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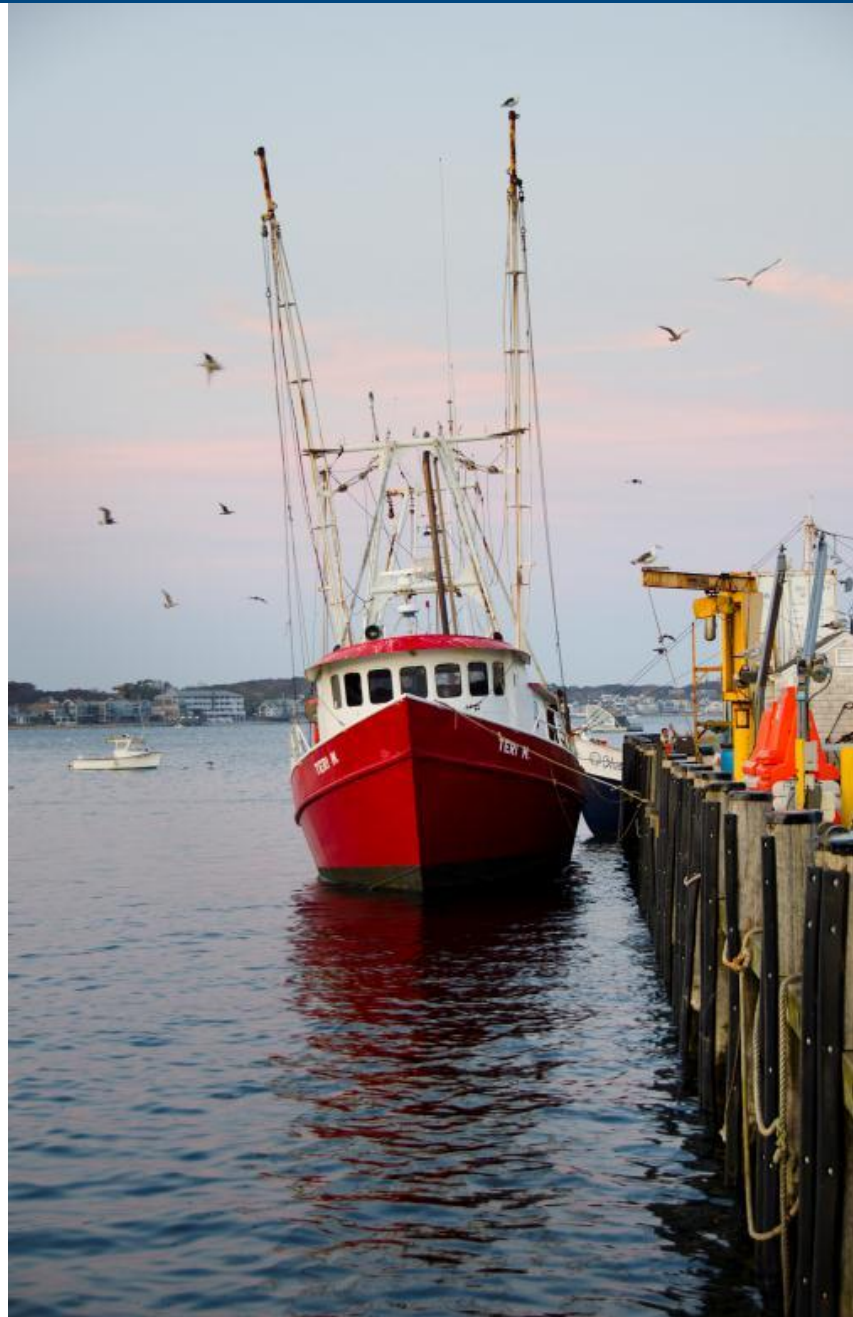
NOAA Fisheries Update

