



The Nation's Ocean Heritage in the National Park System

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National Park Service Mission

“Promote and regulate the use of ...national parks... to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

U. S. Congress, 1916



National Parks in the Ocean?

- ✔ 72 National Parks on the coast (ocean & Great Lakes)
- ✔ 35 million acres of prime coastal habitats
- ✔ 4,700 miles of shoreline
- ✔ 40 parks include 3.2 million acres of ocean
- ✔ Recreational fishing is allowed in all but one park, commercial fishing is allowed only by statute or tribal treaties



Ocean National Parks

Acadia

American

Samoa

Biscayne

Channel Islands

Dry Tortugas

Everglades

Glacier Bay

Olympic

Redwood

Virgin Islands



Ocean National Monuments

Buck Island
Reef

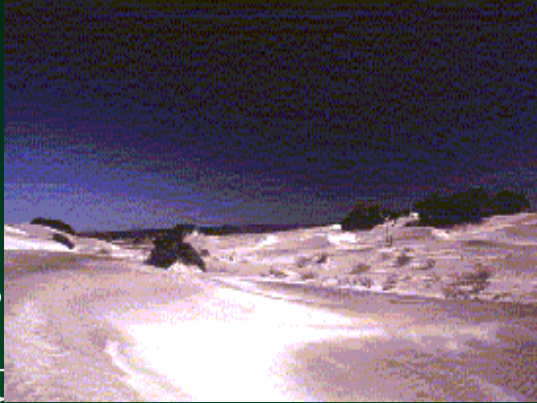
Cabrillo

Virgin
Islands Coral
Reef



National Seashores

Assateague
Island
Canaveral
Cape Cod
Cape Hatteras
Cape Lookout
Cumberland
Island
Gulf Islands
Fire Island
Padre Island
Point Reyes



Great Lakes Parks

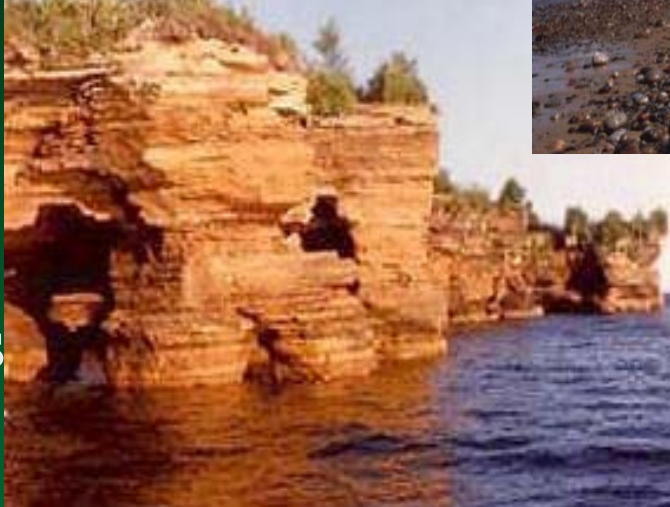


Apostle
Islands



Grand Portage

Indiana Dunes



Isle Royale

Pictured Rocks

Sleeping Bear
Dunes



Coastal Parks & Preserves

Aniakchak
Bering Land
Bridge
Cape
Kruesenstern
Haleakala
Hawaii Volcanoes
Katmai
Kenai Fjords
Lake Clark
Timucuan
Wrangell-St. Elias



Coastal Recreational Areas

Boston
Harbor
Islands



Gateway



Golden Gate



Santa
Monica
Mountains



Maritime History Parks

Castillo de San
Marcos
De Soto
Ebey's
Landing
Fort Point
Kalaupapa
Kaloko-
Honokohau
Pu'uhonua o
Honaunau
Puukohola
Heiau
Salt River Bay



