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# NOAA Fisheries Budget Outlook

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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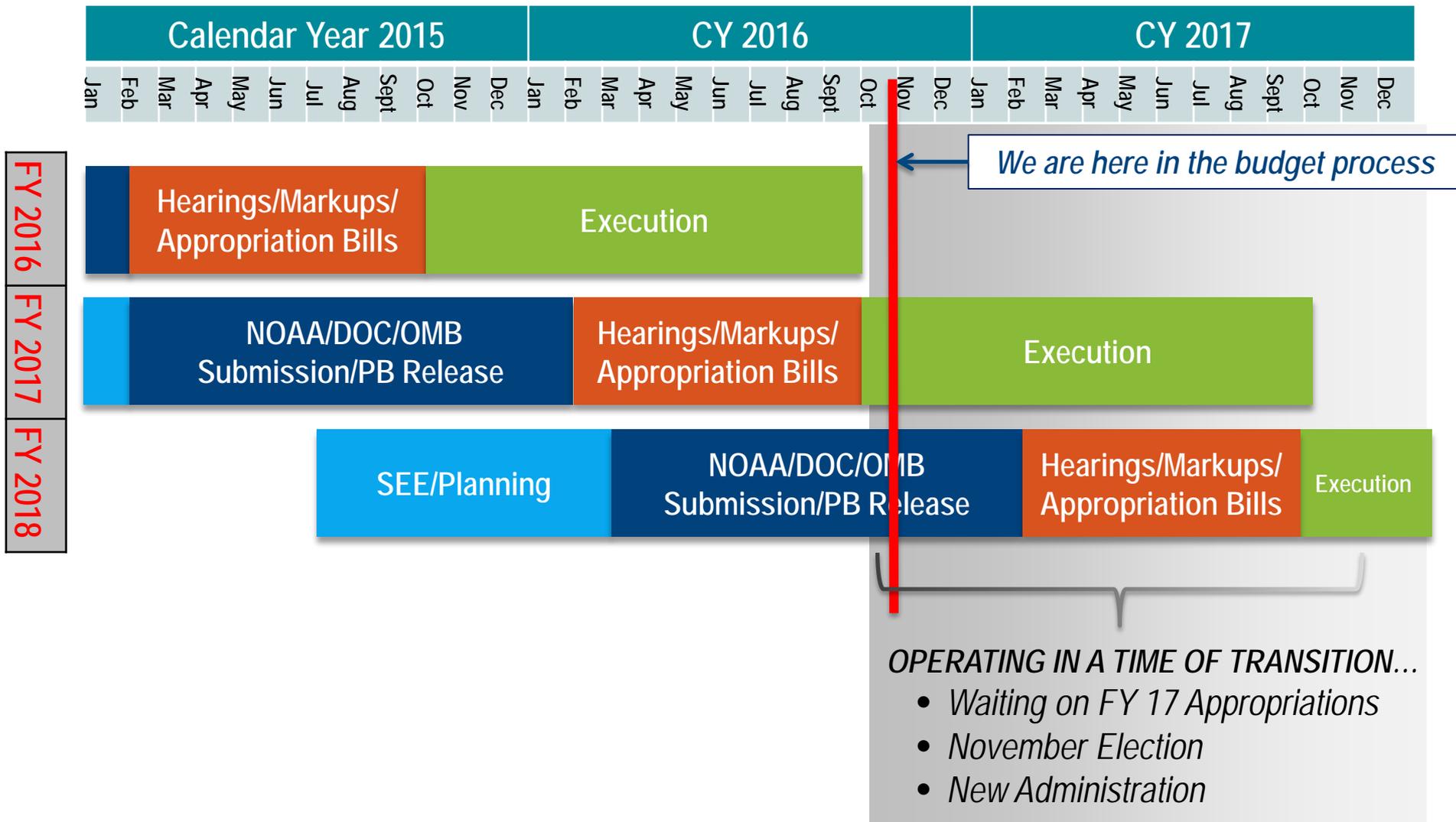
# Agenda

