# MPA Center Update

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## Recent Accomplishments

- Publications
  - Lessons Learned
  - Enforcement
  - Stakeholder Participation Synthesis
  - Decision Support Tool Inventory
- New and Expanded Capacity
  - Cultural Resources Coordinator
  - National System Coordinator
  - Regional Information Centers Coordinator
  - Tribal Coordinator
- Planning
  - Strategic Plan
  - FY05 Workplan
  - National System

## Plans for 2005

- 2005 Presidents Budget Request
  - \$3 M (40% reduction from 2004)

- Key Initiatives
  - National system planning, outreach & engagement
    - Federal Agency Workshop (Jan 2005)
    - Two State Workshops
      - West Coast (Feb 2005)
      - East Coast (Spring 2005)
    - Public "Listening Sessions"

## Plans for 2005

- Key Initiatives (cont)
  - Federal and state portion of Inventory
  - Development of web-based Regional Information Centers
  - Expanded focus on evaluating MPA effectiveness
  - Natural Science Strategy

### FAC Role in 2005

- Recommendations from FAC (June 2005)
  - contribute to National System Framework

- Request for FAC assistance on national system stakeholder input
  - Identify key stakeholders
  - Identify engagement opportunities (meetings, conferences)
  - Participate in regional meetings

## Future Issues for FAC

- FAC charter renewal (December 2004)
- FAC membership
  - Planning for continuity
- New charge to FAC: Summer 2005
  - Key component will be continuing to inform development of the national system of MPAs
  - TRANSITION HERE TO NATIONAL SYSTEM TALK]