Maritime Memorials

American
Memorial

U. S. S.
Arizona

War in the
Pacific



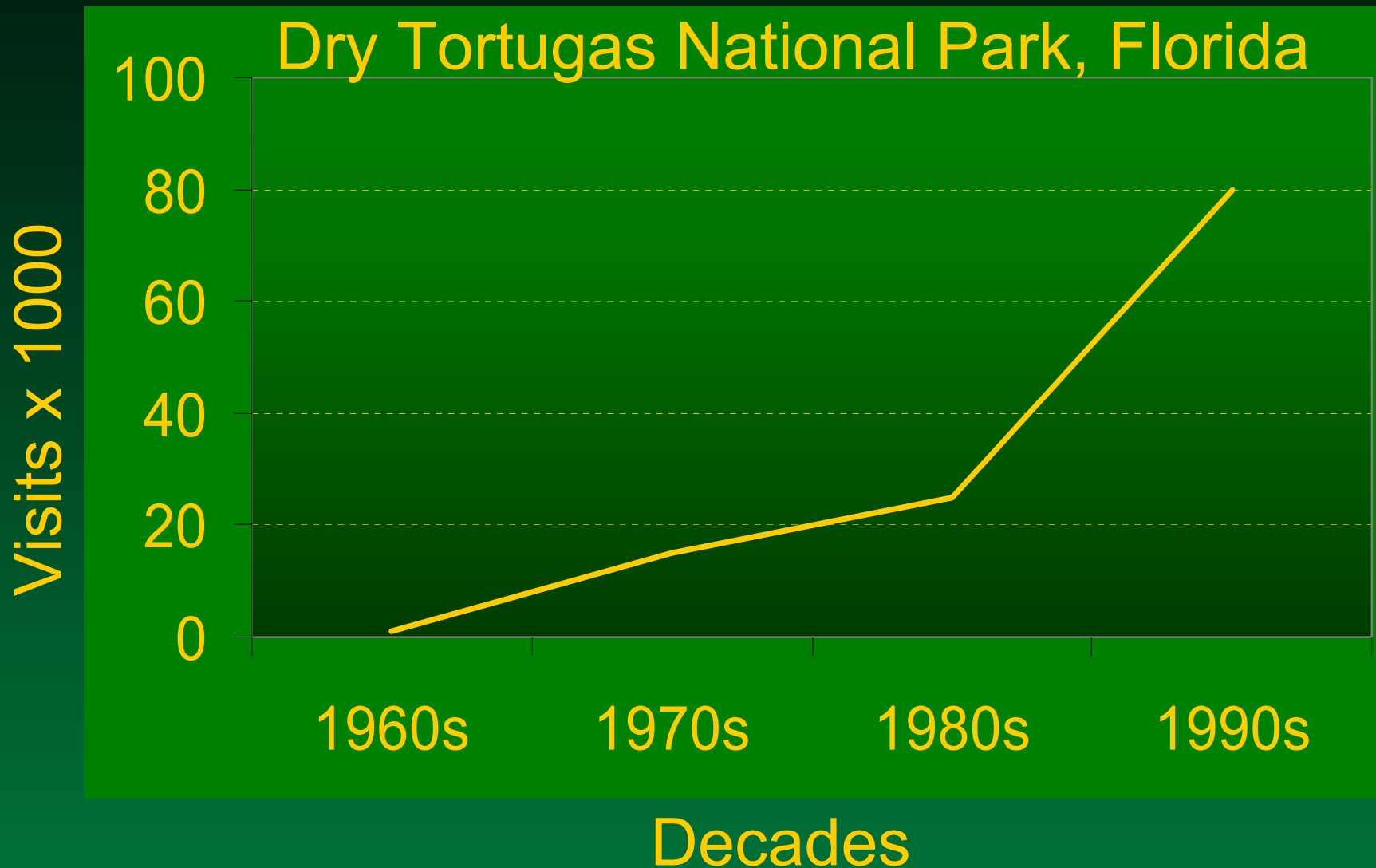
One System-All Areas United

“...the National Park System, which began with the establishment of Yellowstone National Park in 1872, has grown to include superlative natural, historic, and recreation areas in every region...and it is the purpose of this Act to include all such areas in the System....”

General Authorities Act, 1970



Ocean Park Visitation Increasing



National Heritage

“...these areas, though distinct in character, are united through their interrelated purposes and resources into one national park system as cumulative expressions of a single national heritage;”

General Authorities Act, 1970



Benefit & Inspiration of All the People

“...individually and collectively,
these areas derive increased national
dignity and recognition of their
superb environmental quality
through inclusion jointly with each
other in one national park system
preserved and managed for the
benefit and inspiration of all the
people....”


General Authorities Act, 1970



National Park Service Stewardship Mission

- ✓ Conserve the parks
- ✓ Provide for their enjoyment
- ✓ Leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations



An underwater photograph showing a diver in silhouette swimming through a dense kelp forest. The water is a deep blue-green color, and sunlight filters through the surface, creating a shimmering effect. The kelp plants are large and leafy, framing the diver in the center.

