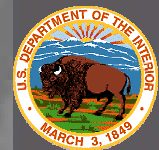


Review of the National MPA Center Role and the Federal Advisory Committee's Charge

**MPA Federal Advisory Committee Meeting
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San Mateo, California**

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Summary

MPA Center's role in implementing EO 13158

Role of MPA-FAC in EO efforts

Initial charges to MPA-FAC

Committee resources and operations

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MPA Center Goals Reflect EO Directives

Departments of Commerce and the Interior **Implement** Executive Order through the National MPA Center

- Subsection 4(a) [analyses, assessments, international]
- Website: Information, List of MPAs, Agency reports
- Partner with governmental & nongovernmental entities to conduct research, analysis, & exploration
- Consult with states, territories, tribes, FMCs and other, to promote coordination of actions to establish and manage MPAs
- Develop a framework for a national system of MPAs
- Provide Federal, "State," territorial, tribal, and local governments with information, technologies, and strategies to support the system



EO and MPA CENTER GOALS

- Enhance MPA stewardship
- Facilitate the design of a science-based national system of MPAs
- National and Regional Coordination and Consultation

National MPA Center Responsibilities In Supporting Agency Programs

Agency Programs

(Federal, State/Territorial, Tribal)

- MPA designation
- MPA management
- MPA improvements

Needs

National MPA Center *

Implement Sec 4 of Executive Order

- Information
- Tools & training for improved stewardship of MPAs
- Strategies for effective design and management of the nation's MPA network

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* *“the MPA Center is intended to support, not interfere with, agencies’ independent exercise of their own existing authorities.”* (Executive Order Sec. 4(e))

National MPA Center Organization

Headquarters

Silver Spring, MD & Boston, MA
Joseph Uravitch, AICP, Director

- Operational & Program Policy
 - Advisory Committee
- National, Regional & International Coordination
 - Outreach and Education
 - Information & Web Site
- Inventory & National System Outreach

Training & Technical Assistance Institute

Charleston, SC
Ginger Hinchcliff, Director

- Technology & Issue-based Training and Assistance
 - Process Design
 - Needs Assessments
 - "Lessons Learned"

Science Institute

Santa Cruz, CA
Charles Wahle, Ph.D., Director

- Natural & Social Science Strategies
 - Targeted research
- Workshops on MPA design and management
 - Habitat characterization
- Threat & conflict assessments
 - Policy analysis
- National System Development

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National MPA Center Budget

FY2003: \$3.9 million appropriated to NOAA

FY2004: Awaiting Final Action

- **President's Request = \$3.0 million**
- **Senate Mark = \$3.0 million (approximate)**
- **House Mark = \$3.9 million**

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Roles of MPA Center

RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER EFFORTS

- Implement Sec. 4 of the Executive Order
- Coordinate MPA Executive Order issues across Federal Departments and Agencies
- Lead MPA coordination activities in NOAA

