

# FY 2005 Budget Highlights

## NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

**NOAA's National Ocean Service requests \$394.3 million (M) in FY 2005, for a net decrease of \$212.0M below the FY 2004 Omnibus bill. The request includes a net Program change of \$10.0M. \$34.0M in Program increases are requested to improve NOAA's ability to deliver critical navigation products and services, enhance NOAA's observational capabilities, and maintain current operations for management and protection of the nation's coastal and ocean ecosystems. These increases are offset by requested Program decreases to NOAA's grant programs totaling \$24.0M.**

### FY 2005 Program Changes

**Electronic Navigational Charts:** An increase of **\$2.0M** is requested to continue the planned incremental investment in NOAA's effort to provide full contiguous ENC coverage of U.S. waters. Sustained funding at this level will allow NOAA to achieve complete Electronic Navigational Chart coverage for the nation by the end of FY 2007 or early FY 2008.

**Vessel Time Charter:** An increase of **\$8.6M** is requested to restore the FY 2004 Request level of \$11.9M for the vessel time charter. This increase will allow NOAA to continue operations of a single time charter vessel, which will begin in FY 2004.

**Tide and Current Data:** NOAA requests an increase of **\$1.2M and 2 FTE** to improve the 175 existing National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) stations by making quality controlled, real time data available in the nation's top 150 U.S. seaports. This request will allow NOAA to improve the operational availability of the NWLON from 75% to 100% by FY 2009, through adequate preventive and corrective maintenance, major repairs, and routine technology development and sensor modernization, including installation of new Data Collection Platforms.

**White Water to Blue Water:** NOAA requests an increase of **\$1.2M** to participate in the U.S. government's White Water to Blue Water Initiative to establish sound ecosystem approaches to management in coastal countries, which will promote healthy marine and coastal ecosystems, forming the basis for vibrant, stable, and secure economies. White Water to Blue Water is a U.S. led partnership that was announced at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

**Pribilof Islands Clean-Up:** NOAA requests an increase of **\$2.1M** to restore the FY 2004 Request funding level of \$10.0M for the Alaska Pribilof Islands clean-up operations. Under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Pribilof Environmental Restoration Act, and the Pribilof Islands Transaction Act, NOAA is responsible for conducting environmental restoration on designated properties, and for transferring those properties to the native Aleuts when clean-up is complete.

**NERRS Construction/Acquisition:** NOAA requests an increase of **\$7.3M** to address the system-wide construction and land acquisition requirements of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. This increase will maintain the level of discretionary funding needed to support this Federal-state partnership designed to protect and understand valuable estuarine resources through research and education.

**National Marine Sanctuary Construction/Acquisition:** NOAA requests an increase of **\$2.7M**, for a total of \$7.3M to address the system-wide construction priorities of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. The Sanctuary program will continue efforts on many of the projects begun in prior years, and address operational facility requirements and small outreach efforts, such as exhibits.

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	Change (\$M) from '04 Omni
National Ocean Service (OR&F)	
Navigation Services	-\$15.3
Ocean Resources Cons & Assessment	-\$79.9
Ocean & Coastal Management	-\$31.0
<b>OR&amp;F Subtotal</b>	<b>-\$126.2</b>
National Ocean Service (PAC)	
Construction/Acquisition	-\$85.8
<b>PAC Subtotal</b>	<b>-\$85.8</b>
<b>National Ocean Service TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$212.0</b>

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