

Overview of NOAA Fisheries' Budgets: Fiscal Years 2014 & 2015



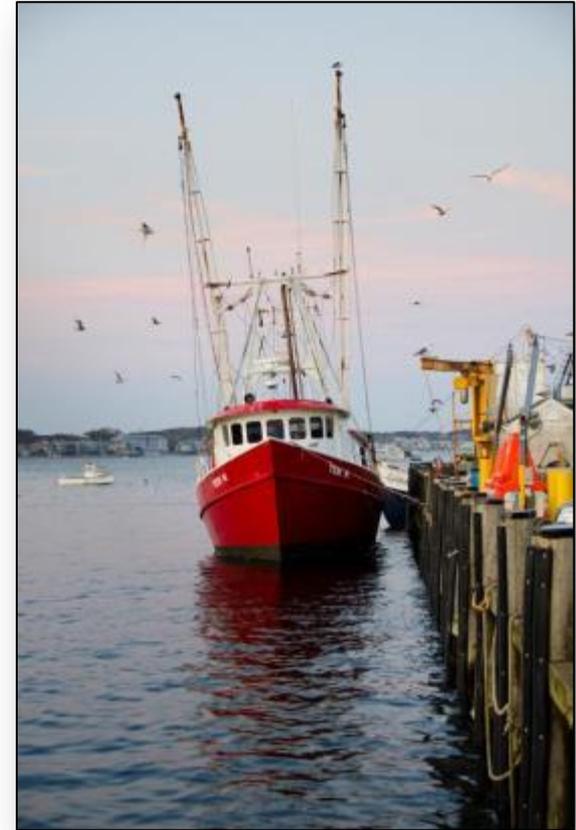
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A Presentation to Fisheries' Stakeholders

National Conference Call & Webinar
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Agenda

- Where We Are in Fiscal 2014
- Impacts and Moving Forward in 2014
- Overview of the President's 2015 Budget Request
- Questions



Where We Are in 2014

January 14—NOAA Fisheries received its 2014 appropriation of \$999.1 million.

- Provides \$41.6M over the FY13 Spend Plan, plus \$75M for the Fisheries Disasters.
- Restores some of the funds cut under sequestration.

Moving Forward

- Administration and Congress committed to maintaining an emphasis on NOAA Fisheries' science programs.
- Gradual return to smoother operations with the funding provided for FY 2014.
- Budget uncertainty will continue.
 - Work together to continue to keep costs down
 - Emphasis on cost-savings and efficiencies

FY 2015

- FY 2015 President's Budget released March 4th.
- Additional budget documents, e.g., NOAA's Blue Book released March 13th
 - Blue Book is available at <http://1.usa.gov/1eAb77G>
- Budget process is long one ...

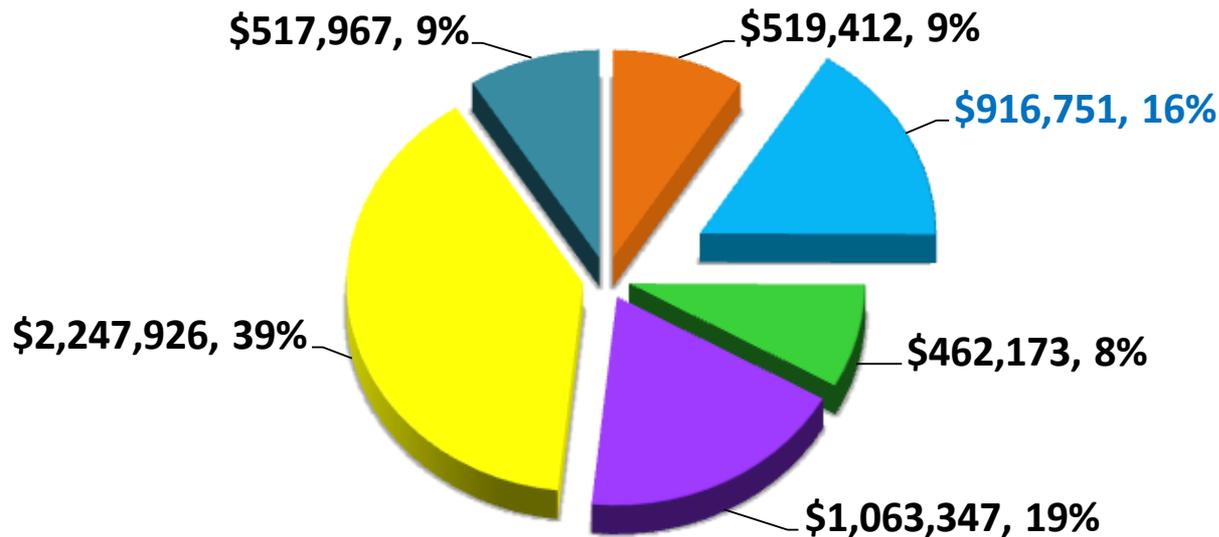
FY 2015 NOAA Budget Supports Our Mission