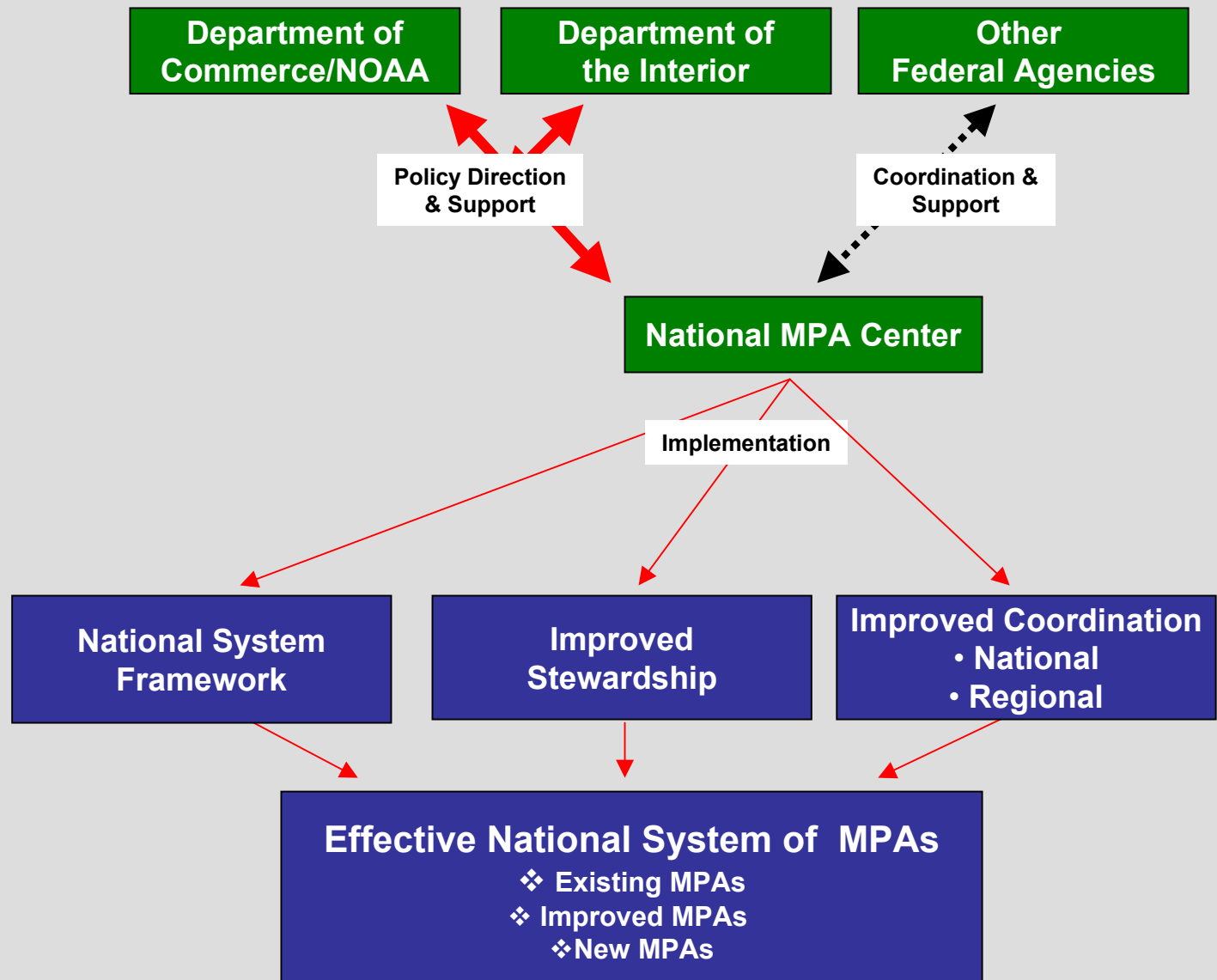
RELATIVE TO MPA-FAC

- Manage the MPA FAC for the Departments
- Provide staff support to the FAC Chair
- Provide staff support the DOC/NOAA Ex-Officio Representative