- What we know: FY 2017
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- Outlook



# Operating in a time of transition: What we know for FY17

# The Federal Budget Timeline



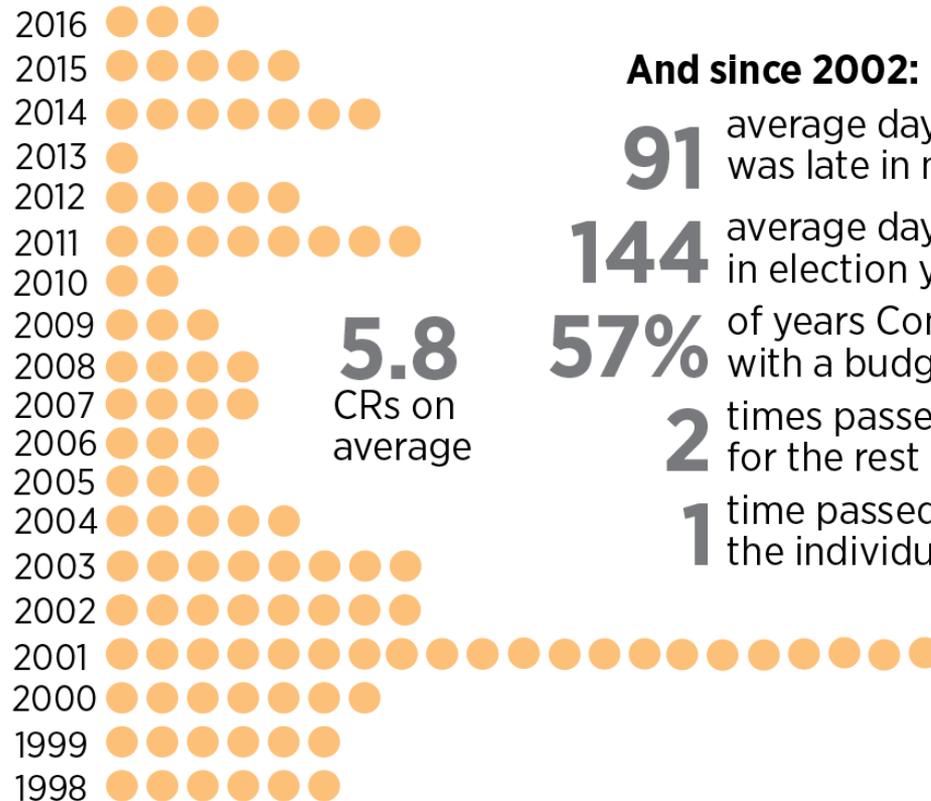
# FY 2017 Continuing Resolution

- Currently operating on a Continuing Resolution (CR) through December 9th, 2016
- Continues at or near FY 2016 Omnibus level
- Typical CR rules, such as:
  - New programs cannot be started
  - Existing programs cannot be terminated, and
  - Maintain operations, services and program activities at levels consistent with FY 2016

# Multiple CRs are common

To keep the government operational while sorting out yearly funding, Congress passes short-term continuing resolutions, or CRs. Further delays in the process almost always mean more than one CR is needed.

