



FY 2010 NOAA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – Reauthorized (MSRA)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requests \$56.5M in new increases for a total of \$98.3M to supports the requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSRA) including provisions to end overfishing and rebuild stocks, promote market-based management approaches, improve recreational data collection, expand cooperative research programs, and strengthen enforcement of international fisheries. Within the increases below, \$18.6M is provided for implementing catch share management programs. Program changes are relative to the FY2010 base which is the FY 2009 Omnibus level less terminated projects plus inflationary adjustments.

FY 2010 Program Change Highlights

Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) +\$12.0M: To meet the requirements of MSRA, NMFS must establish ACLs for all 532 stocks and stock complexes it manages under 46 fishery management plans. Accountability Measures (AMs) are required to correct for instances where the ACL is exceeded. This increase will provide resources to the six NMFS regions and the Highly Migratory Species Division to establish and monitor ACLs and AMs to prevent and end overfishing in all fisheries by 2011 as required by MSRA.

Regional Councils +\$4.0M: An increase is requested to provide the eight Regional Fisheries Management Councils with the additional resources necessary to set, evaluate, and revise ACLs and associated regulatory measures to end overfishing as required under MSRA.

Expand Annual Stock Assessments +\$9.9M: This funding will allow NMFS to update stock assessments to support implementation of annual catch limits. NMFS will expand resource surveys over a larger geographic areas and habitats to monitor abundance of more fish stocks and refine mathematical and statistical models.

Enforcement +\$7.6M: Enforcement is key to ensuring compliance with and effectiveness of new management measures (ACLs and AMs) implemented under MSRA. The requested funding will be used to distribute enforcement officers to the field, enhance cooperative enforcement program with States, monitor sector management in New England, and expand the vessel monitoring program.

Observers/Training +\$5.0M: Funds are requested to fill the gap in observer coverage in an increasing number of fisheries requiring improvements in bycatch data. Fisheries observers provide critical catch and bycatch data needed to accurately set ACLs and AMs. Funds requested will increase the number of fisheries observed at adequate or near- adequate levels from 23 in FY08 to 26 in FY10.



Cooperative Research +\$6.0M: Cooperative research provides a means for commercial and recreational fishermen to become involved in the collection of fundamental fisheries information and assists fisheries scientists with their work. NMFS will provide funds on a competitive basis to address needs identified by the Regional Council in consultation with the Secretary.

Recreational and Commercial Fisheries Information +\$4.8M: Expansion of recreational and commercial fisheries monitoring is necessary to assess which stocks are undergoing overfishing in order to set ACL levels. The funds will expand the state-federal registry of recreational anglers and enhance commercial fisheries biological sampling and electronic reporting programs.

Deep Sea Corals \$1.0M: This funding will allow NOAA to identify, understand, and provide information needed to protect deep sea coral habitats which support commercial fisheries, implementing priority mandates of the *Deep Sea Coral and Technology Program*.

International Provisions +\$3.0M: This request supports NMFS' international leadership in managing highly migratory stocks in the Pacific Ocean. It also funds identification of illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing nations and international consultation activities to reduce these activities.

Economics and Social Science Research +\$3.3M: This request will enable NOAA to address significant economic and social data gaps and to develop decision support tools to conduct MSRA-mandated cost-benefit analyses of regulatory options such as Annual Catch Limits (ACLs). This investment ensures that conservation standards are achieved at the lowest cost to society.

MSRA FY 2010 Budget Request (\$ in Millions)				
	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Omnibus	FY 2010 Request	FY10 Request vs. FY09 Omnibus
MSRA	\$13.5	\$41.8	\$98.3	\$56.5

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