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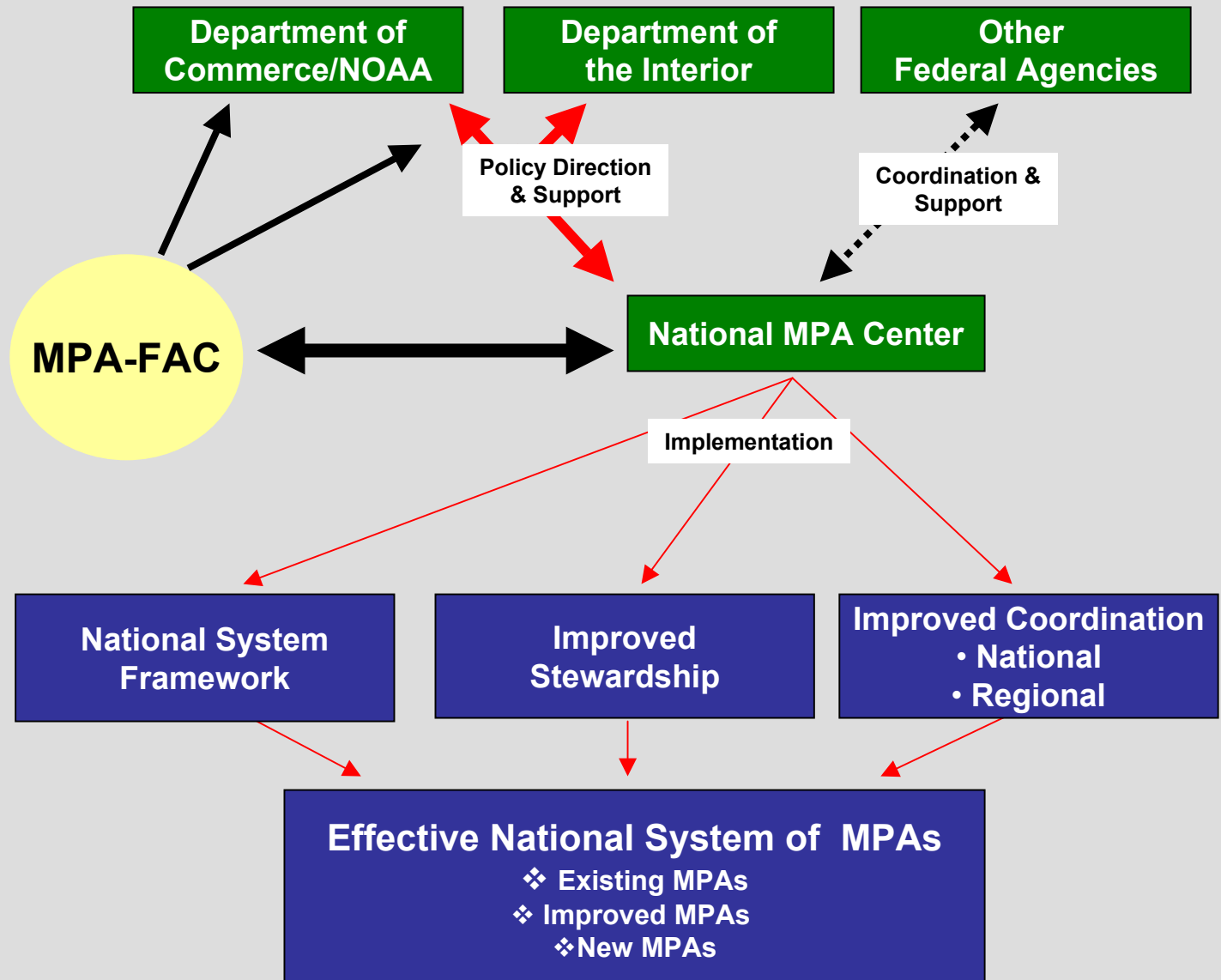
Agency Implementation of EO



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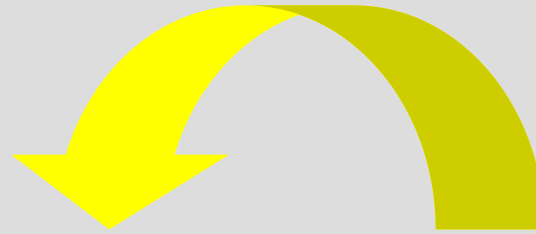
MPA-FAC Input Into Agency Actions



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Responsibilities of MPA FAC & MPA Center



**Request for
Advice**

Departments of Commerce and the Interior

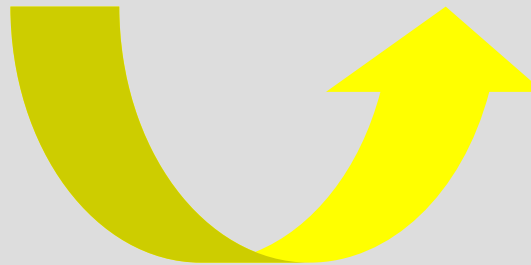
Implement Executive Order through the
National MPA Center to achieve:

