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FY 2013 Budget Update

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A Milestone Year for Fisheries

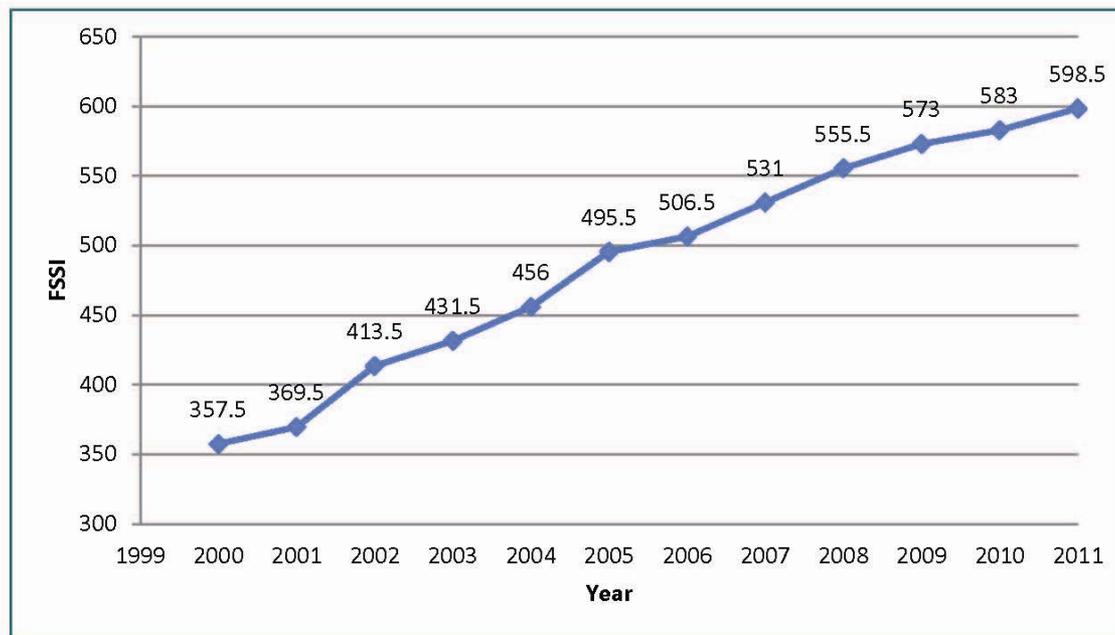
- Working together, we have accomplished much in our shared mission to have sustainable fisheries
- Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures in place in U.S.
- U.S. is become a model for international management strategies
- States, Councils must continue to be key partners to ensure success



