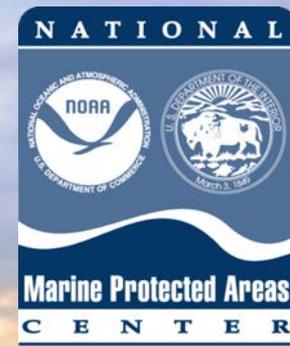


Marine Protected Areas Center Update: Building Bridges

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Targeting Our Efforts: Building Effective MPA Networks

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

Thematic Focus Areas

- Recreational uses and MPAs
- MPAs role in climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Cultural resources and landscapes



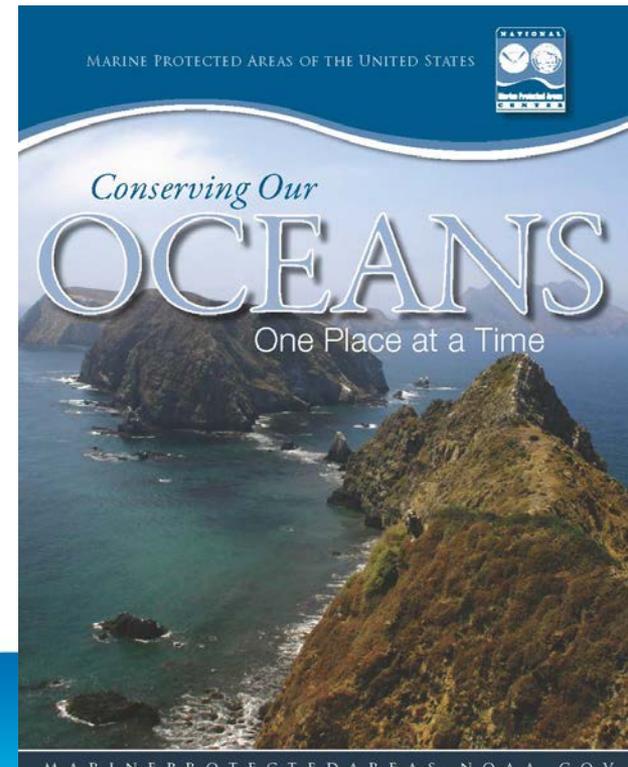
Capacity Building - National System

- MPA Webinar Series
- Open Channels blog on emerging MPA issues
- Building MPA Peer to Peer Network
- Cultural Resources Toolkit (web-based)
- Community-based tools and information for MPAs



Communications & Stakeholder Engagement

- Website continues to be a major resource for MPA issues (~350,000 hits/month)
- Developing new e-newsletter for more frequent contact with partners
- Expanding social media



