

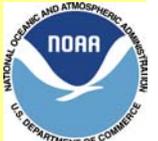
MPA FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCOPE AND CHARGE

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Meeting
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Science, tools, and training for the Nation's MPAs



Summary

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Other Commerce/NOAA and Interior Federal Advisory Committees

Examples from the Department of the Interior

- The Minerals Management Advisory Board
- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee
- National Park System Advisory Board
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
- Park-specific Commissions/Councils (e.g. Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission)

Examples from the Department of Commerce/NOAA

- Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee
- Science Advisory Board
- Sanctuary-specific National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils (e.g. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council)
(exempt from FACA)

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MPA Committee Responsibilities from the Executive Order

The Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior shall seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee in carrying out the requirements of Section 4 of the Executive Order

-- Executive Order 13158 of May 26, 2000

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MPA Committee Charter Responsibilities

The MPAFAC will provide such advice and recommendations on **how to fulfill responsibilities under section 4 of the Executive Order as may be requested by the Secretary of Commerce through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and by the Secretary of the Interior through the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.**

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MPA Executive Order

Section 4 Requirements

- **Establish an MPA Federal Advisory Committee, *Section 4(c)***
- **Establish an MPA information Web Site, *Section 4(d)***
- **Publish and maintain a List of MPAs, *Section 4(d)***
- **Publish agency MPA reports on web site, *Section 4(d)***
- **Establish/operate a Marine Protected Area Center, *Section 4(e)***
- **National System Framework Development, *Section 4(e)***

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Section 4 Requirements

- **Coordinate & share information, tools, and strategies,** *Section 4(a)*
- **Consult with coastal states, territories, commonwealths, tribes, Regional Fishery Management Councils, and other entities,** *Section 4 (b)*
- **Provide Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local governments with MPA information, technologies, and strategies,** *Section 4(e)*

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Section 4 Goals

GOAL 1:

Enhance MPA stewardship by strengthening capacity for planning, management and evaluation

GOAL 2:

Facilitate the design of a science-based national system of MPAs

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Mid- to Long-Term Charge from the Departments

- **Improving MPA Stewardship: How do we better identify and address program implementation needs?**
- **The Nation's MPAs – How do we coordinate the nation's existing MPAs to maximize benefits? Do additional steps need to be taken?**

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Short-Term Charge from the Departments

- **MPA Definitions and Types – Getting Stakeholder input**
- **Your ideas on subjects to address within the scope of Section 4 and the Charter**
- **Discuss establishment of Science Working Group and other groups**
- **Consider priorities and resources available to you as an advisory committee**

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Resources Available for the Committee

- **MPA Charter:** Annual cost of operation 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
- **Advisory Committee Meeting Issues**
 - Number of meetings/year
 - Location of meetings
- **Science Working Group/other Working Groups -- \$250K excludes cost of operating subcommittees and working groups, however:**
 - Trade off -- competes for funds with other Executive Order projects and activities
 - What is a reasonable number of working groups? Size of membership? Frequency of meeting? Priorities?
 - How can electronic and other means of communication help?

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