Visitor Use Management?

Visitor use management is the proactive and adaptive process for managing characteristics of visitor use and the natural and managerial setting using a variety of strategies and tools to achieve and maintain desired resource conditions and visitor experiences.

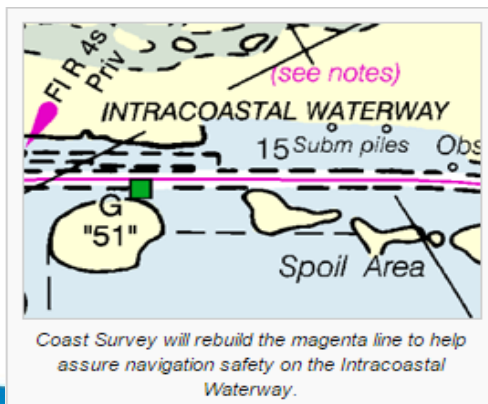
3. Sustain MPA ecosystems and values

- Capacity development
- Sanctuary management plan review
- Special use areas and zoning review...
- “Magenta Line”
- New NOAA Resilience \$\$



Managing Visitor Use in Coastal and Marine Protected Areas

Provides tools to identify and define unacceptable visitor use impacts to natural resources and visitor experiences



Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review

In response to requests by members of the public, shifting environmental conditions and threats in the Keys, better scientific information, and legal requirements, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is conducting a review of sanctuary regulations, including the rules and boundaries for marine zones in the sanctuary and surrounding national wildlife refuges.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council, working with public and community experts, is developing recommendations for changes to sanctuary marine zones and regulations. Using direction from



4. Engage recreational users as ocean stewards

- Strengthen & Expand Citizen science programs
 - Whale Count
 - Federal & NOAA Communities of practice
- Team OCEAN
- Eco-certification



Feedback?