

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

10804

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

09/30/2017

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

09/30/2019

### 7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2019

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

EO 13889 and EO 13875

### 8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2019

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

EO 13158 and EO 13811

### 13. Effective Date

05/26/2000

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

Yes

### 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

5

### 16b. Report Date

11/15/2018

### Report Title

Cover letter to DOC and DOI transmitting MPAFAC products

How MPAs Enhance the Resilience  
of Coastal Marine Ecosystems and  
their Services: A Supplemental  
11/15/2018 Report by the Marine Protected  
Areas Federal Advisory Committee  
(November 2018)

Sustaining MPA Benefits in a  
11/15/2018 Changing Ocean: Executive  
Summary (November 2018)

Sustaining MPA Benefits in a  
11/15/2018 Changing Ocean: Findings and  
Recommendations (November 2018)

11/15/2018 Updates to the Cultural Resources  
Toolkit ( November 2018)

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 5**

**17a.** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1  
**Open**

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
The Committee discussed and voted to approve unanimously all of its products, reports and recommendations to DOC and DOI..	11/08/2018	11/08/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$87,458.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$15,167.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$102,625.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.64	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee provided advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to develop and support an effective national system of marine protected areas (MPAs). It typically operated between 0-3 Subcommittees and/or Working Groups per term, addressing timely aspects of MPA management and policy. During early FY19 and before the government-wide shutdown, the Committee as a whole completed its charge from DOC and DOI (i.e. Sustaining MPA Benefits in a Changing Ocean), while a pre-existing Cultural Heritage Resources Working Group provided, through the Committee, advice and information on updating the MPA Center's website on managing cultural resources in MPAs. The Committee's final products and recommendations were approved unanimously on Nov. 8, 2018 and were submitted to DOC and DOI on Nov. 15, 2018. No new Subcommittees or Working Groups were established later in FY19. The MPAFAC was unable to meet again after November 8, 2018, as over half of its members had termed off and 11 proposed new members were not approved.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Presidential Executive Order 13158 calls for a

committee of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations to advise federal MPA programs on important and timely issues. In selecting Committee members, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior staff team identify nominees who: 1) represented the broad variety of MPA stakeholders and perspectives in the public, private, university, and non-governmental sectors; and, 2) live and work in a variety of coastal, ocean and Great Lakes regions of the United States. Members typically represent: commercial and recreational fishing interests; conservation organizations; ocean industry; academic institutions including natural and social scientists; coastal states and territories; tribes and Pacific Islands; non-consumptive uses; and cultural resources. For early FY19, seven of the Committee members were women, and two represented ethnic diversity.

#### **20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee typically met at least once in-person and several times virtually. Committee members came from all regions of the U.S. and convened for their in-person meetings at strategic coastal locations that provide an opportunity for input from practitioners, experts and the public in that region. At the meetings, Committee members deliberated publicly in order to provide advice and recommendations to assist the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior on how to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in Executive Order 13158. Members may also confer as needed during periodic administrative or preparatory sessions held by teleconference and coordinated by the DFO. The meetings and the Committee's charge are essential to the Committee's

decision-making and ensure crucial public engagement in these federal MPA agencies.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

E.O. 13158 on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) required the establishment of an MPA Federal Advisory Committee. This national-level committee represented the diverse interests of the public in often complex and consequential ocean management issues, and provided stakeholder advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on cross-cutting MPA-related activities and priorities. The Committee's unique breadth of expertise helps ensured the long-term effectiveness, relevance and equity of ocean management in the U.S. The MPAFAC addresses, by its design, membership and charges, emerging national-level ocean management challenges applicable to many US MPAs managed by federal, state, territorial, tribal and local agencies. No other existing advisory group provides a comparable breadth of topical scope or stakeholder perspectives on these issues.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

Committee terminated in response to EO 13875.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Charles Minton Wahle DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, John	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Ocean energy, (Nossaman LLP)	Representative Member

