Congressional, Budget & Policy Update

For the NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel
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Overview

• The 114th Congress
  • Committee realignment, jurisdiction, key members
  • Relevant statutory authorities and congressional outlook
  • NOS congressional outreach strategy

• FY16 Budget Overview

• FEMA Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments (PSMAs)

• HSRP Governance: Charter Renewal
Appropriation Committees

**House Appropriations**
Chair: Hal Rodgers (R-KY-5)
Ranking: Nita Lowey (D-NY-17)

**Senate Appropriations**
Chair: Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Ranking: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)

**Commerce, Justice, Science, & Related Agencies**
Chair: John Culberson (R-TX-7)
Ranking: Chaka Fattah (D-PA-2)

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Chair: Richard Shelby (R-AL)
Ranking: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
House Authorizing Committees

**Natural Resources**

Chair: Rob Bishop (R-UT-1)
Vice Chair: Cynthia Lummis (R-WY-At Large)
Ranking: Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)
Vice Ranking: Gregorio Sablan (D-NMI)

**Energy & Mineral Resources**

Chair: Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5)
Vice Chair: Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)
Ranking: Alan Lowenthal (D-CA-47)

**Oversight & Investigations**

Chair: Louie Gohmert (R-TX-1)
Ranking: Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)

**Water, Power, & Oceans**

Chair: John Fleming (R-LA-4)
Vice Chair: Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4)
Ranking: Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)

**Identified Priorities**

- CZMA
- Federal mapping programs
- Budget and spending
- National Ocean Policy
- Global climate change
- All matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments, estuarine protection and coastal barriers
- Oceanography, including HSIA
- Ocean technology
- Marine sanctuaries
House Authorizing Committees

Transportation & Infrastructure
Chair: Bill Shuster (R-PA-9)
Ranking: Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4)

Water Resources & Environment
Chair: Bob Gibbs (R-OH-7)
Ranking: Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32)
- CERCLA
- Ocean dumping
- Oil pollution in navigable waters
- Coastal pollution and CZM
- NRDA, OPA

Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation
Chair: Duncan Hunter (R-CA-50)
Ranking: John Garamendi (D-CA-3)
- Navigations, port and waterway safety
- Marine environmental protection, as it relates to vessel operations (oil & plastic pollution)
Senate Authorizing Committee

**Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

Chair: John Thune (R-SD)
Ranking: Bill Nelson (D-FL)

**Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard**

Chair: Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Ranking: Cory Booker (D-NJ)

- oceans, coasts and climate, including HSIA
- Stated areas of interest: Vessel Discharge, Weather legislation, Fisheries
Relevant Authorities and Outlook

- **Coast and Geodetic Survey Act**
  - Permanent, organic authorization

- **Hydrographic Services Improvement Act (HSIA)**
  - P.L. 110-386 reauthorized section 306 of the HSIA of 1998 through FY 2012
  - This statute authorizes creation of the HSRP
  - 113th Congress introduced a bill in the House, never introduced in Senate.
  - To date no bill introduced in the 114th Congress

- **Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act (OCMIA)**
  - P.L. 111-11, Title XII, Subtitle B, authorized 2009 through FY 2015

- **Geospatial Data Act (introduced March 16)**
- **Digital Coast Act (introduction expected)**
NOS Congressional Outreach Strategy

**Goal:** Build awareness and support for NOS mission and budget

- Strengthen existing relationships
- Build new relationships and supporters

- **Greater focus on in-district opportunities**
  - Host Members and Staff in places where there are NOS employees, facilities and projects

- **Connect NOS funding to partners in member states/districts**
  - Seize opportunities to message grants and contracts

- **Continue to build relationships through one-on-one meetings and all-interested staff briefs**
FY 2016 President’s Budget Request for NOAA

- National Ocean Service: $550,790
- National Marine Fisheries Service: $888,236
- Office of Atmospheric Research: $507,035
- National Weather Service: $1,098,878
- National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service: $2,379,627
- Program Support, $646,835

Total: $6,570,537

- FY 2010: $580,000
- FY 2011: $520,000
- FY 2012: $460,000
- FY 2013: $420,000
- FY 2014: $440,000
- FY 2015: $450,000
- FY 2016: $500,000

Budget Trends:
- Procurement, Acquisition, Construction
- Operations, Research, Facilities
Budget Trends: Nav, Obs, and Positioning


$140,000 | $150,000 | $160,000 | $170,000 | $180,000 | $190,000 | $200,000 | $210,000 | $220,000

Supplemental
### FY 2016 Proposed NOS Budget Increases

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FEMA PSMAs

• What is a Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment?

• NOS AA directed me to investigate options for securing PSMAs with FEMA

• Since then engagement with . . .
  – NOS programs
  – Other NOAA offices – NWS and HSPO
  – FEMA
  – General Counsel

• Where we are today and next steps
  – FEMA approved PSMA for Coastal Adviser
  – Five others pending: Hydrography, LIDAR/Aerial Mapping, Geodesy, Oil Spill Science, Marine Debris
HSRP Charter Renewal

• **Charter must be renewed every two years**
  – Current charter expires September 6, 2015
  – Review and clearance required at the Department level
  – Need to get this moving to ensure a new charter is in place
  – Renewal is an administrative process led by DFO
  – NOS Policy will support legal and policy reviews and clearances

• **Role of the HSRP**
  – No formal role
  – Opportunity to review and provide views to DFO
  – One area for discussion is Section 11 on Subcommittees
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