

Marine Protected Areas Center Update:

Presentation to MPA Federal Advisory Committee
May 2017



Executive Order 13158

- Calls for creation of national system of MPAs
- Set out key definitions and purposes
- Authorized MPA Center
- Authorized MPA Federal Advisory Committee

Federal Register / Vol. 65, No. 105 / Wednesday, May 31, 2000 / Presidential Documents

34909

Presidential Documents

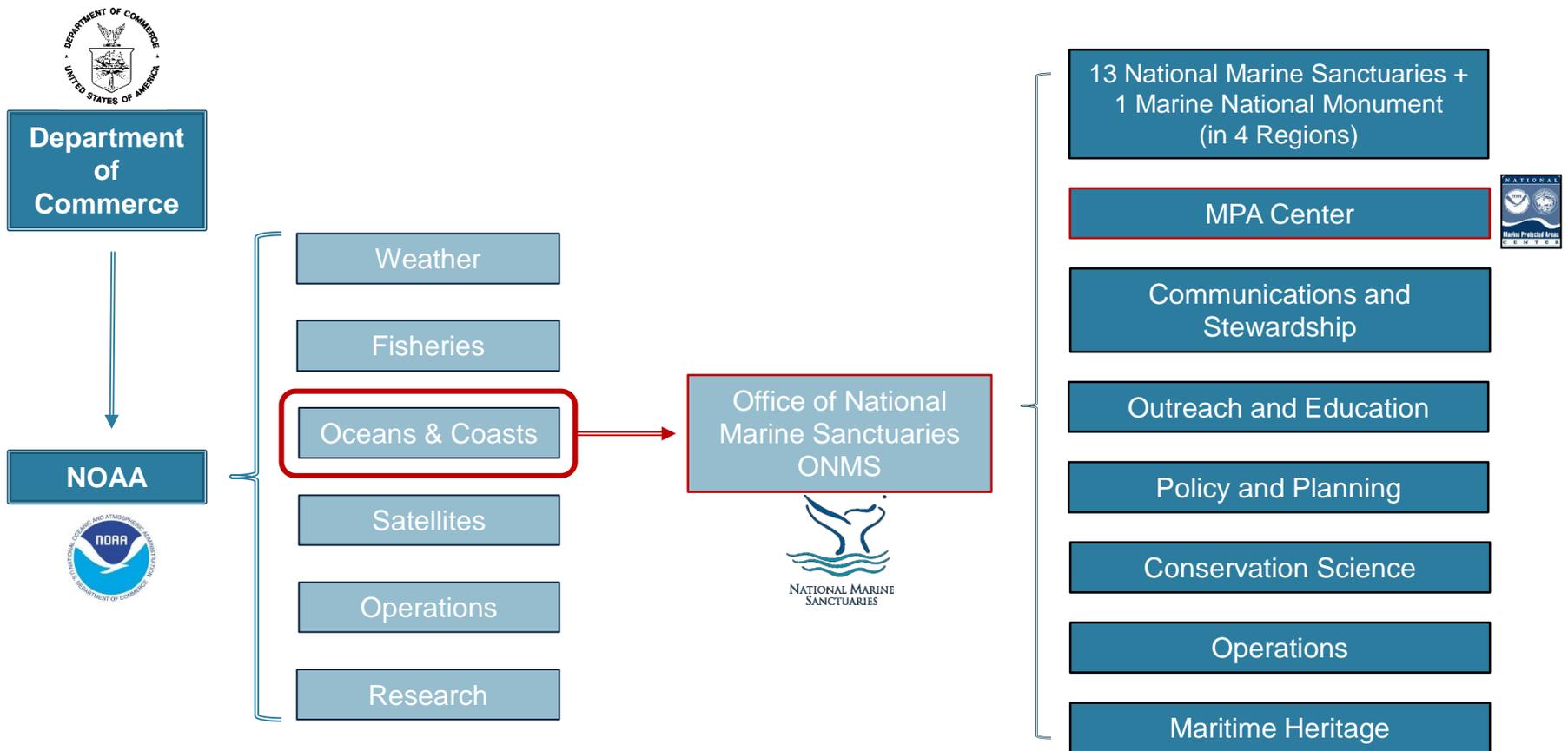
Executive Order 13158 of May 26, 2000

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. 1331 *et seq.*), and other pertinent statutes, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. This Executive Order will help protect the significant natural and cultural resources within the marine environment for the benefit

Where are we in NOAA?





“the nation’s hub for information and tools for building innovative partnerships to protect the ocean’s most important places.”

