External Review of MPA Center

Presentation to Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

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Why an External Review?

- MPA Center was established in 2000 – has never had an independent external review
- OMB's Program Rating Assessment Tool (PART) calls for external review
- National system is moving into a new phase – opportunity to refocus program as needed
- Improve performance
- Increase visibility



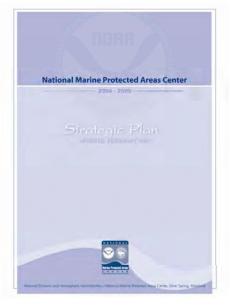
Proposed Scope of External Review

- Evaluate the success of the MPA Center in meeting the purposes of Executive Order 13158
- Provide recommendations that the MPA Center can use to improve its work

Presidential Documents
Executive Order 13150 of May 26, 2006
Marine Protected Areas
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Section 1, Program: This Essentitive Order will help pretest the significant national and cultural resources within the matrixe assumment for the benefit of present and future generations by strengthening and expanded and strength- ened comprehensive system of matrixe protocted areas (MPAs), an expanded and strength- ened comprehensive system of matrixe protocted areas throughout the matrixe environment would enhance the conservation of our Nation's natural and cultural matrixe horitoge and the ecologicality and economically sustainable area of the matrixe works, probables, and conservation of axiality matrix is also and the manageneous probables, and conservation of axiality mat- ing and the manageneous probables, and conservation of axiality ma- ing a scientifically hand, comprehensive national system of MPAs representing diverse U.S. matrixe accepters, and the Nation's matural and calurat essentifically hand, comprehensive national system of MPAs representing diverse U.S. matrixe accepters, and the Nation's matural and calurat essures; and (c) avoid, causing harm to MPAs through federally conducted approved, or funded activities.
See, J. Definitions: For the purposes of this order, [a] "Marine protected area", means any rate of the matrice anytoinment that has been reserved by Federal. State, territorial, it/but, or local laws or regulations to provide lasting protection for part or all of the natural and cultural resources therein. (b) "Marine environment" means those areas of costail and second waters, the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and submoring d land there- under, over which the United States overviews jurisdiction, consistent with international law.
(c) The term "Unified States" includes the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commenwealth of Paerte Nice, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American States, Giuta, and the Commensualth of the North- ern Marina Islands. Sec. 3. MPA Establishment, Protection, and Management, Each Federal agen-
cy whose suborities provide for the astabilishment or management of MiX- shall take appropriate actions to subsure or expand protection of existing MPAs and establish ar tesamannd, as appropriate, new MPAs. Agencies implementing this section shall concell with the agencies identified in sub- section 4(a) of this order, consistent with actifus peoplements.
Sec. 4. National System of MPAs. (a) To the extent parmitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the Department

Key Questions

- How successfully has the program addressed the requirements of Executive Order 13158?
- Is the program focusing on the right suite of activities to advance the newly established national system of MPAs?
- How can the MPA Center most effectively build upon and strengthen its unique niche in supporting the use of MPAs as a conservation and management tool?
- Is the MPA Center providing effective leadership and building partnerships to advance an effective national system of MPAs?
- How can the MPA Center improve its impacts and performance in the future?



Options

- Contract with external organization, e.g.
 - National Academy of Public Administration
 - National Research Council
- Create external panel
 - FAC involvement
- Criteria
 - Cost
 - Ability to complete review within timeframe
 - Professional expertise
 - Visibility

Draft Timeline

- April 2009 Availability of funds confirmed; initiate external review process
- July 2009 Award contract or select panelists
- Summer 2009 Prepare background material Gather stakeholder and public input
- Early Fall 2009 Draft report completed
- Late Fall 2009 Final report completed