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National MPA Center and National MPA System Update

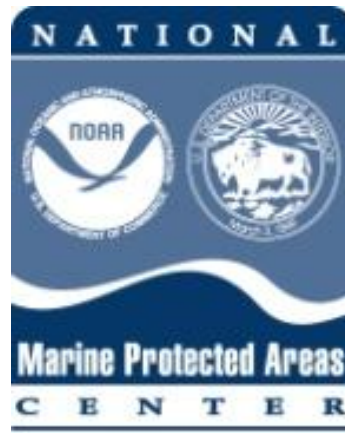
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National MPA Center

FY2010



MPA Center Funding History

Fiscal Year	Pres Request	Appropriation
FY2001	0	\$0.249M
FY2002	\$3.0M	\$3.0
FY2003	\$3.0	\$4.0
FY2004	\$3.0	\$4.9
FY2005	\$3.0	\$2.18
FY2006	\$2.128	\$1.480
FY2007	\$2.128	\$1.480
FY2008	\$2.128	\$1.424
FY2009	\$2.128	\$2.9
FY2010	\$2.128	\$3.0
FY2011	\$2.128	TBD

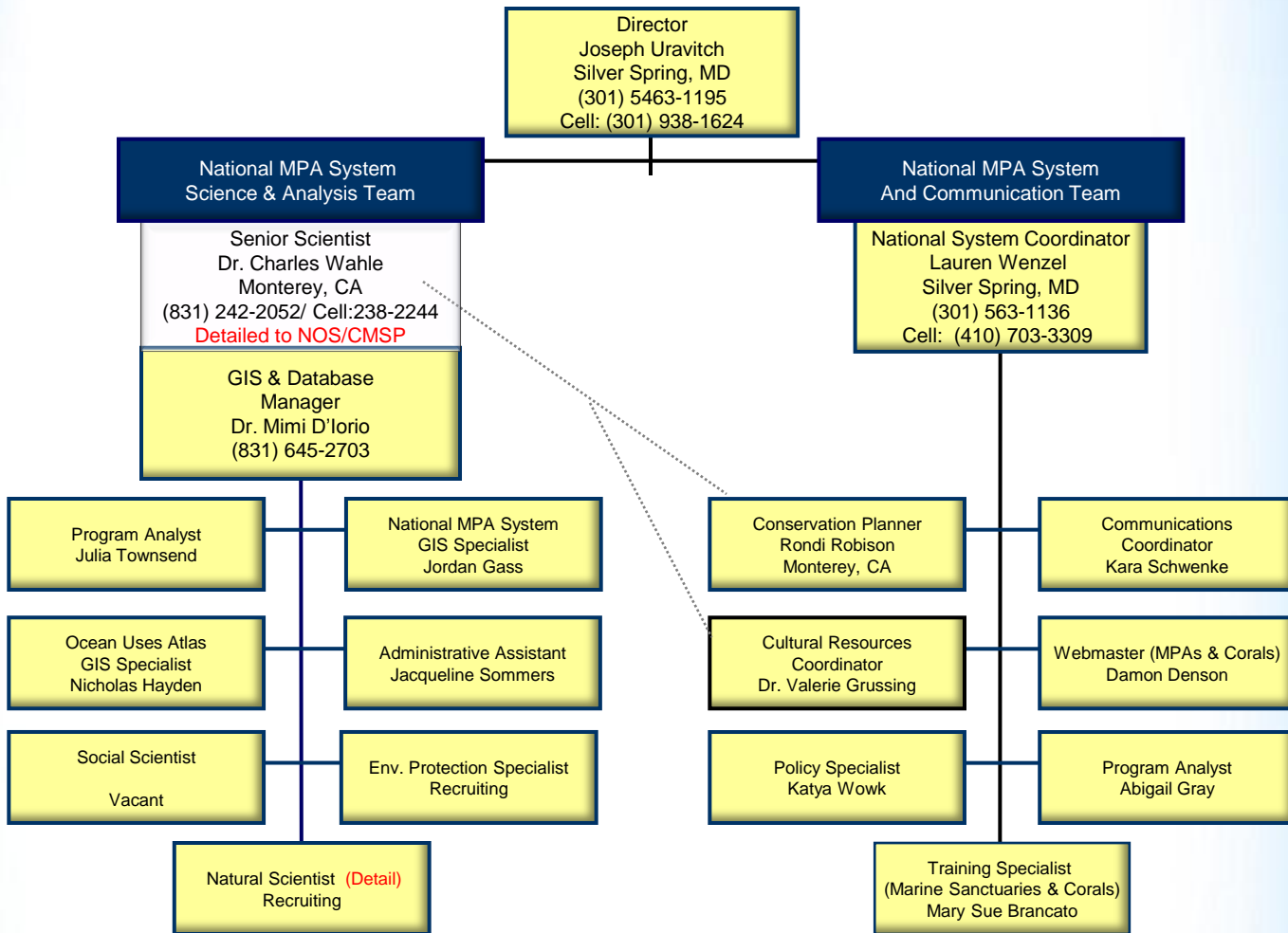
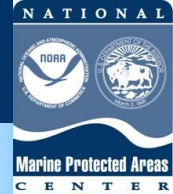
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NOAA/National Ocean Service
Ocean & Coastal Management
Marine Protected Areas