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

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Topics

- Fiscal update
 - Current budget status
 - Outlook
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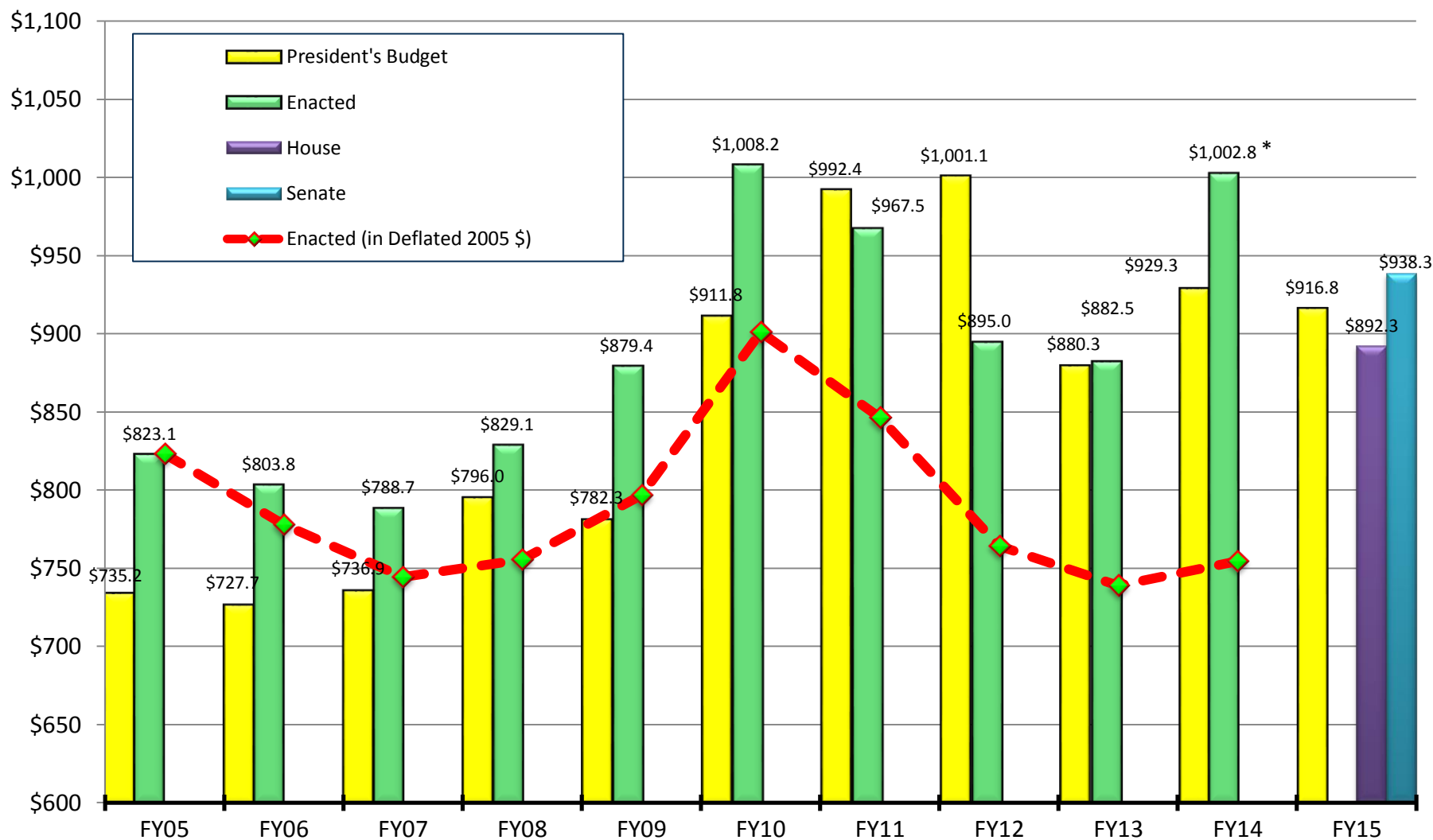


Where We Are in 2014

- FY 2014 final spend plan approved on June 25, 2014
- Winding down the fiscal year



NOAA Fisheries Budget Trending in Right Direction



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

FY 2015 Budget Status & Schedule

President's Budget

- Released March 4th
- NOAA's Blue Book released March 13th: <http://1.usa.gov/1eAb77G>

Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Bills

- House Mark: HR. 4660 passed on May 30, 2014
- Senate Mark: passed full committee on June 5, 2014
 - Senate appropriations process for CJS put on hold...

