

Science, Service, Stewardship



Overview of NOAA Fisheries' FY 2013 Budget Proposal

Stranding Network Briefing

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Agenda

- Schedule for FY12 Prescott Grants
- Budget Context
- Approach to FY13; Direction and Criteria
- How Will this Proposal Affect Stranding Networks?
- Federal Budget Process



Prescott FY12 Timeline

- May-August - FY12 awards finalized by the Grants Management Division and recipients notified
- June – FY13 Federal Funding Opportunity published
- September - Prescott Program Office notifies FY12 non-recipients
- October 5 – FY13 Application Deadline



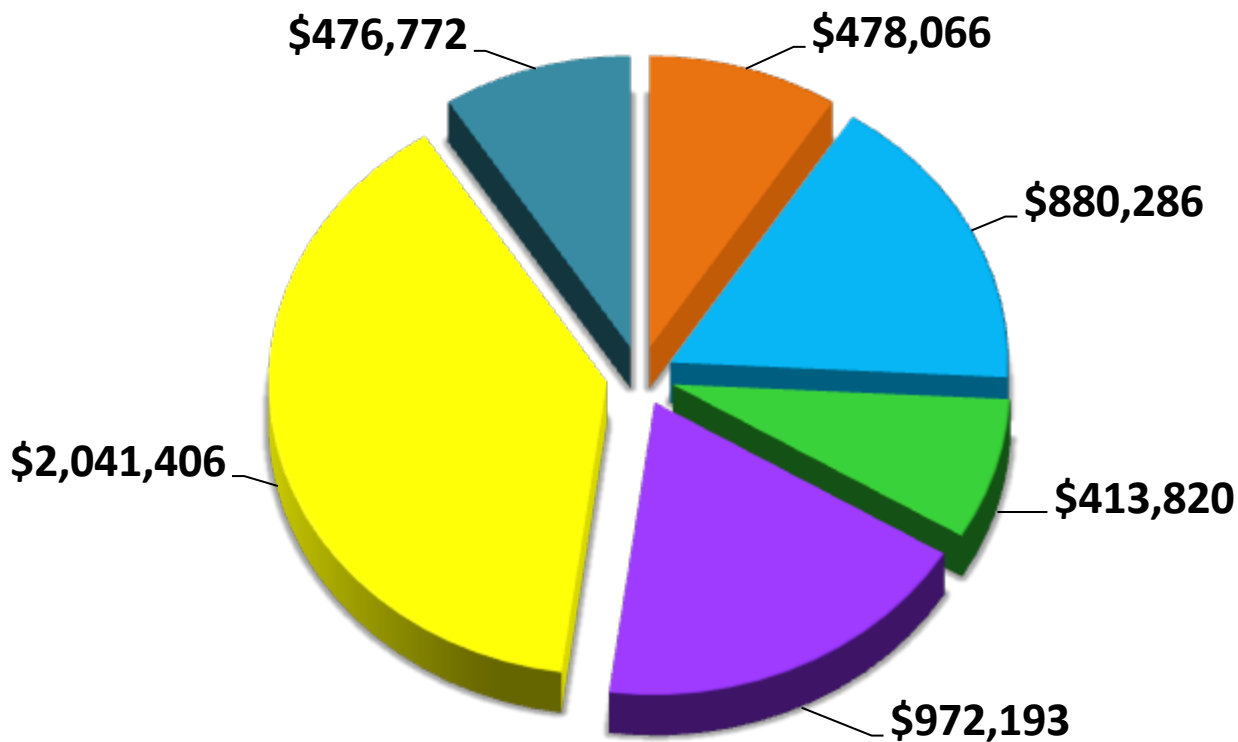
Context for NOAA's FY 2013 Proposal







- The unprecedented size of the federal budget deficit has resulted in pressure to reduce federal spending
- The pressure to reduce budgets is real
- NOAA's FY 2013 budget proposal supports the President's top priority of deficit reduction
- NOAA provides a valuable service to the nation



NOAA FY 2013 President's Budget by Line Office

(\$ In Thousands)



-  National Ocean Service (NOS)
-  National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
-  Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)
-  National Weather Service (NWS)
-  National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS)
-  Program Support (PS)



NOAA's Approach to FY13: Reflect New Reality of Deficit Reduction

- We cannot continue to do everything at a reduced level
- We must make tough choices that will result in cuts
- We're taking a strategic approach to proposed cuts
- Retain focus on core mission areas; areas where long-term cost savings can be achieved
- Continue to incorporate direction from Congress based on FY 2012 budget
- Continue to balance *Science, Service, and Stewardship*



NOAA's Approach to FY13: Criteria for Choices, Changes, Cuts

- **Program Attributes**

- Required – does this fill a statutory mission?
- Substitutable – can other organizations do this?
- Strategic – is this central to NOAA's core goals?

- **Potential Impacts**

- Impact on Society if we lowered our service
- Impact on NOAA if function is no longer provided



Proposed FY13 Budget Decreases

- West Coast Proposal: ~\$5.0 M
- Habitat and the Chesapeake Bay Office: ~\$12 M
- Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions: ~\$5 M
- Prescott Grants: ~\$4 M
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund: ~\$15 M



De-fund Prescott Grants, Continue to Coordinate Marine Mammal Response

- Proposed reduction would de-fund the Prescott Grant Program
- Not proposing that Congress remove the authorization for Prescott Program from the *Marine Mammal Protection Act*
- NOAA would rely on private organizations as it coordinates the response to marine mammals in distress; determine disease, injury and potential cause(s) of death; and support emergency response for marine mammals during oil spills, outbreaks of diseases, and unusual mortality events
- NOAA recognizes that during this transition our network partners may not be able to respond to some stranding events. The ability to monitor marine mammal health trends, collect scientific data, and perform analysis may also be diminished.

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Estimate	FY13 Request
Marine Mammals – Prescott Grants	\$3,976	\$3,981	\$0



What's Next?

- Congress will make final decisions on funding levels, as part of the FY13 budget process.
- As this process unfolds, NOAA will work with you to determine stranding response priorities and help communicate expectations for response to the public.
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FY13 Federal Budget Process

- May 2011 – NOAA proposal to Department of Commerce
- September 2011 – Commerce proposal to Office of Management and Budget
- February 13, 2012 -- President's FY13 budget request goes to Congress
- Spring/Summer – Congressional Appropriations Committees work on Appropriation
House Appropriations Committee Vote – TBD
- Full House Vote – TBD
- Senate Committee Vote – TBD
- Full Senate Vote – TBD
- Conference Committee Vote – TBD
- Final Congressional Approval, and FY13 Enacted bill sent to the President
- President signs the Appropriation – TBD



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