Baird, Brian	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	State agency (retired), (Bay Inst. and Aquarium of the Bay)	Representative Member
Ballotti, John	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Recreational fishing Ocean	Representative Member
Bell, Katy	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Exploration, (MIT and Natl. Geographic)	Representative Member
Brylske, Alex	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Non-consumptive uses (Florida Keys Comm. College)	Representative Member
Callender, Russell	01/15/2017	01/15/2019	DOC/NOAA/Natl. Ocean Service	Ex Officio Member
Carr, Mark	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Professor of Ecology, (Univ. of Calif. Santa Cruz)	Representative Member
Honey, Martha	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Tourism, (Center for Responsible Travel)	Representative Member
Horton, Christopher	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Recreational fishing (Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)	Representative Member
Hostler-Carmesin, Jacque	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Tribal and indigenous issues (Trinidad Rancheria)	Representative Member
Madsen, Stephanie	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Commercial fishing, (At Sea Processors Association)	Representative Member
McClintock, William	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Social science (Univ. Calif. Santa Barbara)	Representative Member
McClure, Lynn	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Conservation (National Parks Conservation Association)	Representative Member
McCreedy, Cliff	01/02/2006	09/30/2019	National Park Service	Ex Officio Member
Melzian, Brian	01/01/2005	09/30/2019	Researcher	Ex Officio Member
Murray, Samantha	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Ocean conservation, (UC San Diego, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography)	Representative Member

Orgera, Ryan	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Social Science, (George Washington Univ.)	Representative Member
Pierson, John	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	US Navy	Ex Officio Member
Robinson, David	01/15/2017	09/30/2019	Cultural resources, (David S. Robinson and Associates, Inc.)	Representative Member
Stauffer, Pete	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Non-consumptive uses, (Surfrider Foundation)	Representative Member
Tucker, Steven	01/01/2007	09/30/2019	US Coast Guard	Ex Officio Member
Watson, Trisha	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Tribal and indigenous people, (Honua Consulting)	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 22**

### Narrative Description

The Committee provided expert advice to the Departments of Commerce and Interior on the development and management of the nation's system of Marine Protected Areas for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the America's natural and cultural resources. The Committee's recommendations directly support NOAA's Strategic Plan and the priorities of DOI's MPA programs.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



### Outcome Comments

Since 2003, the Committee had provided recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and Interior intended to improve the effectiveness, design, adaptive management and efficiency of existing marine protected areas and networks in the face of rapidly changing oceans and uses; and, to broaden and strengthen the public's voice in federal MPA decisions. During FY19, the Committee provided advice on sustaining the significant economic, ecological and cultural benefits provided by MPAs in the face of changing ocean conditions, uses and policies, and on ensuring that MPA managers have the latest tools and approaches for conserving cultural heritage resources in their sites.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

237

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee provided advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to help inform efforts by the Federal Government and its state, tribal and local partners to effectively design and adaptively manage their MPAs in U.S. waters. Since its inception in 2003, the Committee's recommendations have addressed a wide range of

topics from policy to science to site management to outreach and stakeholder engagement among the over 1,200 MPAs in the nation's EEZ. In FY19, the MPAFAC completed its charge and submitted 7 recommendations to DOC and DOI. Five addressed the primary charge on sustaining MPA Benefits in a Changing Ocean, and two related to updates to the MPA Center's Cultural Resources Toolkit.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

27%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The MPAFAC's recommendations targeted multiple federal MPA programs and their state, tribal and local partners around the US. Consequently, their implementation is often gradual, incremental and dispersed across regions and levels of government. In addition to fully and partially implemented recommendations, many of the MPAFAC recommendations are under consideration for implementation when budgets and other opportunities allow, and will continue to be reviewed and evaluated in the future. .

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

33%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Agencies (DOC and DOI) provided regular feedback to the Committee on their recommendations both in writing and at routine inter-agency meetings. Additionally, NOAA's MPA Center is conducting a review of the MPAFAC's impacts which includes exploring new ways to engage all federal MPA programs throughout the Committee's

work, from crafting the charge, to ensuring its ultimate implementation among its MPA programs.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The Committee's recommendations were a significant component of the design, implementation and plans for evaluation for the national system of Marine Protected Areas, and have influenced many MPA programs' actions and priorities both in the US and abroad.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

All of the MPAFAC's products, recommendations and records are, and will remain, publicly available on the MPA Center website: [www.marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov](http://www.marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov).