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

Executive Order 13158 of May 28, 2000

Marine Protected Areas


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?

13 National Marine Sanctuaries + 1 Marine National Monument (in 4 Regions)

MPA Center

Communications and Stewardship

Outreach and Education

Policy and Planning

Conservation Science

Operations

Maritime Heritage

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries ONMS

Oceans & Coasts

Weather

Fisheries

Satellites

Operations

Research

Department of Commerce

NOAA

Marine Protected Areas NOAA.gov
“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
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.
Information and Tools

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

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Engaging Internationally

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