

MPA FAC External Finance Subcommittee Report Out

Dec. 17, 2015

Chair – Brian Baird; Vice-Chair – Martha Honey

Charge: *Consider mechanisms to provide external funding in support of MPA objectives from sources outside of the home institution.*

Process: Subcommittee has met 3x and also held one webinar on NPS business plans. Members were also provided reference materials for background. The Committee will:

- Identify funding mechanisms, evaluate each for effectiveness, and make recommendations regarding procedures to pursue these mechanisms.
- Provide Case Studies of successful mechanisms to use as model approaches, ie. Learning by example.
- Develop final report with recommendations, examples and references – including matrix/evaluation tool for determining which mechanisms are most applicable, in which circumstance.

Preliminary Recommendations include:

- We will emphasize the importance of having a clear and compelling Business Plan and will provide guidance on critical components (Nat. Park Service is providing guidance on this)
- We will make clear recommendations regarding funding mechanisms with guidance on the ones that are proven, and those that have future potential.

Timeline: Report writing begins Jan. '16; Draft readied by end of 1st qtr; Final report readied by fall '16.

Case Studies to Date: California MLPA (serves as template for others), CARE for the Cape & Islands, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, NPS Concessions, Forever Costa Rica, User Fees (in process), NPS Business Plans (in process) and Industry (in process).

FAC Feedback/Questions?