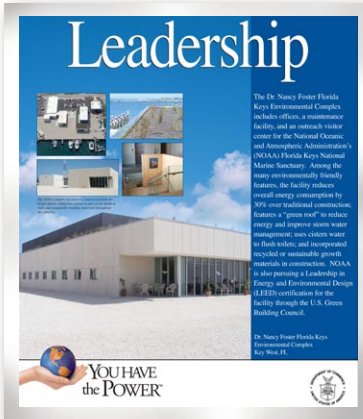


VISITOR CENTERS & FACILITIES

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Dr. Nancy Foster Complex in Key West is featured in the Department of Energy's "You Have the Power" poster series.



A new multipurpose visitor center is under construction in Kihei, Maui.



The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center has received awards for its eco-friendly design. Photo: NOAA

Multipurpose Visitor Center (Kihei, Maui)

In FY07, contracts were awarded to complete various aspects of the multipurpose building in Kihei. Expansion of the parking lot, landscaping, and adding the main partition in the multipurpose room were contracted out to be completed in 2008. Other tasks that were awarded and will be completed are the interior and exterior painting of the building, floor finishes, and phone system. In addition, the sanctuary through its co-management arrangement with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources will be making improvements at Maalaea Harbor to dock its vessels.

Dr. Nancy Foster Complex (Key West, Fla.)

Work continued on completing the complex including: the purchase of a backup generator, supplying electrical power to the piers in the boat docking facility, installing exhibits in the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, landscaping for the building site. Contractors also improved or replaced some office equipment and furniture.

Monterey Bay Visitor Center (Santa Cruz, Calif.)

Additional funding was transferred to the City of Santa Cruz, Calif., to continue the planning work for a Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center to be located on city property adjacent to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk.

Cordell Bank, Red Barn Office Expansion (Olema, Calif.)

A new design to expand Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary offices is underway as well as a design of a joint-use storage facility for the sanctuary and Point Reyes National Seashore offices.

Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary Offices (Galveston, Texas)

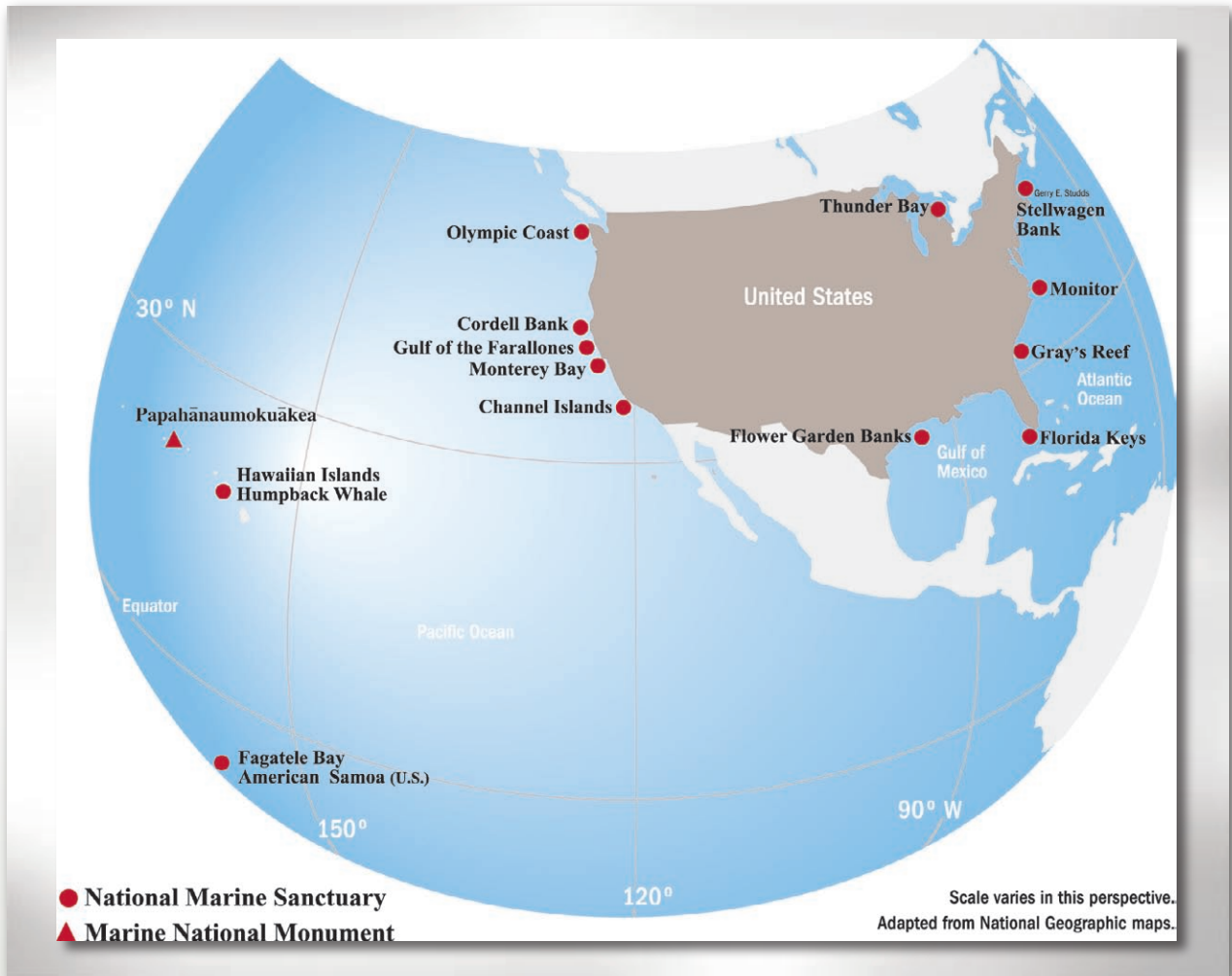
Further progress was made on the restoration of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary building, including: window upgrades for hurricane protection standards, hurricane clips for roof tiles, and security system upgrades as required by Department of Commerce standards.

Sanctuary Greening Efforts Recognized

The National Marine Sanctuary Program has worked to be a leader within the Department of Commerce (DOC) to meet Federal goals and requirements to reduce energy consumption in existing buildings, and to construct high performance buildings that have a lower demand for energy, water and other materials. To that end, both the Dr. Nancy Foster Complex and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center have been awarded Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Management Program "You Have the Power" poster series recognition for innovative energy and water-saving practices and technologies.

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The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center has received other awards from the DOE, DOC, and General Services Administration (GSA) that recognize not only “green building” features, but also the local economic stimulus and community pride catalyzed by the building and its programs in maritime education and public awareness.

The program also seeks building certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System. Two LEED nomination submittals are pending with the council for the Dr. Nancy Foster Complex located in Key West, Fla., and for the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, Mich.

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