NOAA has prioritized critical investments in:

- Mission-critical infrastructure
- Providing services that enhance public safety and community resiliency
- Strengthens Scientific and Programmatic Innovation

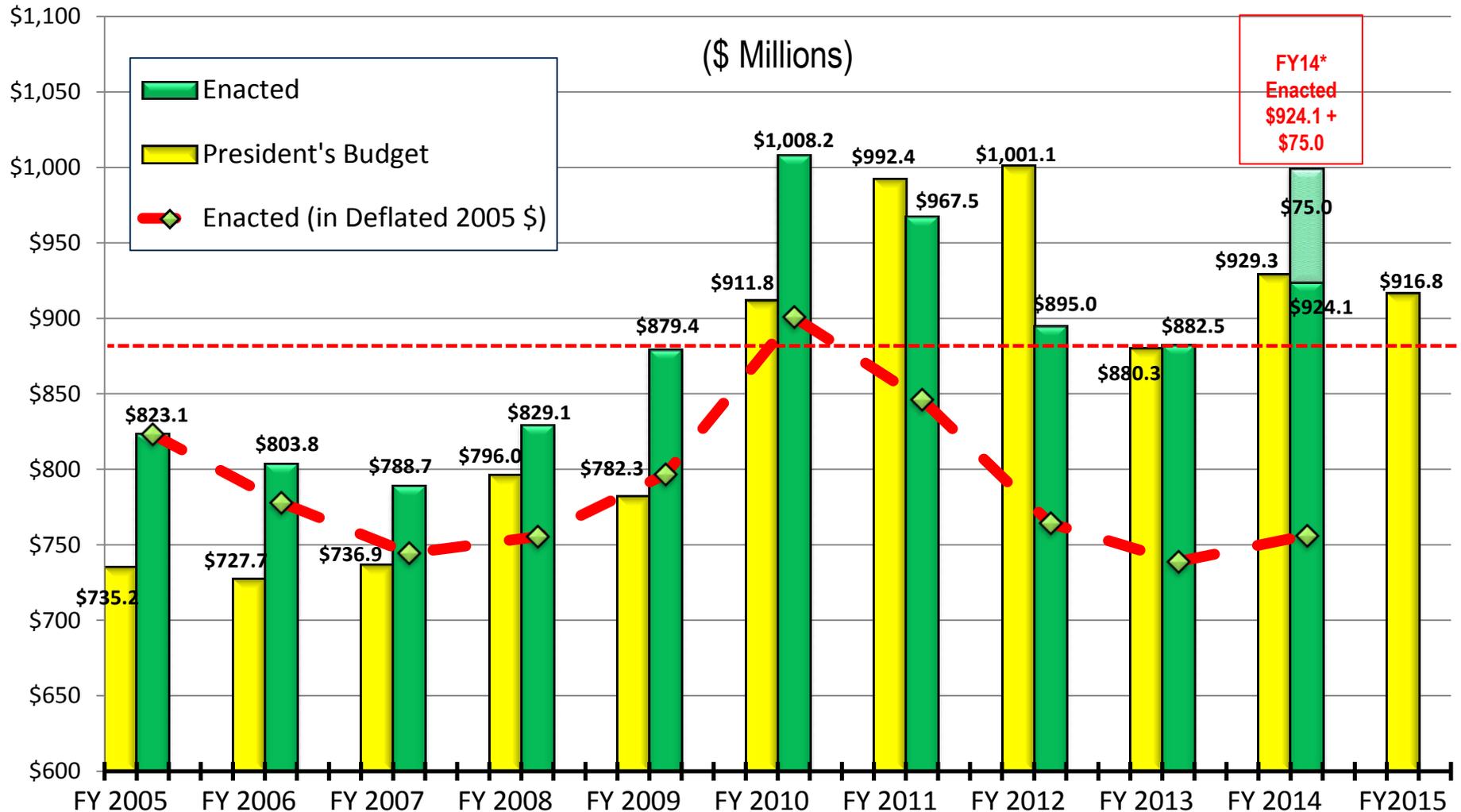
NOAA's 2015 Budget = \$5.7 Billion

By Line Office (\$ in thousands)



- National Ocean Service (NOS)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS)
- Program Support (PS)

