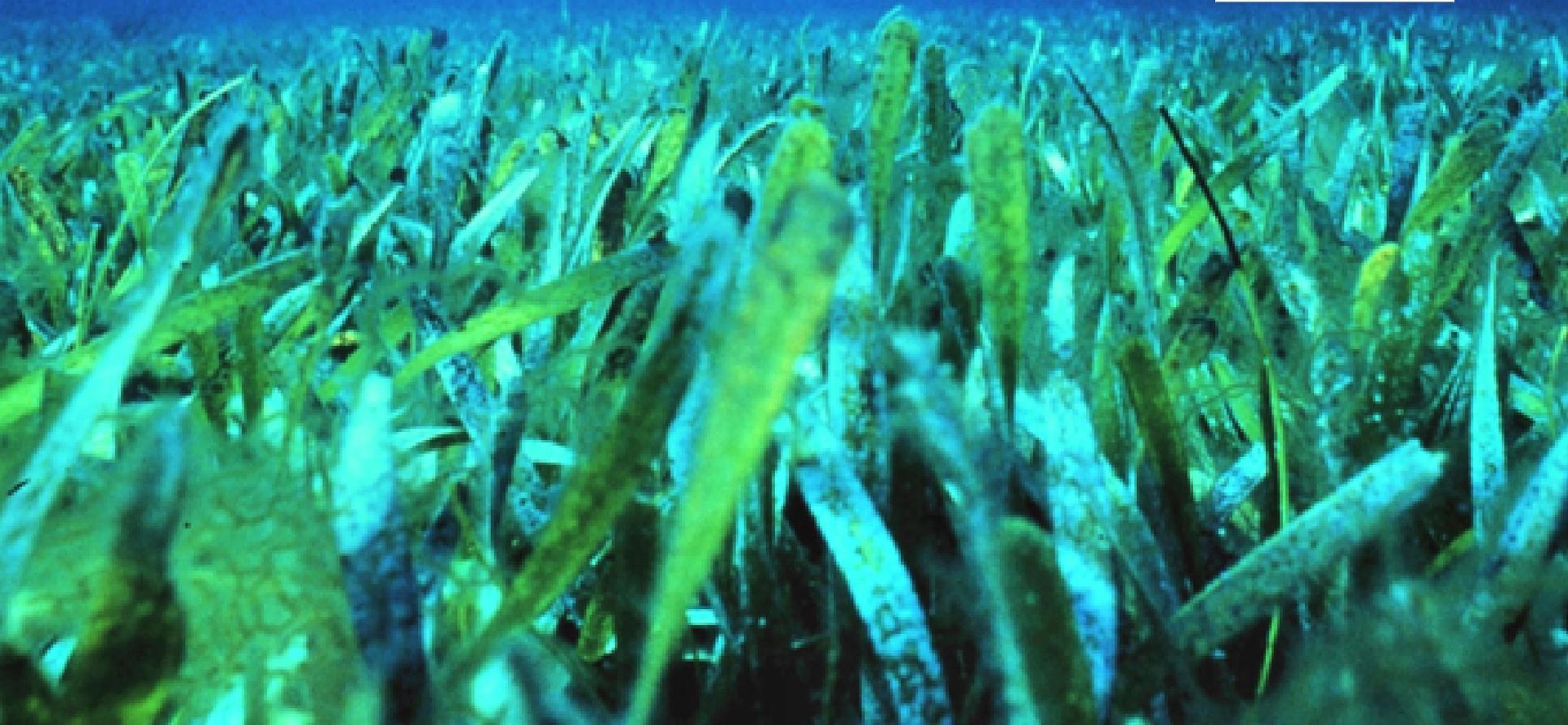
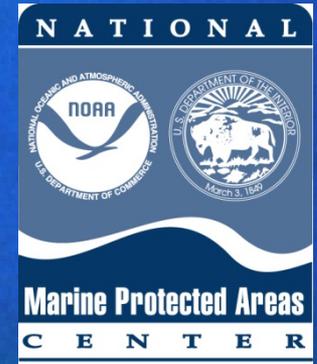