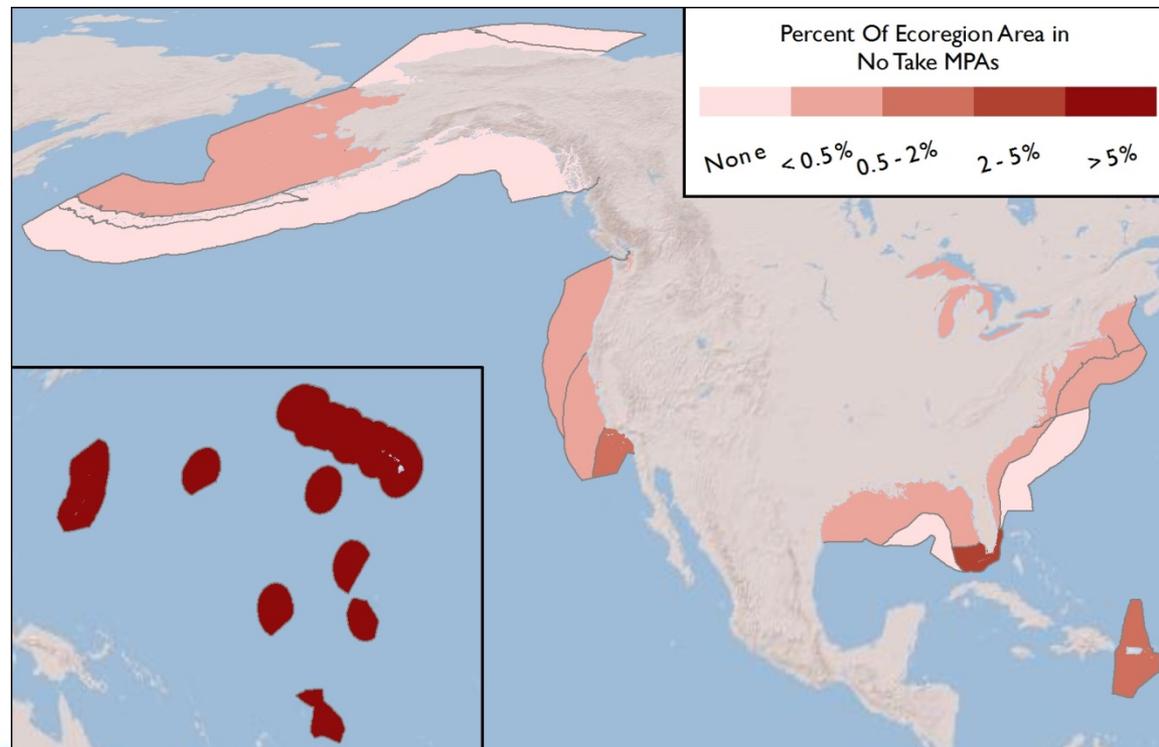
Federal Advisory Committee

- Membership:
 - Currently recruiting for 10 new members – June 16
 - 10 current members will be asked to extend terms to 2016
- Charge



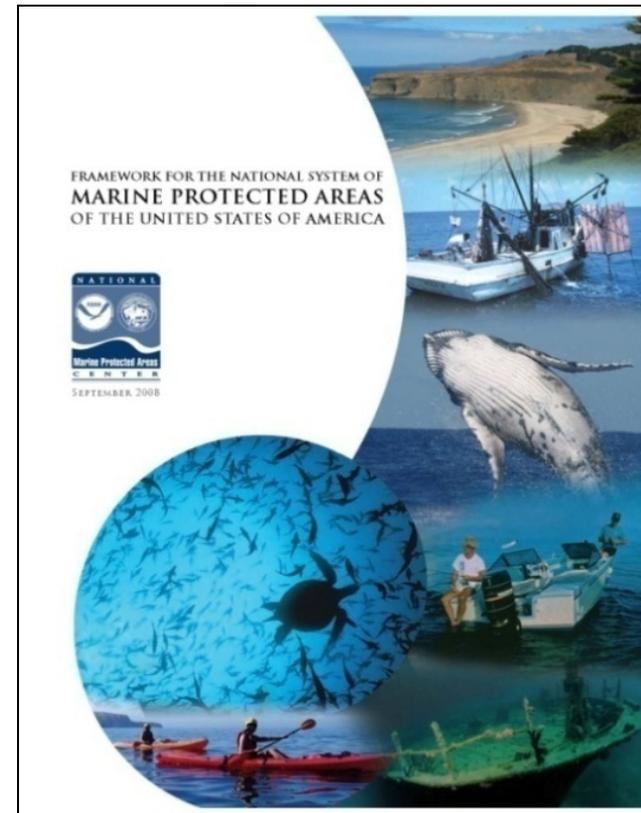
Information, Tools & Analysis

- Analyzing representativeness of US MPAs
 - Developed “Common Language of Ocean Uses”
 - Developing detailed MPA managers survey on ocean uses
- uses



Policy/Strategy

- Updating National System Framework
- Developing priorities for climate change partnerships



Engaging Internationally

- Co-leading marine theme for 2014 World Parks Congress
- Co-lead for blue carbon mapping and science project with Canada and Mexico (2013-2015)
- Listed 4 US sites under the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) Protocol for Wider Caribbean



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