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**Regional Collaboration** 

Strategic Challenges

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### Forum Goals

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- To discuss external trends and implications for NOAA.
- To gather Stakeholder views on current and emerging needs.
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### Strategic Planning: **NOAA's Vision**



An informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions



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### Strategic Planning: **NOAA's Mission**

#### **NOAA Mission Goals**



**Ecosystem approach to management** 



Climate variability and change



Weather and water



**Commerce** and transportation



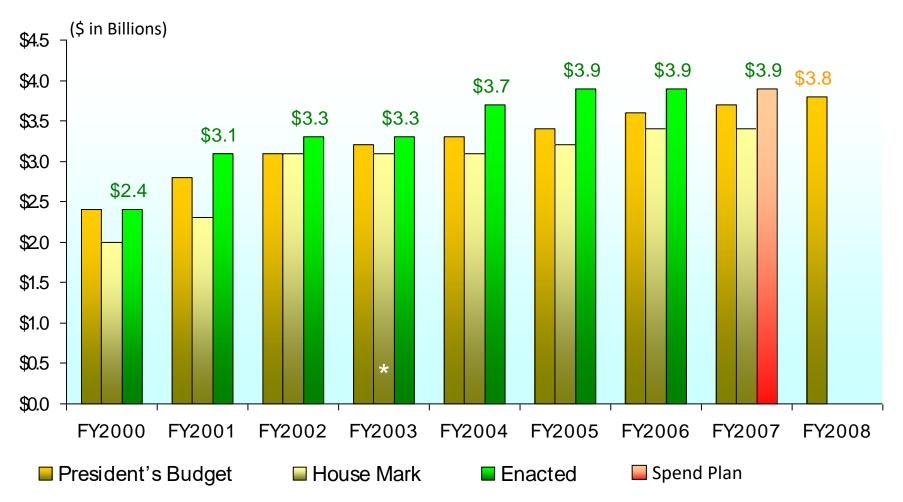
**Critical support for NOAA's Mission** 

To understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment and manage coastal and marine resources to meet the Nation's economic, social and environmental needs

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## **NOAA Funding Trends**



<sup>\*</sup>In FY'03, the House did not report or pass an SJC appropriations bill. The House-Introduced bill total is used here.



### **NOAA** Priorities FY'08 Context

**Sustaining Critical Operations** 

**Enhancing Climate Monitoring and** Research

Improving Weather Warnings and **Forecasts** 

Supporting the U.S. Ocean Action Plan

**Investing in Critical Facilities** 



## Recent Accomplishments

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (Papahānaumokuākea) Marine National Monument

**NOAA** Weather Radios

**Integrated Ocean Observing System** 

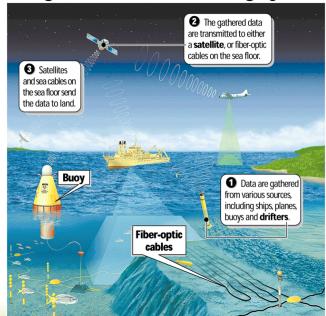
Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act

Offshore Aquaculture Bill Released





#### **Integrated Ocean Observing System**



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#### **GOES-N Satellite Launched**

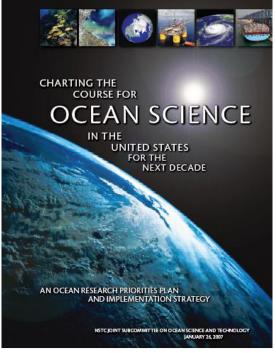
#### Fleet Modernization

- **FSV HENRY B. BIGELOW**
- **FSV PISCES**
- FSV BELL M. SHIMADA

**Dart II Buoys** 

Ocean Research Priorities Plan











## NOAA's Future

Regional Collaboration: A Brief Introduction

#### NOAA's Challenge:

How do we integrate NOAA's products and services regionally to serve customers' needs?

#### A Collaborative Solution:

#### A systematic NOAA-wide mechanism to...

- Bring regionally-specific customer priorities up from NOAA field offices to senior leadership
- Tailor national priorities in NOAA's mission to particular regional contexts
- Blend national and regional capabilities
- Leverage current and emerging regional partnerships

