

2015 Checklist for Evaluating Whether Existing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

Meet Conservation Objectives for the National System of MPAs

To be filled out by managing programs based on existing knowledge and information. Please refer to the provided instructions for more information.

Site Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Address: _____

Site Legal Authority: _____

Secondary Legal Authority: _____

Conservation Objectives Conserve and Manage:	(1) Presence: Site contains resources in the conservation objective?	(2) Goals: Site management goals or objectives address the conservation objective?	(3) Tools: Site has protection or regulations that benefit the conservation objective?	(4) Citation for Regulation in Column 3	(5) Information Source: Site Manager, URL, etc.) Insert (A thru G)
Natural Heritage					
Reproduction areas and nursery grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Biogenic habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas of high species and/or habitat diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ecologically important geological features and enduring/recurring oceanographic features	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Critical habitat of threatened and endangered species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Unique or rare species, habitats and associated communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas for migratory species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Linked areas important to life histories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas that provide compatible opportunities for education and research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural Heritage					
Cultural and historic resources listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural historic resources determined eligible for the NRHP or listed on a State Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural sites that are important to a culture's identity and/or survival	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural and historic sites that may be threatened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural and historic sites that can be utilized for heritage tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cultural and historic sites that are under-represented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sustainable Production					
Reproduction areas, including larval sources and nursery grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas that sustain or restore high priority fishing grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas for maintaining natural age/sex structure of important harvestable species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Foraging grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas that mitigate the impacts of bycatch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas that provide compatible opportunities for education and research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Legend for (5) Information Sources (Indicate all that apply A-G)	
A. Site Management Plan	E. Program Web Site
B. Code of Federal Regulations	F. Scientific Paper(s)
C. Code of State Regulations	G. Other
D. Site Manager	

Note: The National Marine Protected Areas Center has reviewed the MPA Inventory and provided a list of potentially eligible sites to MPA Programs to invite them to nominate these sites by submitting this checklist. Potentially eligible sites are those that meet the criteria for 1) meeting the definition of an MPA; and 2) having a management plan. See attached instructions for details on completing this checklist for the conservation objectives component.