

XIV. Appendices

Appendix A. Collaborative Planning for the Draft Framework for Developing National System of MPAs

In 2005, the MPA Center began a collaborative process of engaging and informing the nation on the development of the framework for a national system. The MPA Center held a series of briefings, workshops, and participatory dialogues to gather recommendations and input from the MPA Federal Advisory Committee, government and non-government agencies and organizations, authorities, coastal communities, user groups, and other stakeholders. The feedback gathered at these sessions serve as a cornerstone to drafting the framework. The MPA Center's collaborative efforts are described below.

Workshops on the Framework for a National System

The MPA Center held a series of workshops in 2005 for federal agencies, states, and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the goals of the national system and the development of the framework. Participants provided information on:

- the process to develop the national system;
- input on the goals and objectives of the national system;
- feedback on their vision for a national system;
- specific considerations for working with their agency or stakeholder group and how a national system could serve various stakeholder interests;
- which natural and cultural resources should be conserved; and
- how NOAA and the Department of the Interior can work with stakeholders and agencies around the country to develop the national system.

The following is a description of these workshops.

Federal Agency Workshop

Held in January 2005 in Washington, D.C, the federal agency workshop included more than 70 field and headquarters participants from ten federal agencies. It was attended by staff from across NOAA programs and offices, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Agency for International Development, Environmental Protection Agency, and fishery management councils. Participants provided feedback on the needs of MPA managers, and how the national system can help address marine conservation goals. A summary of this workshop can be found at http://mpa.gov/national_system/pdf/fed_mpa_wks_rpt032105.pdf.

Regional State/Territory Workshops

The MPA Center and the Coastal States Organization sponsored three regional workshops titled Developing the National/Regional System of MPAs from the State and Territorial Perspective. These workshops were designed to educate, gather state information, and generate recommendations from state coastal, parks, wildlife, fisheries and cultural resource managers regarding their role, opportunities, concerns, and considerations. The first workshop, held in Tiburon, California in February 2005, included participants from the west coast and Pacific Islands region. The second, held in St. Petersburg, Florida in April 2005, included participants from the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast regions. The third, cosponsored by the National Marine Sanctuary Program and held in Chicago, Illinois in June 2005, included participants from the Great Lakes, Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic regions.

The comments and recommendations resulting from these workshops can be found at http://mpa.gov/national_system/pdf/final-mpawhitepaper-071505.pdf.

Regional Public Dialogues

The MPA Center held five public dialogue sessions around the country in 2005 to ensure that the national system will represent the nation's interests in the marine environment. Input collected from these dialogues were used to help develop the Draft Framework for the National System of MPAs. Dialogues were held in Washington, D.C. in March 2005; Portland, Maine in May 2005; New Orleans, Louisiana (during the Coastal Zone '05 conference) in July 2005; and in San Francisco, California and Seattle, Washington in December 2005. On average, 30-50 participants attended these sessions, including representatives from environmental, conservation, recreation, commercial, and industry organizations, as well as local government, coastal states, science, academia, the energy industry, recreational and commercial fishing interests, state and federal agencies, and other public interests. Participant lists and a compilation of participant responses from each workshop are posted on http://mpa.gov/national_system/#workshop.

Briefings on the Framework for a National System

Staff from the MPA Center provided separate internal and external briefings on developing the national system of MPAs. These briefings included updates on efforts to implement Executive Order 13158, a description of efforts to gather input and recommendations from state agencies and public stakeholders, and an explanation of how the MPA Center is coordinating and collaborating with other NOAA programs. Briefings were given to the following leaders, agencies, and organizations:

- NOAA Ocean Council
- NOAA Ecosystem Goal Team
- NOAA National Ocean Service Assistant Administrator
- NOAA National Ocean Service Deputy Assistant Administrator
- NOAA Fisheries Deputy Assistant Administrator
- NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
- NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program
- NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, Social Science Team
- U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Environmental Resources Coordination Group
- U.S. Navy
- D.C. Marine Community (meeting co-sponsored by International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)
- Various recreation, oil and gas, and industry non-governmental organizations, including the American Petroleum Institute, American Sportfishing Association, National Ocean Industries Association, and National Marine Manufacturers Association
- The Nature Conservancy
- Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Assateague Island National Seashore

Presentations on the Framework for a National System

The MPA Center presented information at several conferences and meetings to inform stakeholders on plans for developing the framework for the national system of MPAs. Presentations focused on educating stakeholders on the national system, increasing stakeholder involvement, building

partnerships, and requesting feedback on MPA uses and values as they might relate to developing the national system. Presentations were delivered at the following events:

- Oceans Policy Committee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Meeting
- Saltwater Sportfishing Partners Meeting
- NOAA Fisheries State Marine Fisheries Directors Biennial Meeting
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting
- Fishery Management Council Executive Directors and Council Chairs Meeting
- New England Fishery Management Council MPA Education and Outreach Workshops
- Northeastern Association of Marine Laboratories Annual Meeting
- Pacific Interstate Fisheries Commission Meeting
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting
- Managing Our Nation's Fisheries II Conference (sponsored by the Regional Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries)
- Annual Oceans and Coastal Program Managers Meeting
- National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs and Staff Meeting
- National Marine Sanctuary Program's Leadership Team Meeting
- National Marine Sanctuary Program's Managers Meeting for the Maritime Heritage Program
- National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
- Seventh Maritime Heritage Conference
- Society for Historical Archaeology Conference
- George Wright Society Conference
- Advocacy Panel at American Zoo and Aquarium Association Annual Meeting
- Coastal Zone '05 Conference (via a panel titled Developing Recommendations from U.S. States and Territories for a National System of MPAs)
- White House Cooperative Conservation Conference
- Oceans 2005 Conference
- Meeting with State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Maryland Historic Trust representatives
- Meeting with various Delaware archaeology experts (including representatives of Lewes)
- Maritime Archaeology Project, Delaware State Museums, Delaware State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
- Meeting with representatives from State of New Hampshire Coastal Program, Department of Fish and Game, and New Hampshire Estuary Project
- Meeting with representatives from State of Maine Coastal Program, Department of Marine Resources, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Department of Conservation, and the Maine Sea Grant Program
- Alaska Ocean Policy Council Meeting
- Department of the Interior Meetings (including meetings with the Minerals Management Service)
- Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service Alaska Region Meeting

- Workshop on Integration of Federal Marine Managed Area Programs (also known as the “Seamless Network Workshop”)
- National Conference of Canada’s Ocean Management Research Network
- Pacific Coast Regional MPA Social Science Workshop
- Coastal States Organization Annual Meeting
- California’s Marine Life Protection Act Stakeholder Meeting
- National System of MPAs Article Published in MPA News