Building and Strengthening MPAs and Networks

Areas of Expertise:

- Capacity building
- Communication and engagement
- Science, information and tools
- Policy and strategy
- Engaging internationally



On-line Resources



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

[About](#) [Understanding](#) [Connecting](#) [Managing](#) [Experiencing](#) [Resources](#)

[HOME](#) / [MANAGING](#)

MANAGING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Managing MPAs is a challenging job for the many federal, state, tribal and international programs that are responsible for these amazing places. The MPA Center helps MPA programs to address key management challenges through information, tools and training.



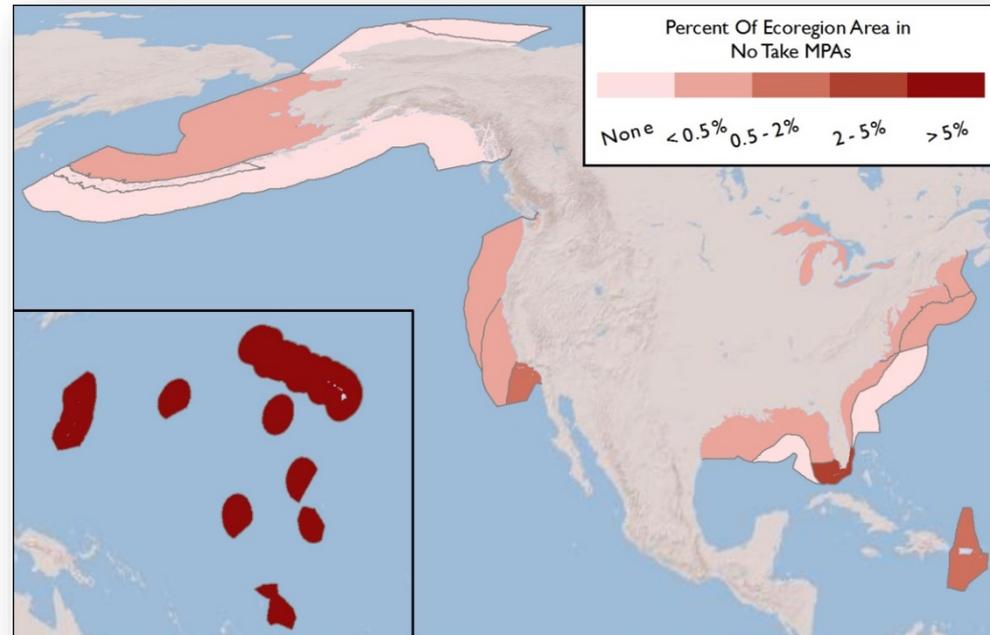
M A R I N E P R O T E C T E D A R E A S . N O A A . G O V

Information and Tools

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



THE
OCEAN
CONFERENCE
UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 5-9 JUNE 2017



Engaging Internationally

- Representing US Programs in International Programs
- Bi-lateral relationships; sister sites
- International MPA Capacity Building Team



IUCN
World
Conservation
Congress
Hawai'i 2016



International Capacity Building

- Funded through partnerships
- Wide range of topics:
 - ✓ Climate change adaptation
 - ✓ Collaborative enforcement
 - ✓ Communications
 - ✓ Management effectiveness
 - ✓ Marine science
 - ✓ Marine spatial planning
 - ✓ Stakeholder engagement
 - ✓ Sustainable tourism



MPA Center Staff

- Lauren Wenzel, Director
- Dr. Charles Wahle, Senior Scientist
- Dr. Mimi D'Iorio, GIS and Analysis lead
- Dr. Valerie Grussing, Cultural Resources Coordinator
- Dr. Gonzalo Cid, International Partnerships Coordinator
- Dr. Billy Causey, Senior Advisor
- Gabrielle Johnson, International Capacity Building
- Anne Nelson, International Capacity Building
- *Joanne Flanders, Communications*

About the Advisory Committee

- Authorized by Executive Order 13158 (2000)
- Established in 2003
- Advises both Departments of Commerce and Interior
- Chartered by Commerce



How We Operate

- Consensus-based whenever possible
- Address charge provided by agencies, but have latitude to address other MPA-related issues
- Address recommendations to Departments of Commerce and Interior
- Open meetings



Presidential Action Needed on Advisory Committees Established by EO

- Under Federal Advisory Committee Act, all Advisory Committees created by the President (e.g. by Executive Order) must be renewed by the President every two years
- The MPA FAC was renewed by President Obama until September 30, 2017

Thank you!



Major Thematic Focus Areas

- Recreational uses and MPAs
- MPAs' role in climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Cultural resource management in MPAs



U.S. Capacity Building

- MPA Webinar Series
- Cultural Resources Handbook (web-based)
- Tools and information for MPAs
- Ocean use mapping (participatory GIS)