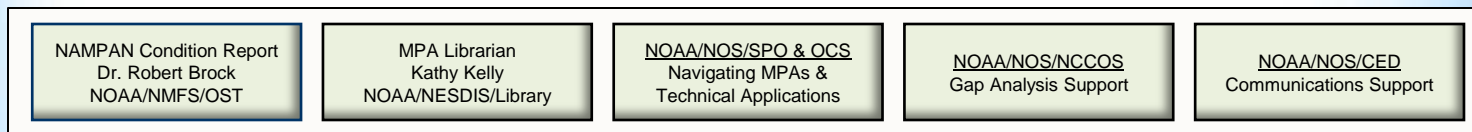


National Marine Protected Areas Center

March 31, 2010



MPA Center Project Associates



MPA Center FY2010 Priorities

- Strengthen capabilities of National MPA System members
 - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
 - Leverage resources of federal agency partners
 - International Engagement: North American MPA Network, SPAW
- Define and implement System's Cultural Heritage component
 - Cultural Heritage Working Group
 - Government to Government consultations
- Integrate with Coastal/Marine Spatial Planning, Climate Change
 - MPA Inventory, DeFacto MPA Inventory (continued updating)
 - Ocean Uses Atlas, MPA Ecological Gap Analysis (continued development)
- Engaging Stakeholders and the Public
 - Continued support of the MPA Federal Advisory Committee
 - Continued development of materials and information in many media
 - Partnerships with NMEA & Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers

Working with National System Partners

- Planning National System Partners Retreat – June 2010
- Focus on two priorities
 - MPA Effectiveness
 - Coastal and marine spatial planning
- Tools, lessons learned from MPA Programs



Coordinating IOOS & the National System

- MPA FAC recommended establishment of IOOS/National System workgroup to enhance coordination
- Task Team being established Spring 2010
- Key charge
 - Identifying highest priority monitoring parameters for MPAs, including those needed for climate change monitoring
 - Steps to expand climate reference network w/marine sites
 - Ways to enhance data delivery to managers



Cultural Heritage Resources

- Newly established Cultural Heritage Resources Workgroup
- Filling gaps in MPA Inventory
- Cultural resources outreach



Defining “Avoid Harm”

- Executive Order calls for federal agencies to avoid harm to the resources protected by national system MPAs
- Framework says that this requirement will be defined and implemented by each federal agency
- NOAA developing “avoid harm” policy; possible model for other agencies
 - NOAA role, definitions, operations, documentation