NOAA Fisheries Budget Trending in Right Direction



*FY 2014 Omnibus includes \$75M for the Fisheries Disaster Mitigation Fund

2015 Fisheries Budget Overview

Line Item / Account (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget	FY 2015		
				Change from FY 2014 Enacted	Percent Change from FY 2014 Enacted	Percent Change from FY 2010 Enacted
Protected Resources Research and Management	\$165.5	\$176.7	\$186.2	\$9.5	5.4%	- 8.7%
Fisheries Research and Management	\$414.0	\$426.1	\$437.4	\$11.3	2.7%	1.0%
Enforcement and Observers/Training	\$102.7	\$108.0	\$109.3	\$1.3	1.2%	2.4%
Habitat Conservation and Restoration	\$38.8	\$41.7	\$42.2	\$0.5	1.2%	- 27.5%
Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	\$56.1	\$60.1	\$61.7	\$1.6	2.7%	-39.9%
<u>Subtotal, Operations, Research and Facilities</u>	<u>\$777.3</u>	<u>\$812.6</u>	<u>\$836.8</u>	<u>\$24.3</u>	<u>3.0%</u>	<u>-7.5%</u>
Subtotal Other Accounts*	\$105.2	\$186.5	\$79.9	-\$106.6	- 57.1%	-22.7%
NOAA Fisheries TOTAL	\$882.5	\$999.1	\$916.8	-\$82.3	- 8.2%	-9.1%

*Other accounts includes \$75M for the Fisheries Disaster Mitigation Fund in FY 2014 Enacted.

FY 2015: Program Changes (from FY 2014 Enacted)

Proposed Program Decreases

- Marine Turtles: -\$1M for total of \$11.4M
 - Reduce activities for Hawaiian sea turtles
- Prescott Grants/Marine Mammal Protection Activities: -\$2.5M for total of \$47.2M
 - Reduces grants and research support

Proposed Program Decreases—continued

- Salmon Management Activities: -\$3M for total of \$27.3M
 - Reduce funding for some hatchery programs
 - Maintains support for Columbia River hatcheries
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund: -\$15M for total of \$50M
 - Critical progress will continue

Facilities—Proposed Lab Closure, Consolidation

- The Administration's FY2015 budget proposes closing the lab in Beaufort, North Carolina, and consolidation of NCCOS operations in South Carolina
- Decision driven by fiscal realities of:
 - Operating and maintaining this aging facility
 - Significant long-term costs needed to repair and improve the laboratory
- Fisheries employees will continue the research they are currently undertaking at a different location.

Increases from FY 2014

- Species Recovery Grants: +\$5M to \$10M
 - For states and tribes to address priority recovery for ESA species
- ESA Recovery/Corals: +\$4M to \$11.1M
 - To implement ESA requirements for proposed corals listing

Part of NOAA's investment in "Services that Enhance Public Safety and Community Resiliency"

Increases from FY 2014—continued

- Atlantic Salmon: +\$1M for total of \$6.1M
 - Support state program, monitoring, and fish passage
- Arctic: +\$0.8M
 - For distributed biological observatory to detect climate and human-induced change

Part of NOAA's investment in "Services that Enhance Public Safety and Community Resiliency"

Increases from FY 2014—continued

- Next Generation Stock Assessments: +\$2.5M for total of \$72.2M
 - To increase number of assessments
- Electronic Technologies (monitoring and reporting): +\$4M
 - To support implementation
- National Catch Share Program: +\$2M for total of \$27.2M
 - For new catch share programs

Part of NOAA's investment in "Innovations that Position NOAA for the Future"

The Administration's Proposed Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative

- New \$56B government-wide initiative.
- \$178M of fund for NOAA infrastructure and R&D initiatives.
 - NOAA ocean survey vessel
 - Climate resiliency

Next Steps

- Recognize that uncertainty will continue.
- We will focus on our 2014 priorities.
- Many steps need to take place before the 2015 budget is enacted.



Questions

Background: FY 2015 Program Changes

ESA Implementation (Corals Listings)

The requested increase will be used to:

- Implement ESA requirements for up to 66 coral species proposed for listing in the Pacific Islands and Southeast region of the U.S.
- Work with private, state, territorial, and other governmental entities to ensure that their actions can be conducted harmoniously with any corals that are ultimately listed by conducting Section 7 consultations and issuing incidental take and scientific research permits.
- Develop recovery plans, tailored 4(d) rules for threatened species and designating critical habitat.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Other Protected Species	\$6.6	\$7.0	\$11.1

Atlantic Salmon

The requested \$1.1 million increase will support:

