

***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 rec 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