National MPA Center FY09 Accomplishments – FY10 Priorities

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FY2009

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FY2010

NOAA MPA Appropriation: TBD

President's Request: \$2,128,000

House Mark: \$2,128,000

Senate Mark: \$3,000,000



National System Implementation FY2009 Highlights



- ✓ Restored staff capabilities for key functions
 - ✓ Web master, cultural resources coordinator, analysts, administration
- ✓ Established U.S. National System of MPAs
 - ✓ Completed National System Framework
 - ✓ Incorporated 225 existing federal, state, and territorial sites
 - ✓ Initiated second round of nominations of existing sites
 - ✓ Outreach to Fishery Management Councils (with NOAA Fisheries)
- ✓ System Implementation
 - ✓ Conducted first National MPA System Partners Planning Meeting
 - ✓ Initiated development of communication network
 - ✓ Revised NOAA-Interior Memorandum of Agreement is in process
 - ✓ Established training partnership with National Marine Sanctuary Program
 - ✓ Established support partnership with National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
 - ✓ Restored Key Capabilities: Webmaster, Cultural Coordinator



National System Implementation FY2009 Highlights



- ✓ Science, Analysis, and Data Applications
 - ✓ Member of NOAA & NOS/OCRM Marine Spatial Planning Teams
 - ✓ Completed California Ocean Uses Atlas
 - ✓ National Workshop to help define Ecological Gap Analysis Process
 - ✓ Developing web interface for easier use of MPA Inventory
 - ✓ Monterey Pocket chart
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement and Communication
 - ✓ Increased support for MPA Federal Advisory Committee/Subcommittees
 - ✓ mpa.gov web site major revision in process
 - ✓ Outreach and communication materials
 - ✓ Co-Chair of International MPA Congress 2
- ✓ International Linkages
 - ✓ North American MPA Network: Core Tasks and Information Defined
 - ✓ Coordination of National System with Caribbean Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife



National System Implementation FY2010 Plan



- ✓ U.S. National System of MPAs Addition of Existing MPAs
 - ✓ Complete second round of nominations of existing sites & incorporate
 - ✓ Continue outreach to Fishery Management Councils with NOAA Fisheries
- ✓ System Implementation
 - ✓ Conduct second National MPA System Partners Planning Meeting
 - ✓ Implement National System Partners communication network
 - ✓ Develop robust partnership section on mpa.gov
 - ✓ Continue "inreach" to partner programs
 - ✓ Provide information tool kits to all partner MPAs
 - ✓ Conduct initial training, explore expanded partnerships
 - ✓ Select first partnership projects with National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
 - ✓ Complete Revised NOAA-Interior EO 13158 Memorandum of Agreement



National System Implementation FY2010 Plan



- ✓ Science, Analysis, and Data Applications
 - ✓ Support NOAA Marine Spatial Planning Team
 - ✓ Ecological Gap Analysis Demo California shore to US EEZ
 - ✓ Ocean Uses Atlas: AS, OR, & NH/ME
 - ✓ Ecological Gap Analysis: OR & WA data collection
 - ✓ MPA Inventory –public web interface completed & new fields
- ✓ MPA Federal Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Complete process for replacement of 14 members
 - ✓ Develop DOC/NOAA-DOI Charge to new committee
 - ✓ Support FAC development of recommendations
- Communication and Outreach
 - ✓ Complete major update of mpa.gov web site
 - ✓ Conduct outreach to non-participating MPA programs and stakeholders
 - ✓ Continue development of outreach materials in many media
 - ✓ Special MPA edition of NMEA's Currents magazine



National System Implementation FY2010 Plan



- ✓ International Linkages
 - ✓ North American MPA Network: expand site Pacific & Atlantic partnerships
 - ✓ Caribbean Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
- ✓ Continued Partnership Development
 - ✓ Marine Spatial Planning
 - ✓ Regional Ocean and Great Lakes Governance
 - ✓ Integrated Ocean Observing System
 - ✓ Climate Change
 - ✓ Coral Reef Conservation Program
 - ✓ NOAA's Ecosystem Based Management Goal Team

