MPAFAC Recreation and Tourism Subcommittee Meeting: From Here to Recommendations

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Key Goal

• Focus our attention on framing out the survey, in efforts to:
  – Produce a detailed survey that we will disseminate across the universe of MPAs in the Center’s database in mid-May
  – Gather information, assess gaps, challenges and opportunities and hopefully to issue some guiding principles and specific recommendations

Survey Themes are divided into three parts:
  Part I:  Descriptive Themes
  Part II: Management Themes
  Part III: Outreach
Part I: Descriptive Themes

• Trends in current and emerging recre uses (who are the recreations users, how, where, and when do they use MPAs?)
• Perceived social and economic benefits of recreational uses
• Perceived ecological impacts of recreational uses (direct, cumulative and threshold level)
Part II: Management Themes

• Data and types of studies required to responsibly manage or promote recreation and tourism
  – Social and cultural drivers
  – Use conflicts or user conflicts associated with recreation
  – Current management of recreational uses in MPAs
  – Carrying capacity of recreational uses
Part III: Outreach

• How does your MPA engage the recreation community?
Overall Timeline: May 2013 – May 2014

• **Now** – confirm survey themes and work plan

• **Phase 1** – complete, post, analyze and summarize survey

• **Phase 2** – based on results, develop guidelines and recommendations for sustainable recreational use in MPAs
Near-Term Timeline: Now – Fall 2013

- **May 17** – R/T SC finalizes and posts survey instrument on Survey Monkey site, with notices to US MPAs
- **July 1** – data collection completed
- **August 15** – data analyzed + results reviewed by Subcomm
- **September 15** – draft report ready for full FAC review
- **Fall Mtg** – FAC discussion and approval (tbd)
- **Post-Mtg** – Final report submitted to NOAA + DOI