



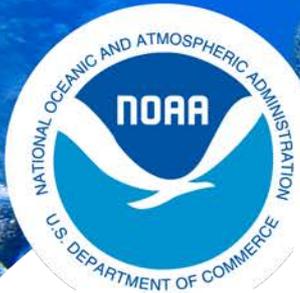
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NOAA Fisheries FY 14 Priorities & Annual Guidance

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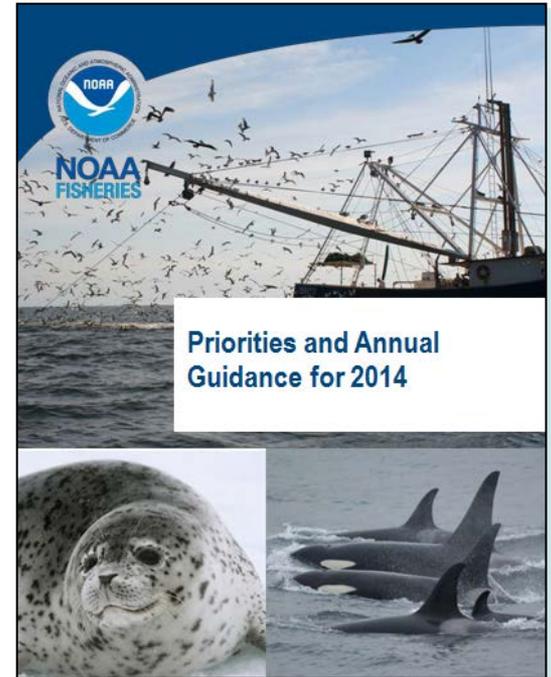
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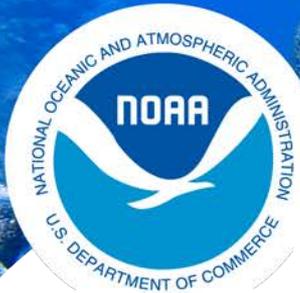
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Overview

- 7 Guiding Principles
- Focus on Core Mandates
- Anticipated Results



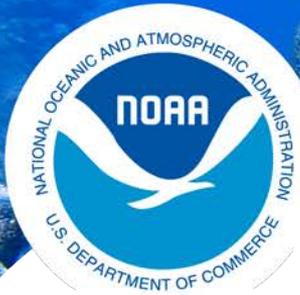
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7 Guiding Principals

- Sustain the nation's living marine resources, habitats, and ecosystems
- Focus limited resources to maximize national and regional benefit.
- Cultivate our partnerships
- Make strategic choices



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7 Guiding Principals, cont'd

- Sustain a professional workforce
- Improve the cost-effectiveness of information technology, facilities, and observing systems.
- Improve internal and external communications



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Focus on Core Mandates

- Ensure the productivity and sustainability of fisheries and fishing communities through science-based decision-making and compliance with regulations.
- Recover and conserve protected resources through the use of sound natural and social sciences.



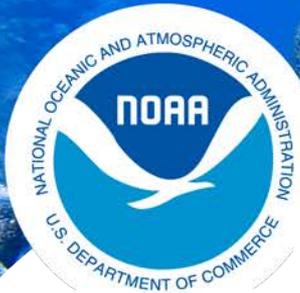
Sustainable Fisheries and Fishing Communities



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Some of the major focus areas for FY14:

- Enhance our scientific ability to assess and predict fish stock status ...
- Understand the environmental, social, and economic drivers to inform regulatory choices ...
- Increase the supply, quality, and diversification of domestic seafood through U.S. marine aquaculture.
- Increase partnerships with industry and consumer groups ...
- Increasing the focus on regulatory simplification, efficiency, enforceability, and compliance ...



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Recover & Conserve Protected Resources

Some of the major focus areas for FY14:

- Improve and expand protected resources science AND better link this science to management actions.
- Increase the scope and effectiveness of collaborative conservation efforts with external partners ...
- Continue to understand, conserve, protect, and recover habitats vital for protected species.
- Continue to provide enhanced enforcement and compliance assistance to protected species.
- Reduce marine mammal incidental mortality ...



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Anticipated Results in FY 2014

Maximize Productivity and Sustainability of Fisheries	Recover and Preserve Protected Species
<p>Fishery Regulatory Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the number of stocks subject to overfishing and increase the number of rebuilt stocks. Continue to engage our recreational stakeholders via the 2014 Recreational Summit, following up on the recommendations stemming from the Recreational Action Agenda and regional action agendas. Solicit feedback and comments on National Standard 1 guidance, and identify specific actions and proposed revisions. Identify recommendations for NOAA leadership in preparation for MSA reauthorization. Increase the recognition of the sustainability of U.S. fisheries using our own FishWatch program and collaboration with external partners. Integrate an ecosystem-based approach to management into the tools and information needed to improve certainty within resource and ocean management and business decisions. Implement initial efforts to establish electronic monitoring and reporting in at least one fishery. Implement cost recovery to help pay for sustainable management for the Northwest Trawl Rationalization program. 	<p>Protected Species Regulatory Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen partnerships with states, other federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations to enhance and leverage our species recovery efforts. Finalize rules and guidelines to improve implementation of MMPA and ESA mandates. Identify policy options for streamlining the permitting process. Identify methods for incorporating changing climate information into our management of protected species. Reduce fishery interactions with protected species. Develop and implement recovery plans for ESA-listed species.



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<p>Science and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize a fish stock assessment prioritization process to assist in assessment planning and improve communication between science centers and regional councils. Develop an updated Stock Assessment Improvement Plan to guide the agency's transition to a next-generation stock assessment framework. Conduct benchmark or updated assessments for fish stocks, including highly migratory species managed internationally. Improve the quality of fish stock assessments nationwide by exploring ecosystem linkages and incorporating data from advanced sampling platforms where available. Make substantial progress toward completing a regional electronic technology implementation plan and conduct a national electronic monitoring workshop. Complete implementation of the revised MRIP protocols in East Coast and Gulf of Mexico recreational fisheries. Improve the Fish Stock Sustainability Index. Conduct a managed fish stock climate vulnerability assessment in at least one region. Publish a technical report on implementing maximum economic yield. Implement a plan to increase public access to research results to meet the goals and requirements of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. 	<p>Science and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the first year of research on the protected species assessment methods toolbox. Conduct region-specific marine mammal surveys on both the East and West coasts. Conduct Biological/Status Reviews for one or more ESA listing decisions. Improve precision of protected stocks estimates in regions where possible.



Fisheries Priorities and Annual Guidance for 2014



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Alignment with Other Priority Documents

- NOAA's Strategic Plan
- FY 2014 Annual Guidance Memorandum
- NOAA Healthy Oceans Implementation Plan,
- Outcomes of recent Leadership Council discussions and
- Budget and management strategies
- Broad Administration priorities ... the National Ocean Policy and the National Strategy for the Arctic Region

Questions