## *Fiscal year continuing resolutions*



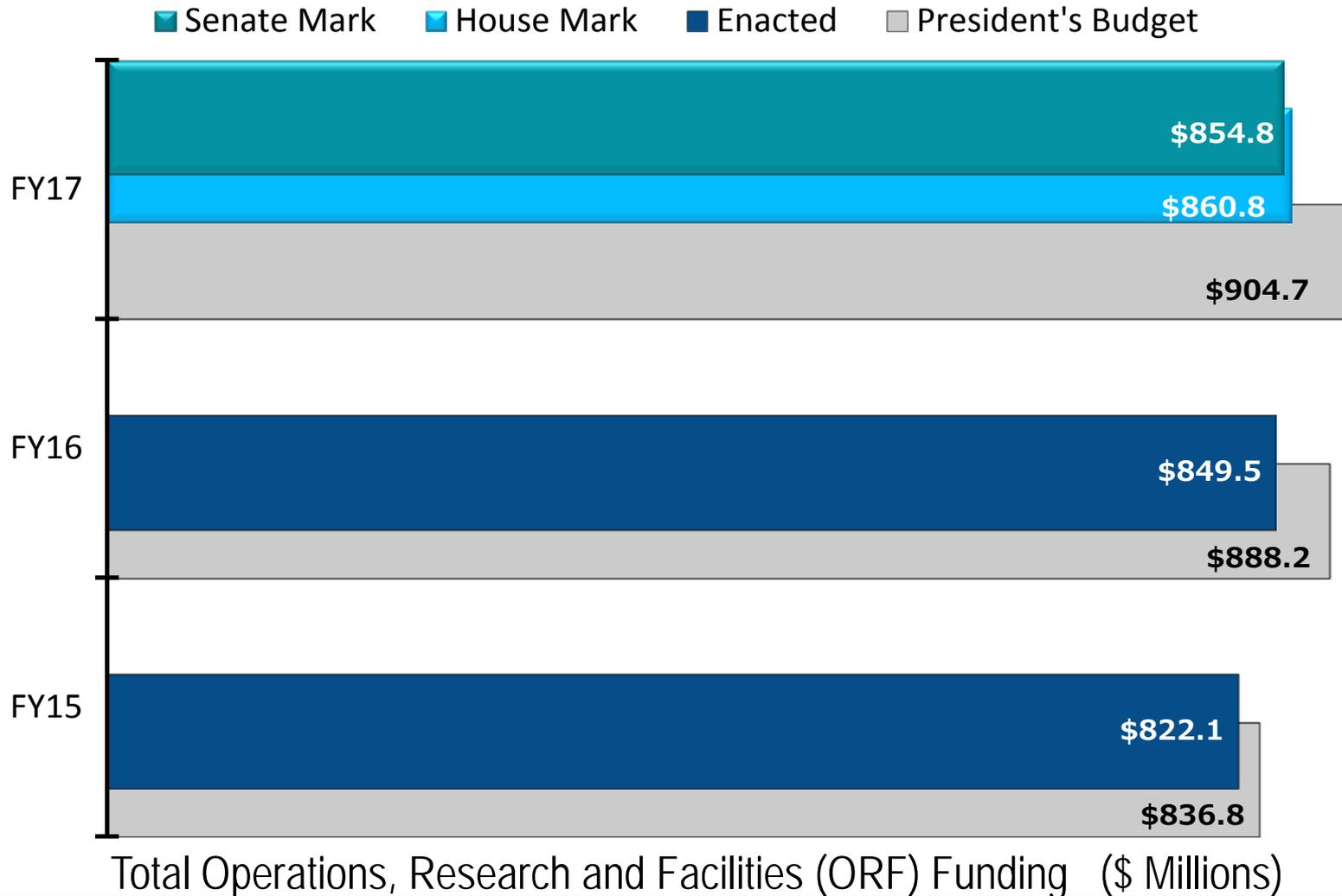
**5.8**  
CRs on average

### And since 2002:

- 91** average days full funding was late in non-election year
- 144** average days late in election year
- 57%** of years Congress operated with a budget resolution
- 2** times passed a broad CR for the rest of the fiscal year
- 1** time passed all of the individual titles

Source: Library of Congress, CQ/Roll Call appropriations coverage, Congressional Research Service; Randy Leonard/CQ Roll Call

# What we know so far: FY 2017 Congressional Marks



# FY 2017 Highlights

President's  
Budget

Senate  
Mark  
(Draft Interpretation)

House  
Mark

## Core Capacity Investments:

• ESA/MMPA Section 7 Consultations	+\$13.5M	+\$ 2.7M	+\$7.0M
• EFH Consultations	+\$ 6.5M	+\$ 1.1M	+\$4.0M
• Pacific Salmon	+\$ 2.3M	--	+\$3.5M
• Species Recovery Grants	+\$16.0M	+\$ 0.5M	--
• NOAA Facilities Mukilteo	+\$ 4.6M	+\$ 4.6M	+\$4.6M

