MPA FAC Meetings – Building Bridges

- June 2012 – Joint meeting with National System Partners (Silver Spring, MD)
- December 2012 - Joint meeting with Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs (Santa Cruz, CA)
- May 2013 – Virtual meeting
MPA FAC & MPA Center: More Collaboration

• Broadening the spectrum of MPA FAC role
  – Strengthening connections to MPA programs
  – Reaching out to other advisory bodies
  – Linking MPA Center to stakeholder groups
  – Informal collaboration
MPA Center Focus Areas

- Capacity building
- Stakeholder engagement
- Information, tools and analysis
Recent Accomplishments: Capacity Building

• Established monthly MPA webinar series, reaching 40-120 people per session
• Established partnership with University of Michigan grad students on tools for community engagement with MPAs
• Secured BOEM funding for Tribal Cultural Landscapes project on W. Coast
• Secured NFWF funding for Cultural Resources On-line Toolkit
Recent Accomplishments: Information, Tools & Analysis

- Developed new “MPA Stories” from Inventory
  - (e.g. Analysis of US MPAs, Climate Change & MPAs, Sea Level Rise Impacts on E. Coast MPAs....)

- Began analysis of representativeness of US MPAs

- Scoping survey of MPA managers on recreational ocean uses
National System of MPAs

• Added 82 new sites to national system – total of 437 member sites
Increasing International Role

- 3rd International MPA Congress (France, Oct 2013)
- Co-leading marine theme for 2014 World Parks Congress
- Co-lead for blue carbon mapping and science project with Canada and Mexico (2013-2015)
US MPAs in an International Context

• Discussed concept of MPA Categories with MPA FAC in May 2013
• Decided to work within existing MPA Inventory terminology
• Now reporting on natural heritage and cultural heritage MPAs – aligned with international definitions
FY14: Focusing to Deliver Results

• Bring MPA Center capabilities together to deliver real benefits to MPA programs

• Proposed Focus Areas:
  – Recreational uses and MPAs
  – MPAs role in climate change adaptation and mitigation
  – Cultural resource management

• Questions:
  – How can we get better feedback on how our products are used and by who?
  – What’s the best return on investment?