



Collaborations

A monthly update of cooperative research news

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This issue of *Collaborations* highlights the need for cooperative research to provide critical information for the emerging issues of Marine Protected Areas and ecosystem-based management. At a recent conference at Woods Hole, representatives from science, industry, management and conservation groups pointed to knowledge gaps and the necessity of new models. Fishermen and scientists have an opportunity to participate in a consensus-building approach to these issues, from the bottom up, starting with the cooperative research that is needed to ensure "science-based" designs.

"The New England Aquarium and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Sea Grant College Program are hosting a series of public forums to focus on **Marine Protected Areas in the Gulf of Maine**. The goal of these forums is to open a dialogue among the public, fishermen and other resource users, environmental organizations, and federal and state agency officials to clarify the role of and need for MPAs in the Gulf of Maine."



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"The train is leaving the station and you can either get on it or stand in front of it"

-Benjamin Cowie-Haskell, NOAA/Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, at a presentation given at a recent MPA symposium at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.



WHAT IS EXECUTIVE ORDER #13158?

In a status report released by NOAA this past June:

"On June 4, 2001, the Bush Administration endorsed Executive Order #13158 on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and reiterated the President's request for \$3 million to support this effort as part of the FY2002 Department of Commerce (DOC) budget. The Executive Order directs DOC, the Department of the Interior (DOI), and other Federal agencies to strengthen and expand a national system of MPAs by working closely with state, territorial, local, tribal, and other stakeholders. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is responsible for implementing the Executive Order for the Department of Commerce."

WHAT ARE NOAA'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

1. NOAA will establish a **Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee**. (See announcement). The Committee will give advice and recommendations to NOAA and the Department of Interior on the framework for a national system of MPAs.
2. NOAA and the Department of the Interior will develop and maintain an **inventory of existing MPAs** "to provide a database for understanding the scope and effectiveness of a national system of MPAs." Public input is needed on the criteria for including sites. Visit www.mpa.gov.
3. NOAA will establish a **National Marine Protected Areas Center**. The Center will work with other Federal, state and territorial agencies and other partners to provide information, tools and services. Two Institutes were launched in Fall 2000: the Institute for MPA Science in Santa Cruz, California and the Institute for MPA Training and Technical Assistance in Charleston, South Carolina.
4. NOAA will create a website "to provide the public with easy access to information on MPAs and status reports on implementing the Executive Order." Visit www.mpa.gov.

Get Involved!

Visit the website, www.mpa.gov for more information



~ANNOUNCEMENT~

The Gulf of Maine needs representation!

Accepting Nominations for MPA Advisory Committee
(Your chance to have a say in developing the national system of MPAs)

September 15 – Nominations for Membership on the Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas must be postmarked on or before this date. Contact Roger Griffis, NOAA, 301-713-3155 or Roger.B.Griffis@noaa.gov.

To read the Federal Register Notice, visit www.mpa.gov/mpabusiness/sup_fedreg.html.

"Executive Order 13158 requires that NOAA establish an Advisory Committee of non-federal members to provide advice for the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementing the Executive Order."

"The Department of Commerce is seeking a diverse group of approximately 25 highly qualified individuals to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. Nominations are sought for non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations. Individuals seeking membership on the Advisory Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to MPAs and/or interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be considered based on their ability to contribute to a balance of interests and points of view."

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WHAT IS AN MPA ANYWAY?

At the MPA Symposium in Woods Hole, several presenters gave varying definitions of the criteria for an MPA, but according to Executive Order #13158, an MPA is "any area of the marine environment that has been reserved by Federal, State, territorial, tribal, or local laws or regulations to provide lasting protection for part or all of the natural and cultural resources therein."

They can include a variety of sites established for different purposes in coastal and ocean waters, as well as the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and submerged lands.

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS

MPA News, "International News and Analysis on Marine Protected Areas," is published monthly by Marine Affairs Research and Education (MARE) in association with the School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington. Send an e-mail message to mpanews@u.washington.edu, type "subscribe" in the subject line, and include your name, mailing address, and daytime phone number in the text of the message. Indicate whether you would like your newsletter delivered electronically or in paper format.