Training

- MPA Center has established training partnership with Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and Coral Program
- FY2010 Training:
 - Adapting to Climate Change for Coastal and MPA Managers (Feb 2010)
 - Developing MPA Networks (June 2010)
- Next steps
 - Capacity assessment for national system partners
 - Identifying priorities for additional training

Education

- Special issue of Current: The Journal for Marine Educators on MPA Networks
 - Overview of MPAs & MPA networks
 - Ecological networks
 - Institutional networks
 - High seas networks
 - Networks as a tool for climate change adaptation
 - Lesson Plan – MPA poster
- Available May 2010



Website Redesign

- Clean look
- More multi-media
- Stronger national system focus

The screenshot shows the National Marine Protected Areas Center website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows <http://mpa.gov/>. The website features a navigation menu with links for About MPAs, National System, Data & Analysis, Resources, Science & Stewardship, and Advisory Committee. The main content area is titled "NATIONAL MARINE PROTECTED AREAS CENTER" with the URL www.mpa.gov and a large starfish graphic. A prominent banner for a "New! Interactive MPA Mapping Tool" is displayed, showing a map of the United States with a sidebar of search filters. The left sidebar contains links to "About MPAs", "National System", "Data & Analysis", "Resources", and "Science & Stewardship". The right sidebar includes "What's New" with a link to "New! California Ocean Uses Atlas Data", "Recommendations from MPA Federal Advisory Committee on Evaluating the National System", "List of National System MPAs", "Ask The MPA Center" with a link to "How do I nominate sites to the national system?", "What is an MPA?", and "What are the benefits of a national system of MPAs?". The footer of the page includes the text "National Marine Protected Areas" on the left and www.mpa.gov on the right.

2nd Round of Nominations

- 32 sites nominated
 - National Parks
 - National Wildlife Refuges
 - Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
 - Washington State, US Virgin Islands
- Announcement Planned – World Oceans Week (June 7-11)



Public Comment on Nominations

- Term “MPA” continues to be controversial
- Continued concerns from recreational fishing community – fears of fishing restrictions
- Need for additional public outreach & site inreach



MPA Fund

- Partnership with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Tangible incentive for MPA national system partners
- Fosters collaboration among MPA programs
- Hope to continue & expand in FY11 and beyond
- Expect to fund 4-5 MPA partnership grants in FY10
- Announcement – June 2010



International Linkages

- North American MPA Network
 - How to identify priority conservation areas in light of expected climate change impacts
 - Education partnership with Aquaria
- Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA, Cartagena Convention)
 - Pilot to list sites under treaty
- Sharing tools & approaches with Canada, EU, France, etc.



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NOAA Launches Interactive Marine Protected Areas Mapping Tool

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[NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas Center](#) has created a new interactive online mapping tool that, for the first time, allows users to view boundaries and access data for more than a thousand marine protected areas (MPAs) in the United States.

"Our staff gets calls from people who want to know more about the management of their local waters. This new mapping tool provides a snapshot of what activities are allowed and how people can get more information about MPAs," said Joseph Uravitch, director of NOAA's MPA Center. "The site brings together information from dozens of management agencies creating an efficient one-stop resource."

MPAs are conservation areas that include the marine environment, such as some National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, National Marine Sanctuaries and similar areas managed by state, local and tribal governments. The mapping tool allows users to view all the MPAs in a specific location or across an entire region, as well as search for specific attributes, including conservation purpose, managing agency and level of protection, among others.

"MPAs are an important tool in conserving our ocean and coastal resources which are vital to our nation's environmental health and economy," said David M. Kennedy, acting assistant administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Data for the mapping tool comes from the newly updated [MPA Inventory](#), a comprehensive database on existing U.S. MPAs. Originally launched in June 2008, the inventory contains a range of information on each of the 1,637 protected areas established or managed by federal, state, or territorial agencies or programs. Data was collected from most management agencies and programs and is current as of January 2010. The mapping tool can be accessed at www.mpa.gov/mpaviewer.