Schedule

- Congress is out on summer recess; back September 8, 2014
- Continuing resolution likely

FY 2015 Budget Status – House

- H.R.4660 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 - passed on May 30, 2014.
 - \$5.3B for NOAA (\$151.6M below FY15 discretionary request and \$22.5M above FY 14).
 - NMFS funded at \$855.6M for Discretionary Accounts
 - \$790.2M for ORF (5.6% below FY15 discretionary request and 2.8% below FY14).
 - Funds NWS operations and systems above the President's request.
 - Fully funds JPSS weather satellite program and GOES.

FY 2015 Budget Status – Senate

- The full Senate Appropriations Committee passed its FY 2015 CJS Appropriations Bill on June 5, 2014.
 - \$5.4B for NOAA (\$68.7M below FY15 discretionary request and \$105.4M above FY 14)
 - Urges balance across ocean, coastal, and weather programs
 - Supports NWS above FY15 request
 - More supportive of NOAA wet side proposals
 - NMFS funded at \$901.5M for Discretionary Accounts
 - \$836.2M for ORF (0.1% below FY15 discretionary request and 3.3% above FY14)

Summary of FY15 House and Senate Marks

- House Mark
 - Provided \$892.3 million for ORF
 - \$24.5 million (2.7%) below the FY 2015 request
 - \$104.7 million (10.5%) below the FY 2014 Spend Plan
- Senate Mark
 - Provided \$938.3 million for ORF
 - \$21.5 million (2.3%) above the FY 2015 request
 - \$58.7 million (5.9%) below the FY 2014 Spend Plan

FY 2015 House Mark – NMFS Highlights

- PCSRF is \$65M, \$15M above FY15 President's Budget, level with FY 2014.
- Includes a modification to the proposed language in General Provisions for reimbursable authority.
- Habitat funded at \$25.0M, \$17.2M below FY 15 President's Budget and \$16.7M below FY 2014 Spend Plan – No funding for habitat restoration.

FY 2015 Senate Mark – NMFS Highlights

- PCSRF is \$65M, \$15M above FY15 President's Budget, level with FY 2014, and the House Mark.
- Includes a modification to the proposed language in General Provisions for reimbursable authority – same as House Mark.
- Habitat funded at \$52.2M, \$10.0M above FY 15 President's Budget and \$10.6M above FY 2014 Spend Plan. \$30.9M of this is funding for habitat restoration.

FY 15 Budget Line Detail:

Trending in the right direction

Line Item / Account (\$ in millions)	FY 2011	FY 2012 Spend Plan	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Spend Plan*	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 House Mark	FY 2015 Senate Mark
Protected Resources Research and Management	\$188.1	\$174.2	\$165.5	\$176.4	\$186.2	\$167.0	\$183.8
Fisheries Research and Management	\$438.5	\$426.1	\$414.0	\$425.4	\$437.4	\$405.9	\$435.5
Enforcement and Observers/Training	\$105.7	\$105.4	\$102.7	\$105.8	\$109.3	\$107.0	\$111.3
Habitat Conservation and Restoration	\$41.8	\$41.7	\$38.8	\$41.6	\$42.2	\$29.0	\$47.0
Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	\$71.1	\$57.5	\$56.1	\$60.0	\$61.7	\$55.0	\$62.7
Subtotal ORF	\$845.2	\$804.7	\$777.3	\$809.3	\$836.8	\$763.9	\$840.3
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)	\$79.8	\$65.0	\$60.4	\$65.0	\$50.0	\$65.0	\$65.0
Other Accounts	\$42.2	\$16.7	\$44.5	\$53.5	\$29.6	\$36.7	\$36.7
TOTAL	\$967.5	\$895.0	\$882.5	\$1,002.8*	\$916.8	\$892.3	\$938.3