The Conservation Law Foundation announced the release of the first issue of **New England's Ocean News (NEON)**. "NEON intends to shed light on New England marine affairs and inform people about the various developments that affect our marine environment." The link

for marine reserves is www.clf.org/NEON/0109_scientific_consensus.htm.



NEWS YOU CAN USE



~REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS~

September 14, 5:00 pm, EDT – **The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation** is requesting proposals for a "Review of existing literature and research documenting personal benefits (including psychological, physical, social and familial) to recreational boating and fishing." E-mail jpatterson@rbff.org or call 703-519-0013.

November 1, 2001, 5:00 pm EST – Proposals for sea scallop research funded through the fishing year 2002 TAC set-aside will be accepted for consideration by NMFS and the Council. Visit www.nefmc.org, "Plans and Reports," "Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan," "Notice and Request for Sea Scallop Research Proposals." Or contact Pat Fiorelli at the New England Fisheries Management Council, 978-465-0492 or Peter Christopher, NMFS, 978-281-9288.

ATTENTION GILLNETTERS AND LONGLINERS! Join the six inshore and offshore trawlers who are participating in the following project:

MIT Sea Grant is **seeking vessels to participate in a pilot groundfish study fleet**. The boats will be fitted with electronic logbooks to collect detailed data on catch and bycatch. The project seeks to determine how the systems will be used and how to provide useful information to managers while protecting the proprietary interests of fishermen. Contact Cliff Goudey for more information (617-253-7079 or cgoudey@mit.edu).

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Marine Protected Areas of the United States (NOAA)

<http://www.mpa.gov/welcome.html>

The Gulf of Maine Marine Protected Areas Project

<http://www.gulfofmaine.org/library/mpas/mpa.htm>

Bibliography of Marine Protected Areas Literature

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

<http://www.oceansconservation.com/newenglish/library/bibliompa.htm>

Coral Parks Program, Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL)

[http://www.coralreefalliance.org/stories/storyReader\\$44](http://www.coralreefalliance.org/stories/storyReader$44)

International Conference on the Economics of Marine Protected Areas

http://fisheries.ubc.ca/Announce/prev_workshops/econMPA.htm

Marine Protected Areas and Marine Reserves

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

<http://www.pond.net/~pcffa/MPA.htm>

MPA Corner: UNEP - Caribbean Environment Programme

<http://www.cep.unep.org/pubs/cepnews/v16n1/mpa%20corner.htm>

MPA News: International News and Analysis on Marine Protected Areas

University of Washington, School of Marine Affairs

<http://www.mpanews.org>

Marine Protected Areas

The Living Ocean Society

<http://www.livingoceans.org/marine.htm>

Marine Protected Areas

The World Wildlife Foundation

<http://www.panda.org/resources/publications/water/mpa/index.html>

Marine Protected Areas: An Overview

Congressional Research Service Report for Congress

<http://www.cnire.org/nle/mar-39.html>

Marine Protected Areas Web Links

Australian Marine Conservation Society

<http://www.amcs.org.au/links/mpa.htm>

Marine Protected Areas: Tools for Sustaining Ocean Ecosystem

National Academy of Sciences Ocean Studies Board

http://books.nap.edu/catalog/9994.html?onpi_newsdoc110900

Marine Reserves Overview, Viewpoints, and Dialogue Center

National Fisheries Conservation Center

http://www.nfcc-fisheries.com/mr_io.html

North American Marine Protected Areas Network

North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation

http://www.cec.org/programs_projects/conserv_biodiv/marine_network/index.cfm?varlan=english

Oceans Canada: Marine Protected Areas

Oceans Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

<http://www.oceansconservation.com/newenglish/htmdocs/mpas/mpa.htm>

The Ocean Wilderness Challenge

Ocean Conservancy

<http://www.oceanconservancy.org/wc.html>

Reefs and Marine Protected Areas

World Resources Institute

<http://www.wri.org/indicters/reefmpas.htm>

United States Coral Reef Task Force Documents

<http://coralreef.gov>

American Oceans Campaign

<http://www.americoceans.org/mpa/main.htm>

Additional links are listed on www.mpa.gov/mpaservices/library/websites.html

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