Parks care for whole
ecosystems—Including
people... and maintain system integrity-
biological interactions

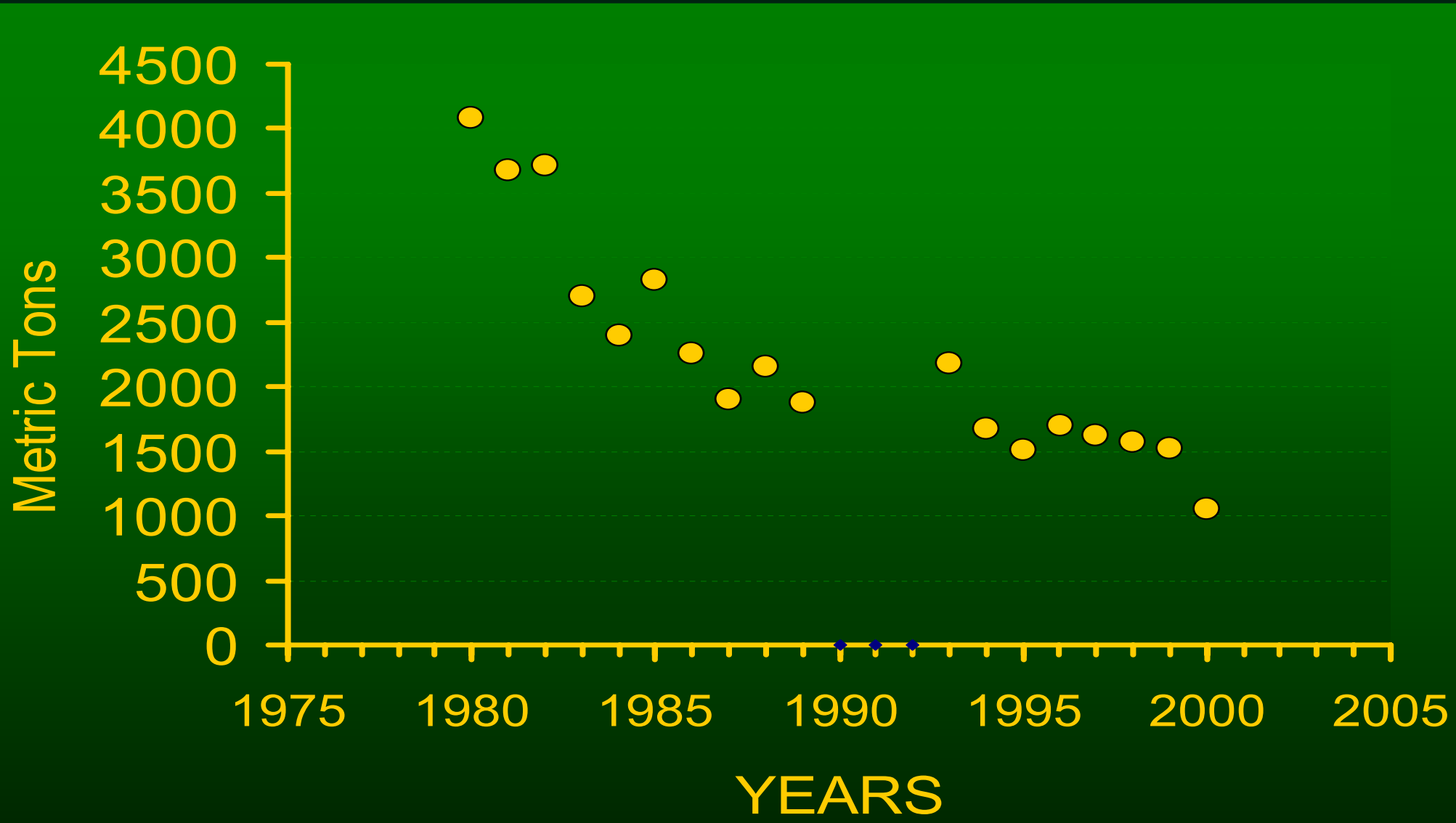
Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida



Lobster Reserve
annually pumps
millions of larval and
juvenile lobsters into
regional fisheries and
ecosystems



20% California Fishery Landings Come From 3% of State Waters in Channel Islands National Park



Joint State-Park Fishery Management Plan

Biscayne National Park, Florida



NPS Partners in Ocean Conservation

- ✔ American Fisheries Society
- ✔ American Sportfishing Association
- ✔ Audubon Society
- ✔ Environmental Defense
- ✔ National Fisherman
- ✔ NOAA
- ✔ National Parks & Conservation Association
- ✔ Natural Resources Defense Council
- ✔ Packard Foundation
- ✔ The Ocean Conservancy
- ✔ United Anglers
- ✔ World Wildlife Fund