1. Enhance MPA stewardship
2. Design of a national system of MPAs
3. National and Regional Coordination and Consultation

MPA Federal Advisory Committee

Provides **advice and
recommendations** to DOC
and DOI on implementation
of Section 4 of the
Executive Order 13158

**Advice &
Recommendations**



Initial Charge to the Committee

(from June 2003 Meeting)

- **Enhance MPA Stewardship**
- **Assist with Dialogue on MPA Classification System**
- **Advise on Defining the Framework for a National System of MPAs**

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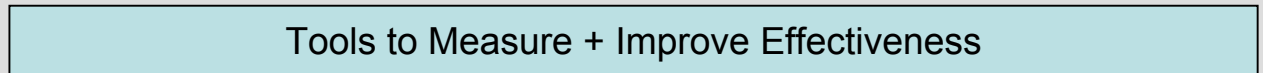
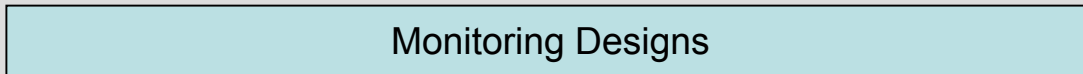
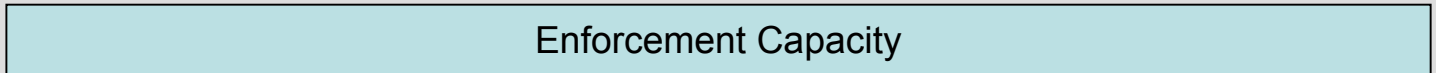
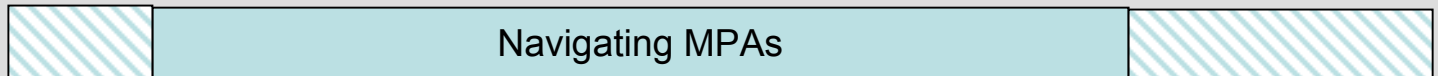
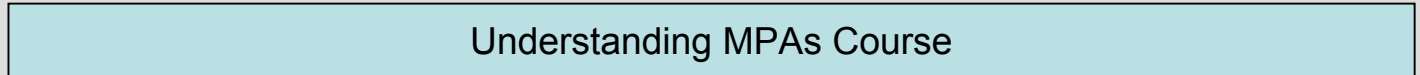
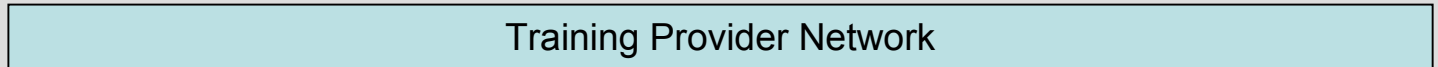
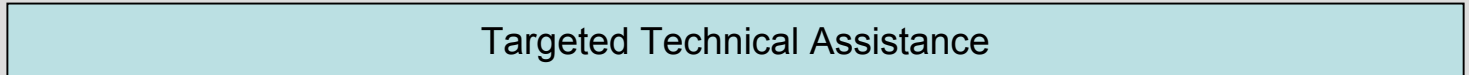
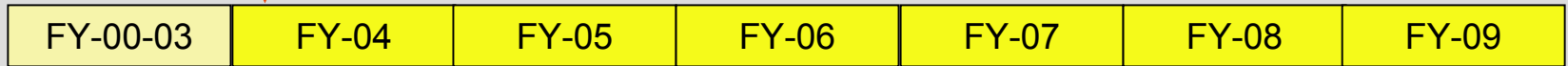
Departments' Charge to the Committee - # 1

- **Improving MPA Stewardship**
 - Advise on which program implementation needs are most critical to the stewardship effort
 - Further define issues and needs based on the stakeholders you represent
 - Identify any issues or gaps not articulated in the MPA Needs Assessment
 - Recommend the best mechanism for engaging the stakeholder groups you represent into the ongoing management process.

