

# DOC/DOI Feedback on MPA FAC Recommendations



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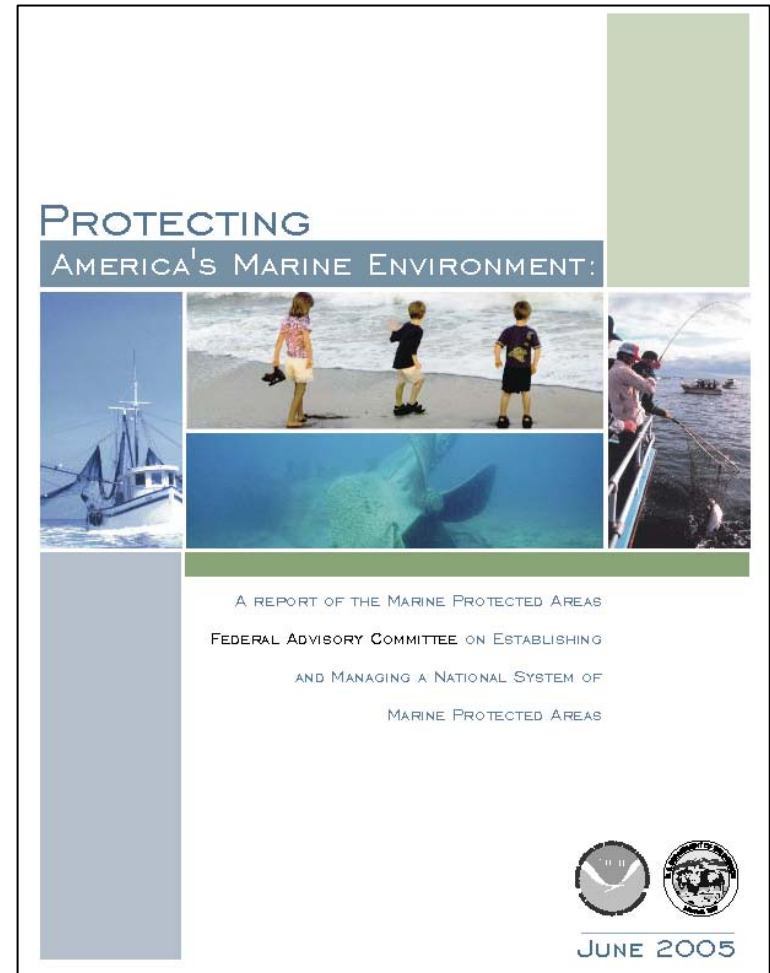
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# Since We Met....

- May 2005: MPA FAC unanimously adopted first report
- August 2005: Chairman Dan Bromley briefs NOAA Administrator Lautenbacher and DOI Assistant Secretary Rebecca Watson on MPA FAC's work
- September 2005: DOC (Lautenbacher) and DOI (Watson) send letter of acknowledgement to Dr. Bromley and FAC members
- November 2005: DOC and DOI send formal response to FAC report to members
- Throughout 2005: FAC members spoke at public dialogue sessions in Washington, DC, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle to share their work

# Distribution of MPA FAC Report

- MPA.gov website
- Congressional offices
- States
- Federal agencies
- Fishery management councils
- Tribes
- NGOs
- Public commenters
- Upon request



# General Comments

- MPA FAC has made a major contribution by identifying the key components of the system (e.g. vision, goal, objectives, principles, processes and key definitions)
- MPA FAC has overcome differences in perspective to find consensus on a complex and contentious topic

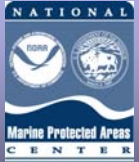


# Framework Draws on MPA FAC Report



- Strong emphasis on:
  - National criteria and regional planning
  - Stakeholder involvement in decision making
  - Using the best available information from natural science, social science and customary knowledge
  - Building on existing MPA programs and initiatives
  - Promoting stewardship and effectiveness
  - Implementation
    - Promotes “action plans” to identify priorities
    - Supports Regional coordination

# Key Differences Between FAC Report and Draft Framework



- Due to:
  - comments from federal agencies, states, and the public
  - Analysis of marine managed area inventory



# Key Differences (cont)

- Definition of “Lasting”:  
established with the intent to  
provide permanent protection
- Additional criteria proposed for  
cultural resources (based on  
National Register of Historic  
Places)
- Nomination process is streamlined
- Nomination for existing sites need  
not be done through regional  
entity
- Implementation less prescriptive



# How DOC & DOI Are Addressing “Future Issues”



- “Avoid Harm”
  - Guidance provided in Framework
- Tribal consultation
  - Meeting with Northwest Tribes, April 2006
  - Continued dialogue needed
- Entity to formally recognize designation
  - Defined in Framework (MPA Center, with consent of management agency)
- Monetary and Non-monetary incentives
  - Subcommittee 2