## Advances in Fisheries Science and Management:

• Ecosystem Based Solutions-Fisheries Mgmt	+\$ 5.9M	--	--
• Aquaculture	+\$ 1.5M	+\$ 3.0M	(\$2.8M)
• Environmental and Economic Resilience	+\$ 9.0M	--	--
• Observers and Training	+\$ 1.1M	--	(\$0.2M)
• National Catch Share Program	+\$ 2.5M	--	--
• Distributed Biological Observatory (Arctic)	+\$ 0.9M	--	--

## Strategic Programmatic Investments:

• Management of Fair Trade	+\$ 1.6M	+\$ 1.6M	--
• Cooperative Enforcement Program	+\$ 1.0M	--	--

## Consolidated Funding:

• Coastal Resiliency Ecosystem Grants	-\$10.0M	-\$10.0M	-\$10.0M
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# Vessel Asset Support

- **Fleet Recapitalization (OMAO) FY 2017 Request:**
  - \$24 M to complete design, acquisition, and construction of one Regional Survey Vessel (RSV).
  - \$100 M in mandatory funds to begin construction on a second RSV
  - **Senate Mark: \$75 million** provided for a Survey Vessel
  - **House Mark: \$0** for new vessel construction.
- **Charter Vessel Support**



# FY 2017 Senate & House Mark - Highlights

Senate Mark	House Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partially funds ESA/MMPA Consultations Increase (+\$2.7M)</li> <li>Partially funds EFH Consultations (+\$1.1M)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partially funds ESA/MMPA Consultations (+\$7.0M)</li> <li>Partially funds EFH Consultations Increase Request (+\$4.0M)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Councils and Commissions funded at \$34.3M, same as FY 17 Request.</li> <li>Language directing Councils and Commission distribution of increase.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Councils and Commissions funded at \$34.3M, same as FY 17 Request.</li> <li>No specific language.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No increases for Salmon Mgmt</li> <li>\$1M increase for Pacific Salmon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salmon Mgmt funded \$4M over FY 16 (directed for Pacific Salmon Treaty, and GSI research).</li> <li>Pacific Salmon funded \$3.5M over FY 16 (directs \$5M for HGMPs)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture funded at \$9.3M, \$3.0M over FY 16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture funded at \$3.5M, \$2.8M below FY 16.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continues \$5.0M for Gulf of Mexico Reef fish assessments, same as FY 16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs \$10.0 million for competitive awards to improve Gulf of Mexico stock assessments, up from \$5M, but does not provide full funding for this effort.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continues \$7.0M as requested for EM/ER, same as FY16.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs \$10.5M for EM/ER, which is \$3.5M above the \$7.0M requested, with no additional funds provided.</li> </ul>

# FY 2017 Senate & House Mark – More Highlights

Senate Mark	House Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooperative Research funded at \$12.0M, same as FY 17 Request.</li><li>• Funds Mukilteo Facilities Initiative (+\$4.557M)</li><li>• Funds PCSRF at \$65M, \$7M same as FY17 Request/FY16 Enacted.</li><li>• Approves reduction/transfer for Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants.</li><li>• Based on the current estimates, approximately \$15.6M will be available for the S-K at the FY 17 House Mark and Senate Mark level.</li><li>• Do <i>not</i> fund FY 17 requested increases for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ecosystem-Based Solutions</li><li>• Arctic Distributed Biological Observatory</li><li>• Observers</li><li>• National Catch Share Program</li><li>• Joint Enforcement Agreements related to IUU fishing</li></ul></li></ul>	

# NOAA Fisheries Priorities: FY17 – FY21

*In FY17 we will continue to focus on three strategic goals:*

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



*All other NOAA Fisheries programs, projects, and activities support these strategic goals.*

# Outlook

- Continuing Resolution to start FY 2017.
- Manage uncertainties by continuing to focus available resources on:
  - NOAA Fisheries' strategic goals
  - Collaboration with the States and Commissions on their highest priorities

# Questions?

