Charge for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

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How the Charge Was Developed

• Departments of Commerce and the Interior identified key needs for national system implementation

• Ideas discussed at meeting of NOAA Administrator and MPA FAC Chair (July 2007)

• Ideas presented to MPA FAC for input (Oct 2007)

• Final charge includes ideas from both agencies and MPA FAC
Enforcement and Compliance

Short-Term (April 2008)

- Enforcement and compliance are critical to the success of individual MPAs and the National System
- Viewed as a high priority by the MPA FAC

Key question:
- What are common principles and guidelines for fostering compliance within the national system?
Comment on Revised Draft Framework

Short-Term (April 2008)

- Providing MPA FAC comments on this draft
Ocean Observing Systems

*Mid-Term (2008)*

Linkages Between Ocean Observing Systems and the National System of MPAs

*Key questions:*
- How can National System MPAs serve as platforms for observations?
- How can IOOS help address MPA management needs at the national and regional levels?
**Mid-Term (2008)**

- The MPA Center plans to conduct an external review of its work to-date in 2009.

**Key questions:**
- What types of questions should NOAA ask the reviewers?
- Who might be an appropriate member of the review panel?
Resilient Marine Ecosystems

Longer-Term (2008-2009)

Management and Design of the National System to Support Resilient Marine Ecosystems and Communities

Key questions:
• How should the National System be designed and managed to build in resilience to anthropogenic impacts and naturally occurring processes?
• How can the National System contribute to community resilience?
Evaluating the National System

Longer-Term (2008-2009)

• The Revised Draft Framework calls for guidelines for evaluating the National System. Recommend concepts that should be addressed in this evaluation.

Key questions:
• What types of issues should be addressed through this evaluation process?
• What types of approaches or performance measures should be considered?
• How will evaluating the National System differ from evaluations of individual MPAs?
Questions / Discussion