National Marine Protected Areas Center Update

Lauren Wenzel, MPA Center

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting - December 3, 2013





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

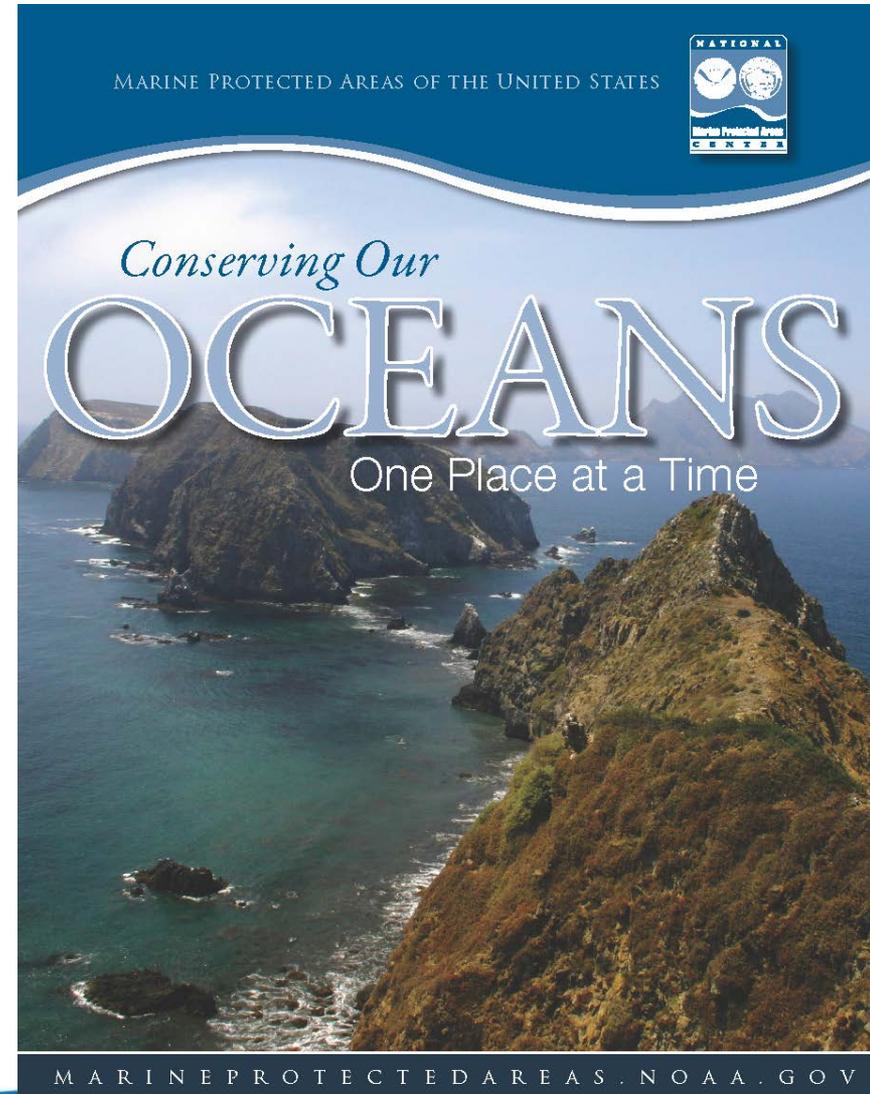


MPA FAC & MPA Center: More Collaboration

- 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:

