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# National MPA Center Update

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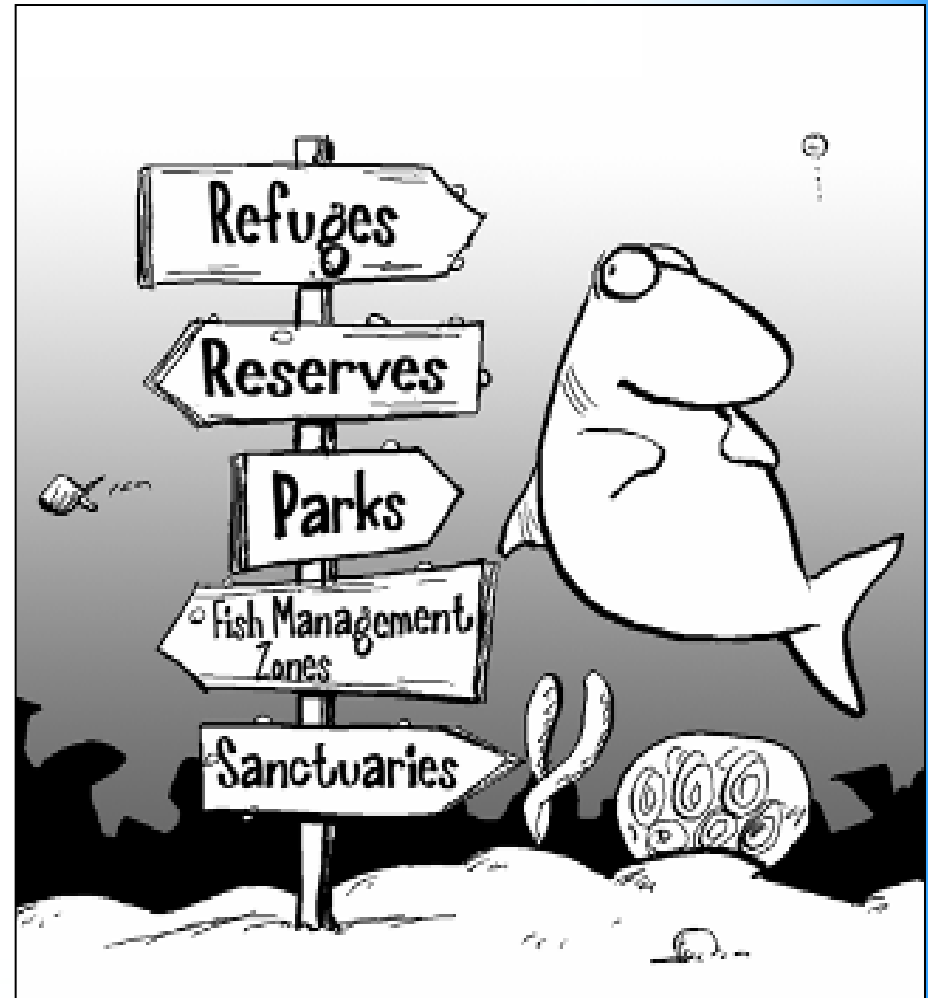
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# National MPA Center Outlook

- **BUDGET**
- **STAFFING**
- **OUTLOOK**



# MPA Center FY2011 Budget

- Operating Under a Continuing Resolution
- FY2010 - \$3.0 Million
- FY2011 Possibilities
  - President's Request - \$2.128 Million
  - Senate Mark -- \$3.0 Million
- Assumes \$3.0M for Year Long CR
- Sufficient Funds for Full Operation

# MPA Center Staffing Changes

Kara Schwenke: new MPA FAC Designated Federal Official

Lauren Wenzel: full time as National MPA System Coordinator

Charlie Wahle: on detail to new CMSP program for year

Julia Townsend: returned from CMSP, but still associated

Mimi D'Iorio: will manage MPA Center Monterey office

Robert Brock: new - senior marine biologist

Katya Wowk: left the MPA Center for new position

Abby Gray: rejoined the MPA Center temporarily

Hugo Selbie: MPA Inventory enhancement initiative

Joe Uravitch: retiring January 1, 2011



# Outlook for the Future

- The Administration has an ocean policy and action focus
- MPA Center staffed to address continuing changes
- National MPA System continues to evolve and strengthen – new sites, more states, increasing tribal consultation and participation
- Increased international cooperation



# QUESTIONS?