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Improving Stewardship Among The Nation's MPAs



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Departments' Charge to the Committee - # 2

- **Assist with coordination and communication of MPA issues, such as MPA Classification System**
 - What audiences should be reached?
 - What materials should be developed?
 - What venues should be used to get the message out
 - How to integrate across multiple MPA agencies and organizations

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Improving Coordination and Communication About The Nation's MPAs

FY-00-03	▼ FY-04	FY-05	FY-06	FY-07	FY-08	FY-09
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MPA.GOV Website

Pacific Coast Staff Presence and MPA Coordination

Pacific MPA Clearinghouse

New England Staff Presence and MPA Coordination

Regional MPA Info Centers

Expanded Regional Presence and MPA Coordination

Outreach + Education Program

Interagency Coordination

Tribal + Native Peoples' Coordination + Technical Assistance

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Departments' Charge to the Committee - # 3

- **Advise on Defining the Framework for the National System of MPAs**
 - What are the scope and goals of a national system that represents “diverse U.S. marine ecosystems, and the Nation’s natural and cultural resources?”
 - What should be included in “cultural resources?”
 - How do we coordinate the nation’s existing MPAs to maximize benefits?
 - What public process should take place in designing and establishing the System?
 - What criteria should be used to place a site on the List of MPAs?

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Designing The Framework For A National System of MPAs



Science Strategies + Targeted Research

Criteria + Definitions

Inventory

Classification Sys

Habitats + Resources

Human Uses

Legal Framework

Effectiveness

Gaps in Protection

Priority Habitats

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Resources Available for the Committee

- **Annual cost of operation as defined in the Committee's Charter is estimated to be \$250,000, which includes 2.0 person-years for staff support. Non-staff expenses include:**
 - Travel costs
 - Meeting space
 - Materials
 - Court reporter
 - Printing
 - Other costs
- **Supports logistical costs of 2 MPA FAC meetings per year**
- **Password protected web site for information exchange and non-deliberative matters**
- **Subcommittees and Working Groups – no specific funds identified in the Charter.**

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Sub-Committee/Working Group Approval Process

- **MPA Committee identifies needed sub-committees and working groups**
- **Committee discusses proposals with agency representatives**
- **Committee recommends to the Departments that specific subcommittees and working groups be established**
- **Departments review the proposals and approve/disapprove**
- **Committee and agency representatives discuss potential membership and selection criteria for outside members of working groups**

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Options for Sub Committees and Working Groups

DOC-DOI Leadership
(approve sub-committee, group, membership)
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Review
recommendations
and implement as
appropriate

MPA Advisory Committee
(recommends sub-committees, groups, membership)



Recommendations to
Federal Agencies

Sub-Committee 1
*(committee
members only)*

Sub-Committee 2, 3, etc
*(committee
members only)*



Options or
Recommendations to
FAC
Integrate info from
Working Groups

Working Group 1
*(committee members
& federal & other non-
committee members)*

Working Group 2, 3, etc
*(committee members
& federal & other non-
committee members)*

**Ad Hoc
Working Groups**
*(committee members
& federal & other non-
committee members)*

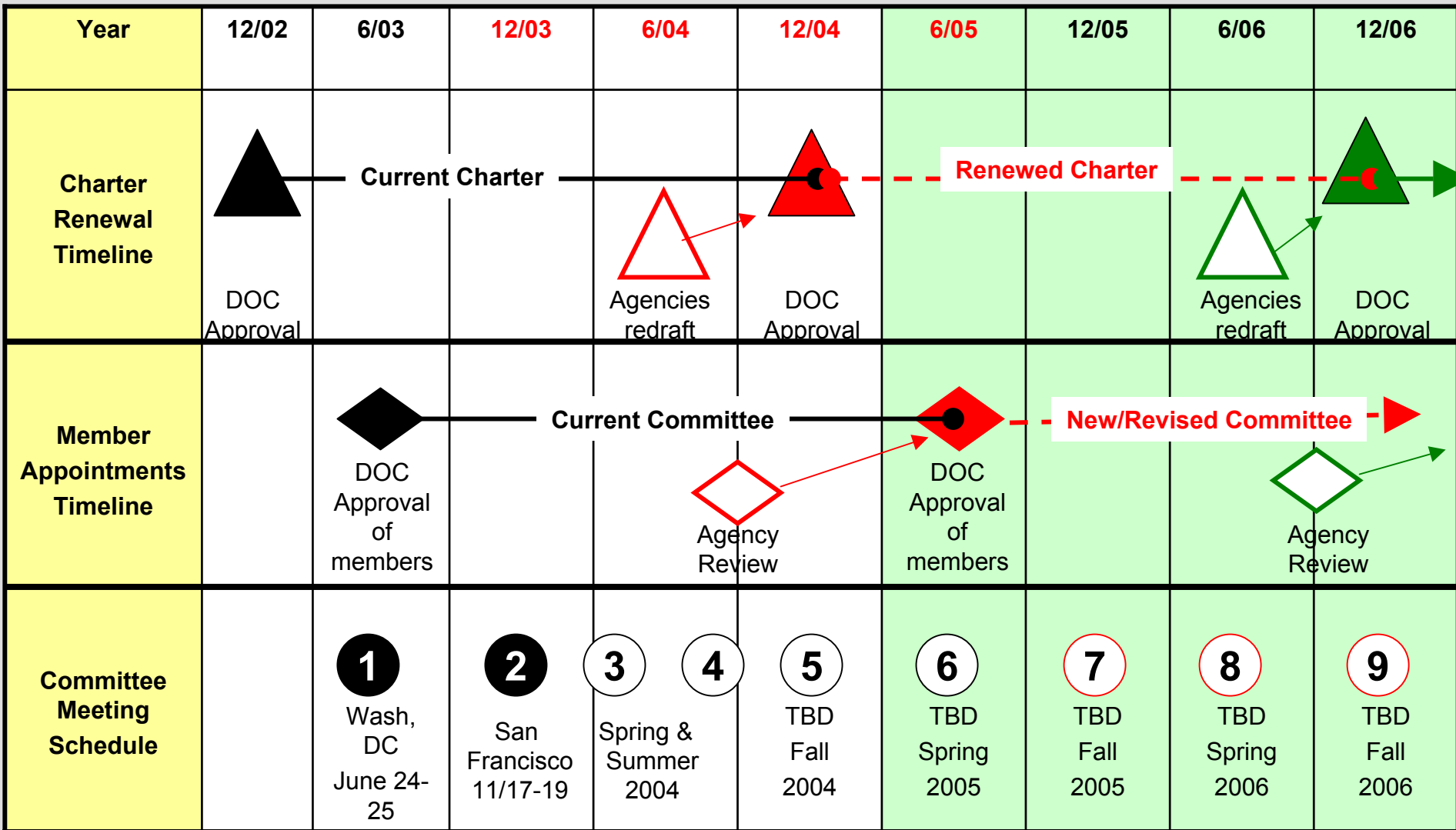


Gather information
Produce Findings
Present Alternatives



MPA Committee Life Cycles

(times are approximate)



SUMMARY

- MPA Executive Order reflects national needs for an effective and equitable system of MPAs
- MPA Center's goals are derived from EO charges
- MPA-FAC advises departments on implementing EO, with MPA Center serving as a conduit
- MPA-FAC's advice will improve the effectiveness of existing MPAs and help design a framework for a national system of MPAs that meets multiple conservation and management needs

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Q+A Materials