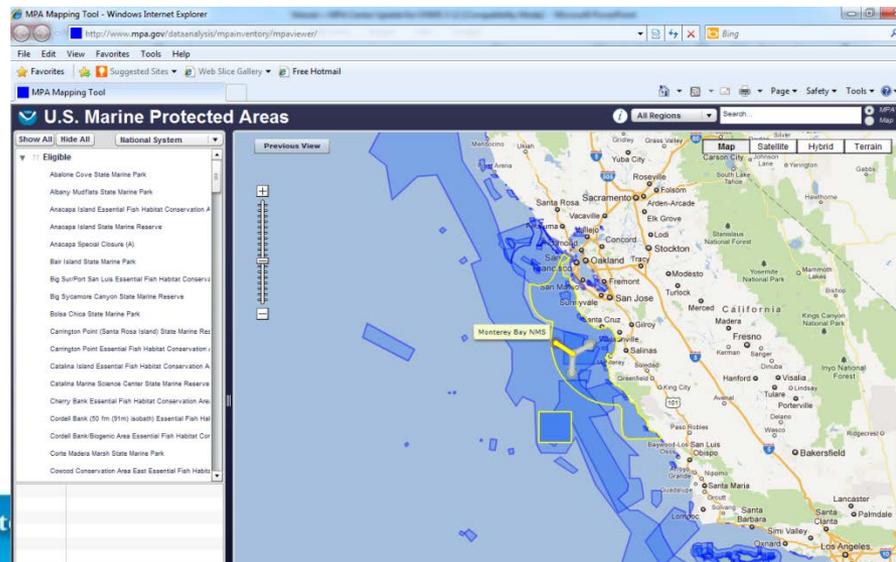
Capacity Building

- 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



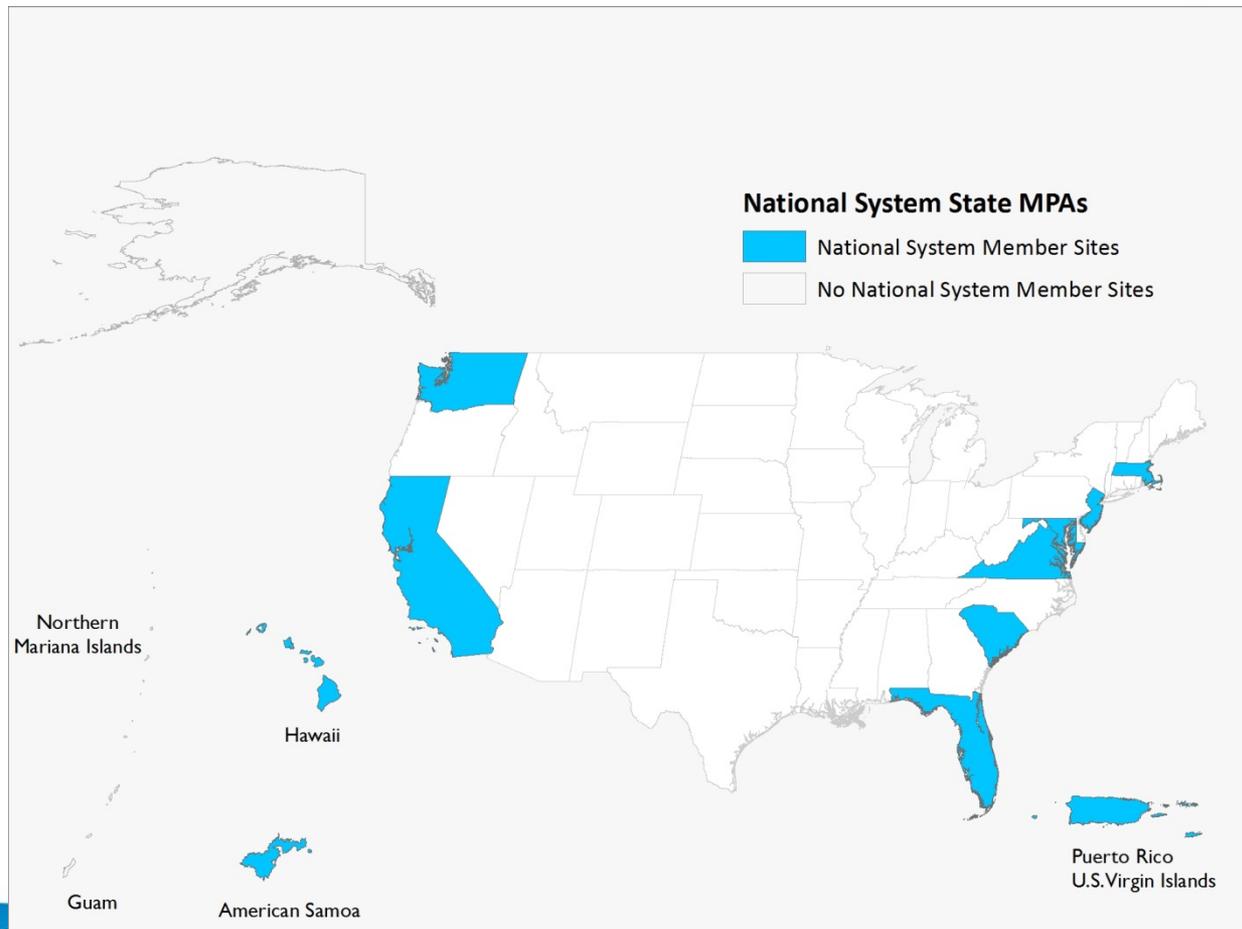
Recent Accomplishments: Information, Tools & Analysis

- 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)



IUCN
WORLD PARKS CONGRESS
SYDNEY 2014

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



Kip Evans

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?



