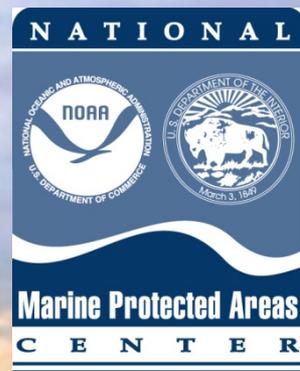




Marine Protected Areas Center Update

MPA Federal Advisory Committee

June 2, 2015



Executive Order 13158

- Develop and implement a scientifically based, comprehensive national system of MPAs representing diverse U.S. marine ecosystems, and the Nation's natural and cultural resources
- Improve MPA coordination, stewardship and effectiveness
- Support, not interfere with, agencies' independent exercise of their own existing authorities.

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Presidential Documents

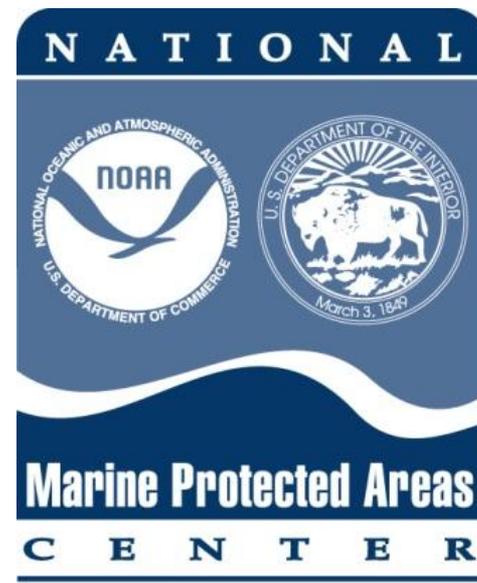
Executive Order 13158 of May 26, 2000

Marine Protected Areas

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and in furtherance of the purposes of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee), National Park Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*), National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*), Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 *et seq.*), Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*), Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1362 *et seq.*), Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (42 U.S.C. 1821 *et seq.*), and other authorities that I am authorized to exercise, I hereby

National Marine Protected Areas Center

- Established by MPA Executive Order in partnership with DOI to coordinate and strengthen US MPA programs (federal, state, tribal, local)
- Located within NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
- Strong focus on partnerships within and beyond government





Building and Strengthening MPAs and Networks

Areas of Expertise:

- Capacity building
- Communication and engagement
- Information & Tools
- Policy/Strategy
- Engaging Internationally



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Capacity Development

- Monthly webinar series for MPA and coastal managers and others
- Applying lessons learned across MPA programs internationally and nationally





Cultural Resources Toolkit - BETA

Many Values, Many Voices: Cultural Heritage in MPAs



Channel Islands, CA: some MPAs have overlapping jurisdictions requiring coordination and collaboration for effective management. (NOAA ONMS)



Cultural Landscape Approach



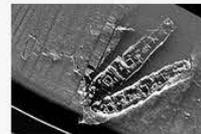
Integrating Cultural Resources into MPA Management



Engagement, Outreach & Interpretation



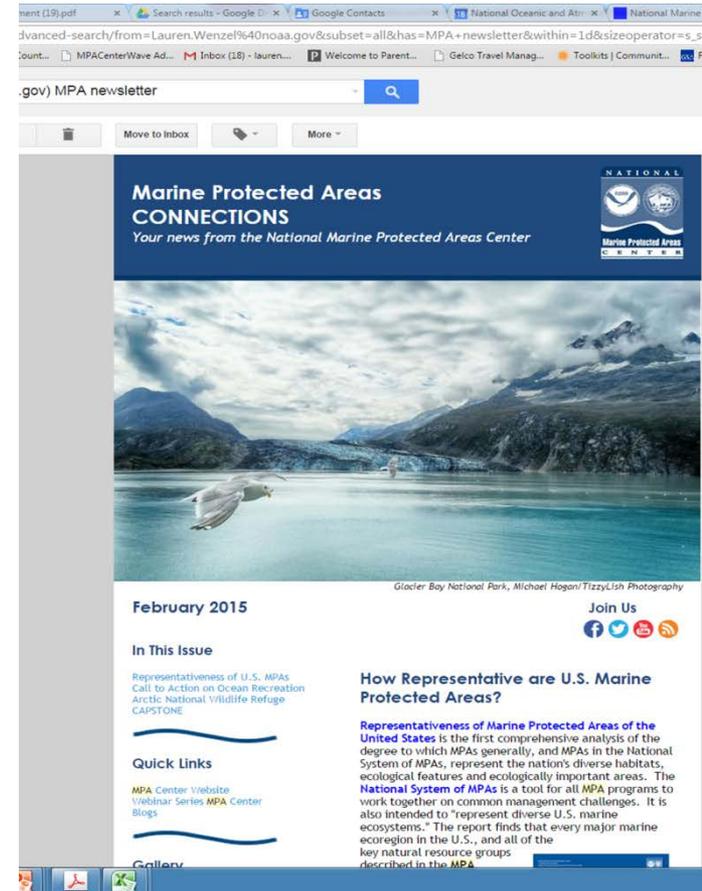
Tribal and Indigenous Communities



Research, Monitoring & Evaluation

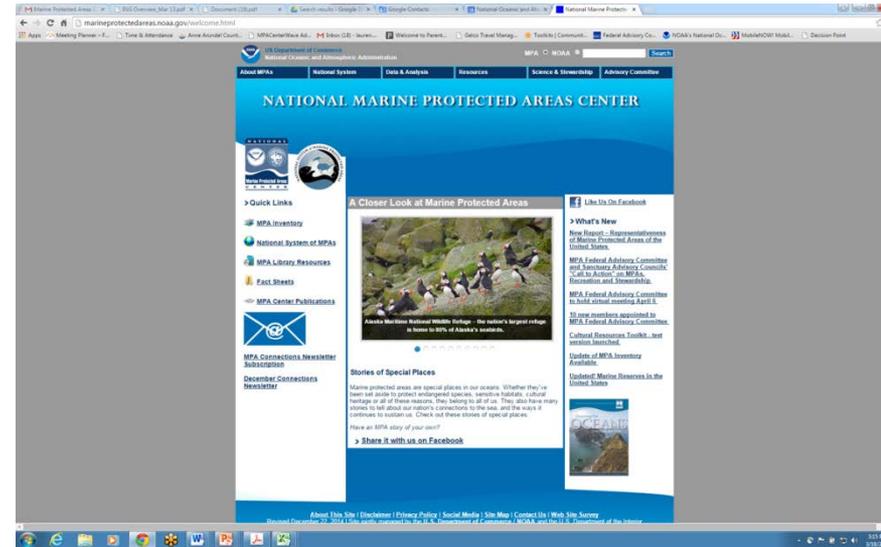
Communications & Stakeholder Engagement

- Website continues to be a major resource for MPA issues (~170,000 hits/month)
- Developed new e-newsletter for more frequent contact with partners
- Expanding social media



Communications & Stakeholder Engagement

- Website update planned for summer/fall 2015



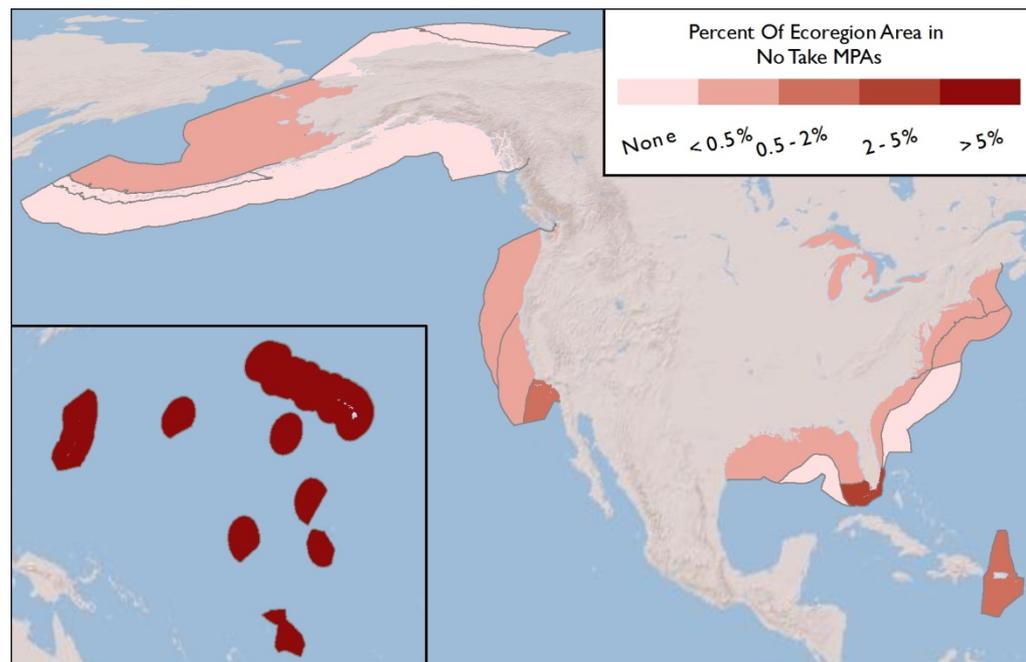
Communications & Stakeholder Engagement

- Key role of MPA FAC in advising NOAA and DOI
 - Recreation and tourism
 - Communications
 - Cultural Resources



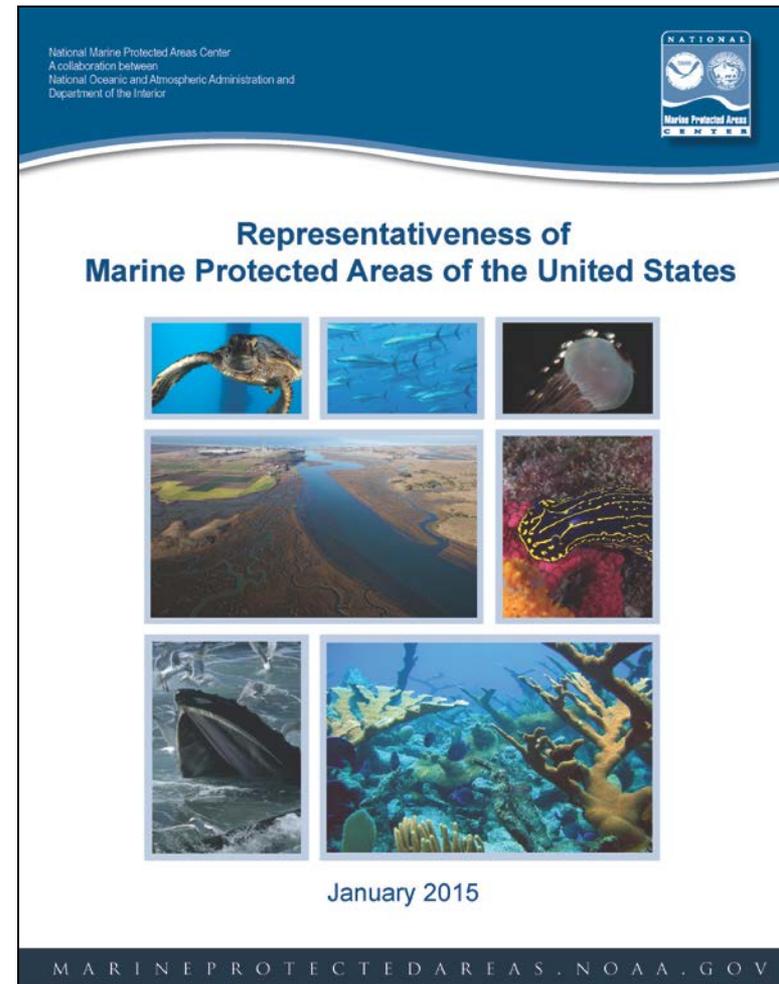
Information and Tools

- MPA Inventory and analysis
- Developing visualization tools
- Developing classification systems and common terminology
- Ocean use mapping



Information and Tools

- Analysis of MPA Representativeness by ecoregion



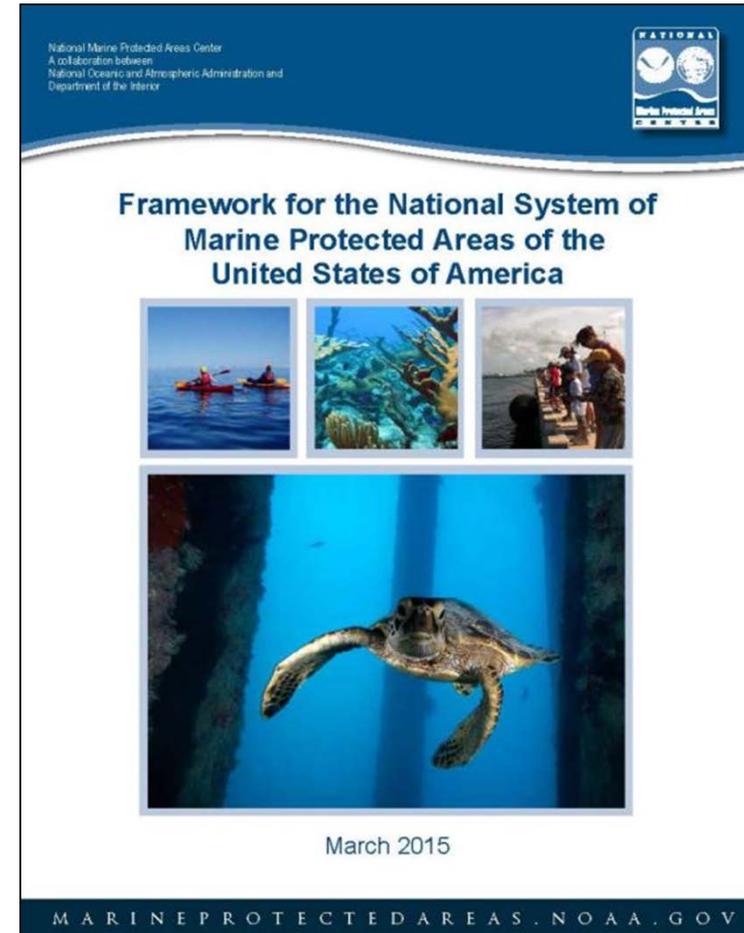
Information and Tools

- Survey of recreational uses at MPAs (in progress)
- Analysis of ocean use conflicts and compatibilities (in progress)
- Methodology for identifying Tribal Cultural Landscapes (in progress)



Policy/Strategy

- National System Framework
- Developing key messages and approaches on MPAs role in climate change mitigation and adaptation



Engaging Internationally

- Follow up to 2014 World Parks Congress
- North American collaboration with Canada and Mexico
 - Blue carbon mapping and science
 - Marine Protected Areas
- Framework for a Pan-Arctic MPA Network (Arctic Council)
- Supporting US commitments under the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA/W) Protocol for Wider Caribbean



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Questions?