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

Outcomes in Specific PPAs

PPA/Detail funding (\$ in thousands)	FY 2011	FY 2012 Spend Plan	FY 2013 Spend Plan	FY 2014 Spend Plan	FY 2015 Request	FY 2015 House Mark	FY 2015 Senate Mark
Regional Councils and Fisheries Commission							
Regional Councils*	\$23,488	\$23,414	\$21,675	\$23,636	\$24,395	\$23,673	\$24,395
International Fisheries Commissions	\$396	\$395	\$365	\$381	\$382	\$382	\$382
Interstate Fish Commissions:							
3 Commissions	\$744	\$741	\$686	\$739	\$741	\$740	\$741
Atlantic Cooperative Management	\$7,228	\$7,205	\$6,670	\$7,194	\$7,220	\$7,205	\$7,220
Subtotal, Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions	\$31,855	\$31,754	\$29,397	\$31,950	\$32,738	\$32,000	\$32,738
Interjurisdictional Fisheries Grants	\$1,653	\$0	\$1,863	\$2,496	\$2,502	\$2,500	\$2,502
Pacific Coastal Fisheries Information Network (PACFIN)	\$2,974	\$2,967	\$2,788	\$2,964	\$2,978	\$2,969	\$2,969
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF)	\$79.8	\$65.0	\$60.4	\$65.0	\$50.0	\$65.0	\$65.0

Proposed FY 2015 NMFS Budget Increases

- Species Recovery Grants: + \$5.0 M (\$10.0 M Requested)
 - House provided \$7.0 M (\$3.0M below request)
 - Senate provided \$5.0 M (\$5.0 M below request)
- Other Protected Species [ESA Implementation]: + \$4.0 M (\$11.1 M Requested)
 - House provided \$10.0 M (\$1.1 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$10.2 M (\$0.9 M below request)
- Atlantic Salmon: + \$1.0 M (\$6.1 M Requested)
 - House provided \$4.0 (\$2.1 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$6.0 (\$0.07 M below request)
- Fisheries Research and Management Programs: + \$4.0 M (\$181.8 M Requested)
 - House provided \$176.7 M (\$5.1 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$177.0 M (\$4.8 M below request)

Proposed FY 2015 NMFS Budget Increases

- National Catch Share Program: + \$2.0 M (\$27.2 M Requested)
 - House provided \$20.0 M (\$7.2 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$25.0 M (\$2.2 M below request)
- Expand Annual Stock Assessments: + \$2.5 M (\$72.2 M Requested)
 - House provided \$72.0 (\$0.2M below request)
 - Senate provided \$72.0 (\$0.2M below request)
- Climate Regimes & Ecosystem Productivity: + \$0.8 M (\$2.9 M Requested)
 - House provided \$2.0 M (\$0.9 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$2.5 M (\$0.4 M below request)

Proposed FY 2015 NMFS Budget Decreases

- Prescott Grant Program and Marine Mammal Protection: - \$2.5 M (\$12.0 M requested)
 - House provided 11.8M (\$0.2 M below request)
 - Senate provided \$13.8 M (\$1.8 M above request)
- Hawaiian Sea Turtles: -\$1.0 M (\$4.2 M requested)
 - House provided for full reduction
 - Senate provided \$5.0 M (\$0.8 M above request)
- Salmon Management: -\$3.0 M (\$27.3 M requested)
 - House provided \$30.0 M (\$2.7 M above request)
 - Senate provided \$30.2 M (\$2.9 M above request)
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund: -\$15.0 M (\$50.0 M requested)
 - House provided \$65.0 M (\$15 M above request)
 - Senate provided \$65.0 M (\$15 M above request)
- Fishery Disaster Mitigation Fund: -\$75.0 M (\$0 M requested)
 - House and Senate both provided for full reduction

Outlook for FY 15

- Potential for continuing resolution
 - Mid-year elections
 - End of fiscal year
- Fiscal uncertainty will continue

National Program Activities

- State Director's meeting (September 10-11)
- National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy
- Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting
 - Congressional appropriations language

National Program Activities cont'd:

Saltonstall-Kennedy Grants Program: FY 2014 and FY 2015

- NMFS is currently developing the funding priorities for the combined FY14/15 S-K grant solicitation.
 - Priorities for S-K are based on NMFS Priorities document.
 - They have been cross-checked with each of the Council's 5-year research plans.
 - NMFS has also reviewed available Commission research plans to ensure their priorities were reflected.
 - On Congressional direction, this year we added a priority about Community-based Bridge Plans.
 - The S-K Priorities are currently under internal review.
 - Soon NMFS will formally solicit input from the Councils, Commissions, and States on the priorities.
- Anticipate publishing the formal solicitation later this fall for between \$15 M and \$20 M

NOAA Fisheries Priorities: FY15 – FY19

In FY15 our focus will remain on the two core mandates:

- *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.*

All other NOAA Fisheries programs, projects, and activities support these core mission mandates