### Regional Collaboration: **Overarching Goals**

Improved services for the benefit of NOAA's customers

Increased value and productivity of partnerships

Improved stakeholder relations and support

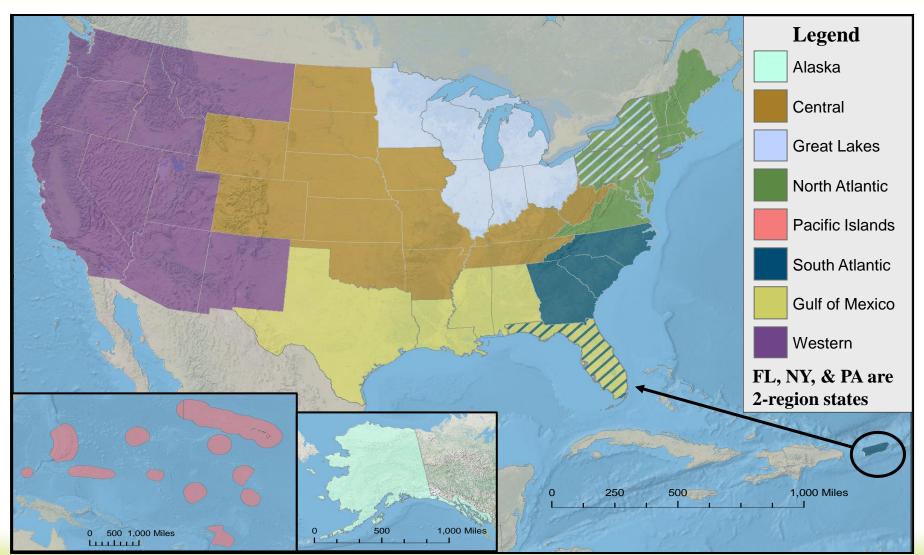
Improved internal communications and efficiency across line offices and programs

A more visible and valued NOAA brand

Success will be measured by NOAA's ability to advance the work of the agency towards these goals

## 2007 Regional Framework

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### **Blending National and Regional Priorities**



#### **Hazard Resilient Coastal Communities**



#### **Integrated Ecosystem Assessments**



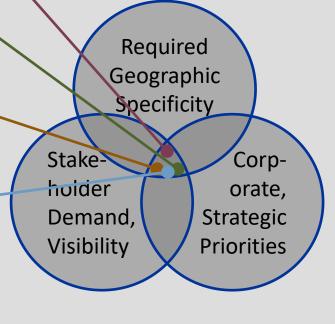
**Integrated Water Resource Services** 



**Region-specific Priorities and Existing Commitments** 

NOAA is developing a blended approach to execution priorities for FY 07-08, reflecting current regional partnerships

These programmatic priorities are at the intersection of:

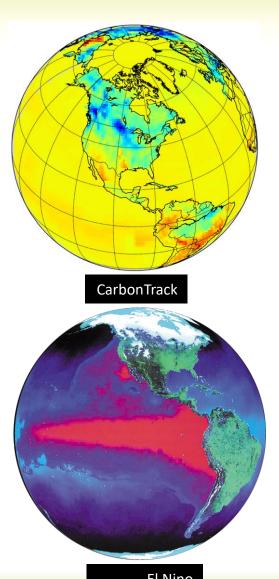


#### **External Trend:**

Heightened awareness for the science and impacts of climate change.

#### Query:

NOAA's climate information services?





#### **External Trend:**

Demand for improved operational forecasts of high impact events.

#### Query:

NOAA's research & development capabilities for weather?



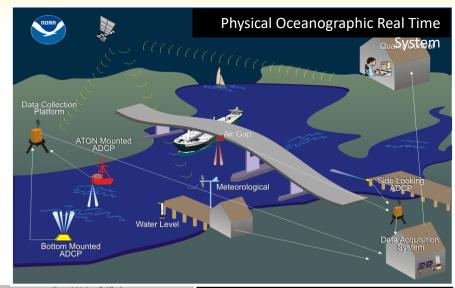


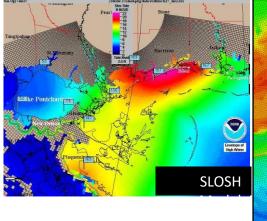
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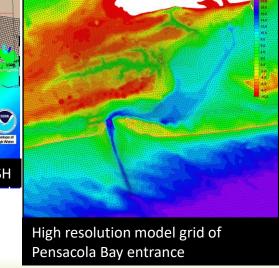
Demand for long-range planning tools and support to improve the resilience of communities and businesses to environmental hazards.

#### Query:

**Evolving demand for** services to improve resilience?







#### **External Trend:**

Changing mandates and increasing pressure on ocean and coastal resources.

#### Query:

How should NOAA respond?









### Stakeholder Forum Themes

Societal Demands for Climate Information Services

Research and Technical Challenges to Improving Extreme Weather Forecasting Information

**Decision Support Services for Hazard** Resilient Communities, Commerce, and Transportation

**Ecosystem Approaches to Management in** an Era of Changing Mandates and Increasing Pressure on Ocean and Coastal Resources





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# Questions?



# Backup Materials

#### **PLANNING**

Planning identifies what should be done within the NOAA Program to achieve NOAA's strategic goals, objectives, and annual priorities.

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Programming identifies what can be done through detailed analyses of the Planning Phase products and the development of a fiscally-balanced NOAA Program.

#### **BUDGETING**

Budgeting identifies what will be done via detailed resource requests and justification documents that are included in NOAA's annual budget submission.

#### **EXECUTION**

**Execution identifies what** is done to ensure that NOAA satisfies assigned statutory and regulatory duties, and delivers the right products and services.