Stocks Steadily Rebuilding

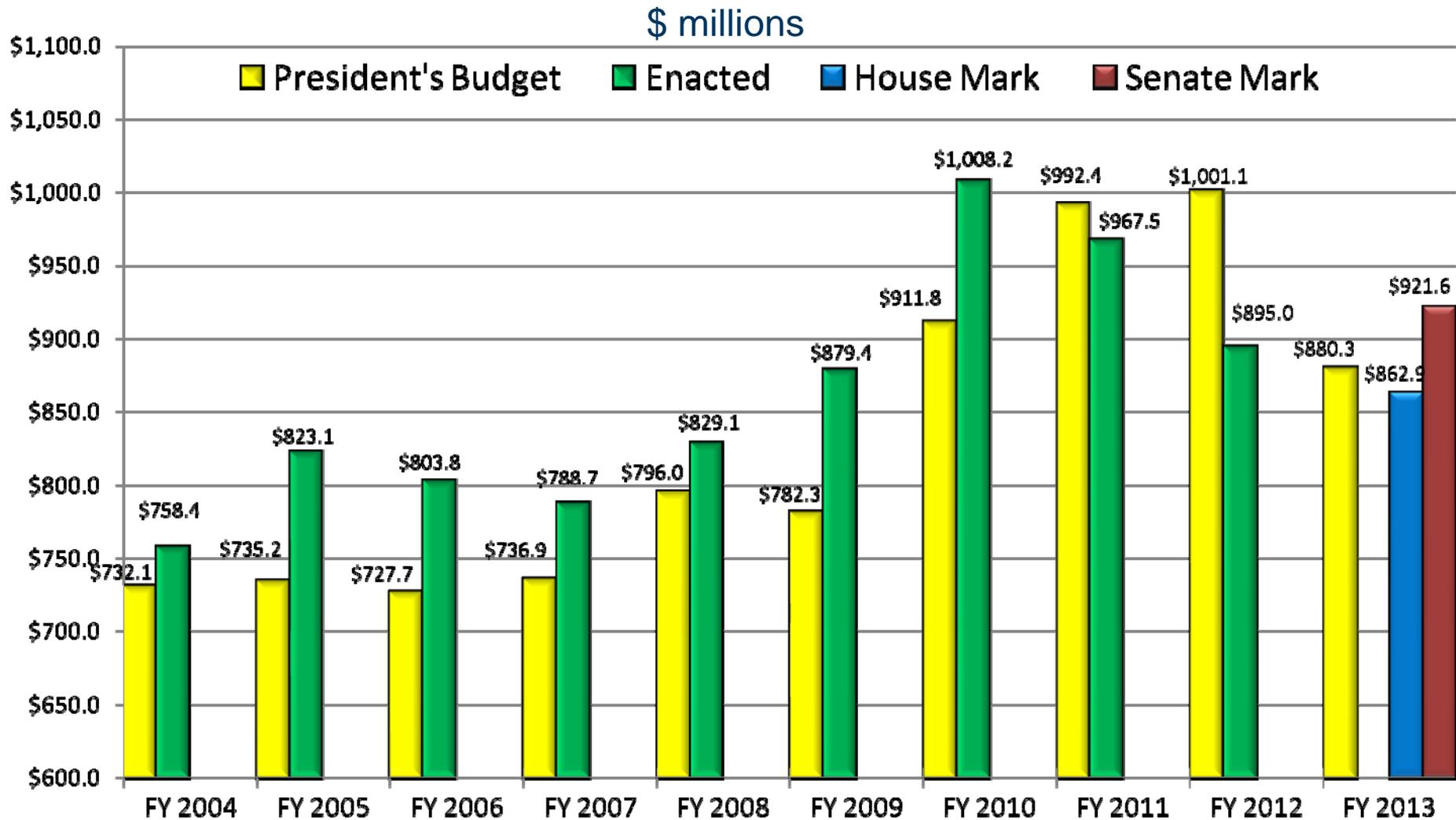
The Fish Stock Sustainability Index
A Balanced Scorecard Measure

- Have rebuilt 30 stocks since 2000
- Measure increasing understanding of primary stocks, management success through the Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI)



<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/statusoffisheries/SOSmain.htm>

NOAA Fisheries Budget Trends



NMFS Budget by Program FY 2008 – FY 2013

(\$ in millions)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013 Request	FY 2013 House	FY 2013 Senate
Protected Resources Research and Management	\$164.0	\$173.9	\$203.9	\$188.1	\$174.2	\$170.0	\$154.2	\$184.3
Fisheries Research and Management	\$327.3	\$360.8	\$432.9	\$438.5	\$426.1	\$430.1	\$425.0	\$431.6
Enforcement and Observers	\$84.9	\$90.1	\$106.7	\$105.7	\$105.4	\$110.3	\$110.3	\$110.3
Habitat Conservation	\$50.2	\$53.7	\$58.2	\$41.8	\$41.7	\$36.0	\$29.4	\$43.7
Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	\$81.9	\$75.5	\$102.7	\$71.1	\$57.5	\$61.4	\$56.5	\$64.1
PAC	\$2.0	\$4.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PCSRF	\$67.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$79.8	\$65.0	\$50.0	\$65.0	\$65.0
Other Accounts	\$51.7	\$40.8	\$23.6	\$42.4	\$25.3	\$22.5	\$22.5	\$22.5
TOTAL	\$829.1	\$879.4	\$1,008.2	\$967.5	\$895.0	\$880.3	\$862.9	\$921.6

NMFS FY 2013 Budget Request by PPA (with House and Senate Marks)

Line Item / Account (\$ in millions)	FY 2010	FY 2011 Spend Plan	FY 2012 Spend Plan	FY 2013 Request	FY 2013 House Mark	FY 2013 Senate Mark
Protected Resources Research and Management	\$204.0	\$188.1	\$174.2	\$170.0	\$154.2	\$184.3
Fisheries Research and Management	\$432.9	\$438.5	\$426.1	\$430.1	\$425.0	\$431.6
Enforcement and Observers/Training	\$106.7	\$105.7	\$105.4	\$110.3	\$110.3	\$110.3
Habitat Conservation and Restoration	\$58.2	\$41.8	\$41.7	\$36.0	\$29.4	\$43.7
Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	\$102.7	\$71.1	\$57.5	\$61.4	\$56.5	\$64.1
Subtotal ORF	\$904.5	\$845.2	\$804.7	\$807.8	\$775.4	\$834.1
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)	\$80.0	\$79.8	\$65.0	\$50.0	\$65.0	\$65.0
Other Accounts	\$23.6	\$42.4	\$25.3	\$22.1	\$22.1	\$22.1
TOTAL	\$1,008.2	\$967.5	\$895.0	\$880.3	\$862.9	\$921.6

Proposed FY 2013 NMFS Budget Increases

- Expand Annual Stock Assessments: + \$4.3 M (\$68.6 M Requested)
 - House & Senate provided \$68.6 M (same as request)
- Observers: + \$2.9 M (\$43.1 M Requested)
 - House & Senate provided \$43.1 M (same as request)
- Fisheries Oceanography (IEAs): + \$5.0 M (\$7.1 M Requested)
 - House provided \$6.4 M (\$0.7 below request)
 - Senate did not fund the increase request

Proposed FY 2013 NMFS Budget Decreases

- Habitat and the Chesapeake Bay Office: -\$11.8 M
 - House: Further reduced Habitat by \$6.6M from Request, for a total of \$29.4M. Marine debris transfer not approved. NCBO reduction was accepted.
 - Senate: Provided an additional \$7.7M for Habitat, for a total of \$43.7M. Estuary Restoration Program transfer accepted, Marine Debris transfer rejected. Rejects proposed Chesapeake Bay Office reduction, provides ~\$5.1M.
- Regional Councils & Fisheries Commissions: -\$5.1 M (\$27.3 M Requested)
 - House provided \$24.6 M (\$2.7 below request)
 - Senate provided \$31.9 M (\$4.6 M over request)
- Marine Mammals: Prescott Grants: - \$3.8 M (\$0.0M requested)
 - House provided for full reduction, and further reduced Marine Mammal funding by \$4.4 M, but recommended funding the grants in the report.
 - Senate provided \$3.9 M for Prescott Grants, same as FY 2012 level
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund: -\$15 M (\$50.0 M requested)
 - House & Senate did not provide requested reduction, leaving PCSRF at \$65.0 M
- The Sandy Hook Closure proposal: rejected by the Senate; the House was silent
- West Coast Proposal: funding reduction included by Congress

FY 2013 Continuing Resolution

- House and Senate enacted a six month CR through March 31, 2013
 - Continuation of FY 2012 enacted level at a 6 month seasonal rate

Sequestration

- The Budget Control Act of 2011 amended the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and put into place an automatic process of across-the-board reductions in 2013 if a bill was not enacted with at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction
- Since the necessary deficit reduction legislation was not developed and enacted by the deadline, the first automatic spending cuts are now scheduled to take effect in January 2013.

Government-wide Response

- An equal percentage reduction against each budget line will result in a sub-optimal allocation of the Federal budget and would not allow Agencies to prioritize core business functions necessary to meet statutory mandates.
- A reduction of this magnitude would affect contracted staffing levels, would likely require a furlough to federal employees, and negatively affect regional, state, and local partnerships.

FY 2014 Budget Outlook

- Budget Submitted to OMB for Review in September
- President's Budget Rollout in February
- Federal Deficit remains one of the Highest Priorities
- Election Results Unlikely to Change the Fiscal Outlook or the fact that the Federal Deficit remains one of the highest Priorities.

Thank You!

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BACKGROUND SLIDES

Expand Annual Stock Assessments

- Would allow Fisheries to assess more stocks more frequently
 - Including stocks with high scientific or management uncertainty, as well as those that were previously experiencing overfishing to verify that overfishing has ended
- Would enable advanced sampling technologies
 - Including acoustic and optical remote sensing, deploy cost-effective unmanned underwater vehicles, and improve data processing efficiencies
- Would build on the \$10 million provided in FY 2012 to accelerate stock assessments, develop a prioritization framework

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Spend Plan	FY13 Request
Expand Annual Stock Assessments	\$53,393	\$63,562	\$68,645

Increase Support for Observing and Monitoring

- Would be directed towards supporting observing and monitoring for fisheries currently under or transitioning to Catch Share management
 - These programs are more dependent on real-time data to ensure that catch is under quota the levels set for the year.
- Would allow NOAA to provide coverage in approximately 47 fisheries nationwide; adequate coverage in 29 fisheries; and observe 72,500 sea days annually

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Spend Plan	FY13 Request
Observers/Training	\$38,922	\$39,744	\$43,166

Reconfigure Fisheries' West Coast Regional Offices into One Office

- Reconfigure Fisheries' Southwest and Northwest Regional Offices into a single West Coast Regional Office.
- Close the Pacific Grove Laboratory; that staff would be co-located with the main science divisions in Santa Cruz and La Jolla, CA
- End the Northwest Center's support for the Newport Seawater Research program at the Newport Laboratory; Northwest Center staff associated with this program would be relocated
- Eliminate the Puget Sound ecosystem survey and lay up the small vessel R/V Harold Streeter

Line Item Name	FY13 Program Change
West Coast Proposal	-\$5,000

Close Sandy Hook Lab, Relocate Staff

- The 20-year lease for the Sandy Hook Facility expires in December 2013, making this action timely
- The relocation would take place in the beginning of FY 2014 to minimize disruption of ecosystem-based, multidisciplinary research
- Programs affected by the closure and relocation include:
 - The Habitat Program
 - Ocean Acidification Program
 - Program on Ecosystem Research in Support of Stock Assessments, and
 - The Climate Program
- The library collection and the RV NAUVOO (a 49-foot research vessel) would be relocated
- Implementation of this proposal would be consistent with NOAA's collective bargaining agreements and the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute

Reduce Grants for Habitat Restoration, Continue to Provide Technical Expertise

- Would focus on mandated restoration activities conducted through the NOAA Restoration Center
- Would support, at reduced levels, projects that enhance stewardship and advance NOAA's priorities for sustainable fisheries, recovering protected resources, and supporting coastal economies.
- Would continue to provide technical expertise, such as engineering and design, implementation support, and monitoring; and leadership to states, tribes, local communities, and other Federal programs implementing fishery and coastal habitat restoration projects
- Would integrate Ocean Service's Marine Debris Program and the Estuary Restoration Act Program into Fisheries' Office of Habitat Conservation

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Spend Plan	FY13 Request
Habitat Management and Restoration –			
– <i>Sustainable Habitat Management</i>	\$20,958	\$20,892	\$21,257
– <i>Fisheries Habitat Restoration</i>	\$20,831	\$20,765	\$14,730
Total Habitat Management and Restoration	\$41,789	\$41,657	\$35,987

Narrow Chesapeake Bay Focus, Continue to Fulfill Most Exec Order Mandates

- Under this proposal NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) would fulfill its statutory mandate through multi-species fisheries research, habitat characterization and assessment, community engagement and outreach, and coordination of NOAA activities under Executive Order (EO) 13508
- Maintain a presence in the Bay, but with a more focused portfolio
- NCBO would maintain science communication and outreach through the Environmental Science Training Center at Oxford, MD, but would eliminate all funding for educational grants
- The Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS)'s buoys would be removed from the water and stored or otherwise reprogrammed to another agency or organization

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Spend Plan	FY13 Request
Regional Studies – <i>Chesapeake Bay Studies</i>	\$7,105	\$5,072	\$3,429

De-fund Prescott Grants, Continue to Coordinate Marine Mammal Response

- Proposed reduction would de-fund the Prescott Grant the program
- Not proposing that Congress remove the authorization for Prescott Program from the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- NOAA would rely on private organizations as it coordinates the response to marine mammals in distress; determine disease, injury and potential cause(s) of death; and support emergency response for marine mammals during oil spills, outbreaks of diseases, and unusual mortality events
- There may be a diminished capacity to respond to stranding events, especially in the short term as grants expire and new partners come on line

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Estimate	FY13 Request
Marine Mammals – Prescott Grants	\$3,976	\$3,981	\$0

Reduce Funding for Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

- Proposal reduces grant funding for protection, restoration and conservation projects
- Would continue to support projects that contribute to preventing extinction and improving the status of Endangered Species Act-listed and their habitats, and support and protect healthy populations salmon and steelhead
- More than \$1.0 billion has been appropriated to the PCSRF since FY2000

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Estimate	FY13 Request
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	\$79,840	\$65,000	\$50,000

Reduce Funding to Fishery Councils and Commissions

- The Regional Fishery Management Councils and Commissions would be reduced by 14% from FY2012 levels
 - We will work with the Councils and Commissions to determine priorities at this lower level.
 - For Councils, this proposed reduction would be applied using the current formula approved by the Councils to allocate their funding.
 - The effect could be reductions in council staff; fewer and/or shorter meetings; and, a reduction in the opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the council process.
- The FY2013 budget proposal includes increases for collection of fisheries data that is used by the Councils to make key fisheries management decisions
- Funding for the Atlantic Coastal Act will be reduced (\$1M)

Line Item Name	FY11 Spend Plan	FY12 Spend Plan	FY13 Request
Regional Councils	\$23,488	\$23,414	\$20,166
3 Commissions	\$744	\$741	\$638
Atlantic Cooperative Management	\$7,228	\$7,205	\$6,205