- The Maine Department of Marine Resources' research and management program.
- Monitoring to detect changes from prior dam removals.
- Fish passage improvement and barrier removal projects.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Atlantic Salmon	\$4.7	\$5.0	\$6.1

Climate Regimes and Ecosystem Productivity (Responding to Societal Imperatives of a Changing Arctic)

This request will be used to:

- Implement a distributed biological observatory to improve understanding of how climate and human-induced change are affecting subsistence cultures and the environment in the Arctic.
- This program will lead to improved management of Arctic coastal and ocean resources, including fishery resources with potential high value.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Climate Regimes and Ecosystem Productivity	\$1.7	\$2.0	\$2.9

Species Recovery Grants

- This increases funding for states and tribes to address high priority recovery and conservation actions for ESA listed species.
- Actions might include:
 - assessing and monitoring species status and trends,
 - minimizing bycatch of listed species,
 - conserving habitat, and
 - educating and engaging the public in conservation.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Species Recovery Grants	\$4.0	\$5.0	\$10.0

Expand Annual Stock Assessments (Next Generation Stock Assessments)

- This request will increase the number of next generation stock assessments (NGSA).
- The NGSA framework incorporates ecosystem factors affecting key fish stocks (e.g., climate, habitat) and uses advanced technologies wherever possible to better inform fishery management.
- This funding will allow NOAA to strengthen its stock assessment capacity in each region.
- The increase will allow for collection of more ecosystem data and continue research with advanced technologies, as well as strengthen stock assessment capacity in each region over time.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Expand Annual Stock Assessments	\$63.9	\$69.0	\$72.2

Fisheries Research and Management Programs (Electronic Technologies [EM/ER])

- This increase will support the development and implementation of electronic monitoring and reporting technologies across the country.
- Goal: Deliver cost-effective and sustainable electronic data collection solutions that enhance monitoring and reporting of catch and bycatch in all U.S. fisheries.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Fisheries Research and Management Programs	\$170.5	\$175.0	\$181.8

National Catch Share Program

- This request will be used to develop and implement new catch share programs and strengthen capabilities to put catch share efficiencies in place.
- Implementation of these systems will reduce the costs over time to NOAA Fisheries and industry.
- In FY 2015, NOAA Fisheries will have 15 programs under catch share management, and 1 pilot program (the Gulf of Mexico headboat pilot program).
- Additional programs are expected to be implemented in the next 1 to 2 years.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
National Catch Share Program	\$24.5	\$25.0	\$27.2

Marine Turtles (Hawaiian Sea Turtles)

- This decrease reduces the additional funds provided by the FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act for recovery and protection activities related to Hawaiian sea turtles.
- In FY 2015, NOAA Fisheries will continue to carry out recovery activities such as:
 - Interagency consultation.
 - Technical assistance on bycatch reduction strategies.
 - Cooperative conservation actions for marine turtles.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Marine Turtles	\$12.0	\$12.2	\$11.4

Marine Mammals (Prescott Grants & Marine Mammal Protection Activities)

- Reduces funding for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program (Prescott grants) and Marine Mammal Protection Activities.
- NOAA will continue to award competitive grants for the rescue, rehabilitation, or investigation of sick, injured, or distressed live marine mammals and for determining the cause of death or disease in dead marine mammals; and continue to coordinate technical and veterinary assistance to the stranding network.
- Reduces funding for Protection Activities supporting: research on marine mammal fisheries interactions, foraging, and health modeling; abundance surveys; and recovery actions on marine mammals (e.g. community outreach on harassment).

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Marine Mammals PPA	\$46.3	\$49.0	\$47.2
Prescott Grants Program	\$1.1	\$3.1	\$1.1
Marine Mammal Protection Activities	\$10.3	\$11.3	\$10.9

Salmon Management

- NOAA requests a decrease of \$3.0 million to reduce the pace of Mitchell Act hatchery program reforms currently underway.
- At the requested level of \$15.8 million, NOAA Fisheries will continue to meet its obligations under the Mitchell Act by supporting the operations and maintenance of Columbia River hatcheries.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Salmon Management Activities	\$36.3	\$30.2	\$27.3

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)

- Reduces funding for PCSRF to:
 - Balance protected species recovery efforts for a broader range of threatened and endangered species under NOAA's jurisdiction.
 - Take a more strategic approach to species recovery and management nationwide.
- The PCSRF will maintain a significant level of investment in:
 - Habitat protection and restoration in support of recovering Pacific salmon and steelhead populations listed under ESA.
 - Sustaining listed and non-listed salmonid populations to uphold our tribal treaty obligations.

Line Item Name (\$ in millions)	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	\$60.4	\$65.0	\$50.0