Review of the National MPA Center Role and the Federal Advisory Committee’s Charge

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Summary

MPA Center’s role in implementing EO 13158

Role of MPA-FAC in EO efforts

Initial charges to MPA-FAC

Committee resources and operations
MPA Center Goals Reflect EO Directives

Departments of Commerce and the Interior Implement Executive Order through the National MPA Center

- Subsection 4(a) [analyses, assessments, international]
- Website: Information, List of MPAs, Agency reports
- Partner with governmental & nongovernmental entities to conduct research, analysis, & exploration
- Consult with states, territories, tribes, FMCs and other, to promote coordination of actions to establish and manage MPAs
- Develop a framework for a national system of MPAs
- Provide Federal, “State,” territorial, tribal, and local governments with information, technologies, and strategies to support the system

EO and MPA CENTER GOALS

- Enhance MPA stewardship
- Facilitate the design of a science-based national system of MPAs
- National and Regional Coordination and Consultation
Agency Programs
(Federal, State/Territorial, Tribal)

• MPA designation
• MPA management
• MPA improvements

National MPA Center * Implement Sec 4 of Executive Order

• Information
• Tools & training for improved stewardship of MPAs
• Strategies for effective design and management of the nation’s MPA network

* “the MPA Center is intended to support, not interfere with, agencies’ independent exercise of their own existing authorities.” (Executive Order Sec. 4(e))
The National Marine Protected Areas Center

National MPA Center Organization

**Headquarters**
Silver Spring, MD & Boston, MA
Joseph Uravitch, AICP, Director
- Operational & Program Policy
- Advisory Committee
- National, Regional & International Coordination
- Outreach and Education
- Information & Web Site
- Inventory & National System Outreach

**Training & Technical Assistance Institute**
Charleston, SC
Ginger Hinchcliff, Director
- Technology & Issue-based Training and Assistance
- Process Design
- Needs Assessments
- “Lessons Learned”

**Science Institute**
Santa Cruz, CA
Charles Wahle, Ph.D., Director
- Natural & Social Science Strategies
- Targeted research
- Workshops on MPA design and management
- Habitat characterization
- Threat & conflict assessments
- Policy analysis
- National System Development
FY2003: $3.9 million appropriated to NOAA

FY2004: Awaiting Final Action

• President’s Request = $3.0 million
• Senate Mark = $3.0 million (approximate)
• House Mark = $3.9 million
RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFORTS

• Implement Sec. 4 of the Executive Order
• Coordinate MPA Executive Order issues across Federal Departments and Agencies
• Lead MPA coordination activities in NOAA

RELATIVE TO MPA-FAC

• Manage the MPA FAC for the Departments
• Provide staff support to the FAC Chair
• Provide staff support the DOC/NOAA Ex-Officio Representative
Agency Implementation of EO

Department of Commerce/NOAA
Department of the Interior
Other Federal Agencies

National MPA Center

Policy Direction & Support

Cooperation & Support

National System Framework
Improved Stewardship
Improved Coordination • National • Regional

Effective National System of MPAs
- Existing MPAs
- Improved MPAs
- New MPAs
The National Marine Protected Areas Center

MPA-FAC Input Into Agency Actions

- **National MPA Center**
- **Department of Commerce/NOAA**
- **Department of the Interior**
- **Other Federal Agencies**

- **Policy Direction & Support**

MPA-FAC:
- **National System Framework**
- **Improved Stewardship**
- **Improved Coordination • National • Regional**

**Effective National System of MPAs**:
- Existing MPAs
- Improved MPAs
- New MPAs
Responsibilities of MPA FAC & MPA Center

Request for Advice

Departments of Commerce and the Interior

Implement Executive Order through the National MPA Center to achieve:
1. Enhance MPA stewardship
2. Design of a national system of MPAs
3. National and Regional Coordination and Consultation

MPA Federal Advisory Committee

Provides advice and recommendations to DOC and DOI on implementation of Section 4 of the Executive Order 13158

Advice & Recommendations
Initial Charge to the Committee
(from June 2003 Meeting)

• Enhance MPA Stewardship

• Assist with Dialogue on MPA Classification System

• Advise on Defining the Framework for a National System of MPAs
Departments’ Charge to the Committee - # 1

• Improving MPA Stewardship
  – Advise on which program implementation needs are most critical to the stewardship effort
  – Further define issues and needs based on the stakeholders you represent
  – Identify any issues or gaps not articulated in the MPA Needs Assessment
  – Recommend the best mechanism for engaging the stakeholder groups you represent into the ongoing management process.
Improving Stewardship Among The Nation’s MPAs

FY-00-03 | FY-04 | FY-05 | FY-06 | FY-07 | FY-08 | FY-09

Needs Assessments
Lessons Learned
Targeted Technical Assistance
Training Provider Network
Understanding MPAs Course
Navigating MPAs
Enforcement Capacity
Monitoring Designs
Tools to Measure + Improve Effectiveness

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• Assist with coordination and communication of MPA issues, such as MPA Classification System
  – What audiences should be reached?
  – What materials should be developed?
  – What venues should be used to get the message out
  – How to integrate across multiple MPA agencies and organizations
Improving Coordination and Communication
About The Nation’s MPAs

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Advise on Defining the Framework for the National System of MPAs

- What are the scope and goals of a national system that represents “diverse U.S. marine ecosystems, and the Nation’s natural and cultural resources?”

- What should be included in “cultural resources?”

- How do we coordinate the nation’s existing MPAs to maximize benefits?

- What public process should take place in designing and establishing the System?

- What criteria should be used to place a site on the List of MPAs?
Designing The Framework For A National System of MPAs

- Science Strategies + Targeted Research
- Criteria + Definitions
- Inventory
- Classification Sys
- Habitats + Resources
- Human Uses
- Legal Framework
- Effectiveness
- Gaps in Protection
- Priority Habitats

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Annual cost of operation as defined in the Committee’s Charter is estimated to be $250,000, which includes 2.0 person-years for staff support. Non-staff expenses include:
- Travel costs
- Meeting space
- Materials
- Court reporter
- Printing
- Other costs

Supports logistical costs of 2 MPA FAC meetings per year

Password protected web site for information exchange and non-deliberative matters

Subcommittees and Working Groups – no specific funds identified in the Charter.
Sub-Committee/Working Group Approval Process

• MPA Committee identifies needed sub-committees and working groups

• Committee discusses proposals with agency representatives

• Committee recommends to the Departments that specific subcommittees and working groups be established

• Departments review the proposals and approve/disapprove

• Committee and agency representatives discuss potential membership and selection criteria for outside members of working groups
Options for Sub Committees and Working Groups

DOC-DOI Leadership
(approve sub-committee, group, membership)
National MPA Center

MPA Advisory Committee
(recommends sub-committees, groups, membership)

Sub-Committee 1
(committee members only)

Sub-Committee 2, 3, etc
(committee members only)

Working Group 1
(committee members & federal & other non-committee members)

Working Group 2, 3, etc
(committee members & federal & other non-committee members)

Ad Hoc Working Groups
(committee members & federal & other non-committee members)

Review recommendations and implement as appropriate

Recommendations to Federal Agencies

Options or Recommendations to FAC
Integrate info from Working Groups

Gather information
Produce Findings
Present Alternatives
### MPA Committee Life Cycles
(times are approximate)

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SUMMARY

• MPA Executive Order reflects national needs for an effective and equitable system of MPAs

• MPA Center’s goals are derived from EO charges

• MPA-FAC advises departments on implementing EO, with MPA Center serving as a conduit

• MPA-FAC’s advice will improve the effectiveness of existing MPAs and help design a framework for a national system of MPAs that meets multiple conservation and management needs
Q+A Materials