

# Congressional, Budget & Policy Update



For the NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel

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# Overview

- The 114<sup>th</sup> 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)



## Commerce, Justice, Science, & Related Agencies

Chair: John Culberson (R-TX-7)  
Ranking: Chaka Fattah (D-PA-2)



## Senate Appropriations

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



## Commerce, Justice, Science, & Related Agencies

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)



## Oversight & Investigations

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



### Identified Priorities

- CZMA
- Federal mapping programs
- Budget and spending
- National Ocean Policy
- Global climate change

## Energy & Mineral Resources

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



- CZMA

## Water, Power, & Oceans

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



- 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
  - 113<sup>th</sup> Congress introduced a bill in the House, never introduced in Senate.
  - To date no bill introduced in the 114<sup>th</sup> 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)**



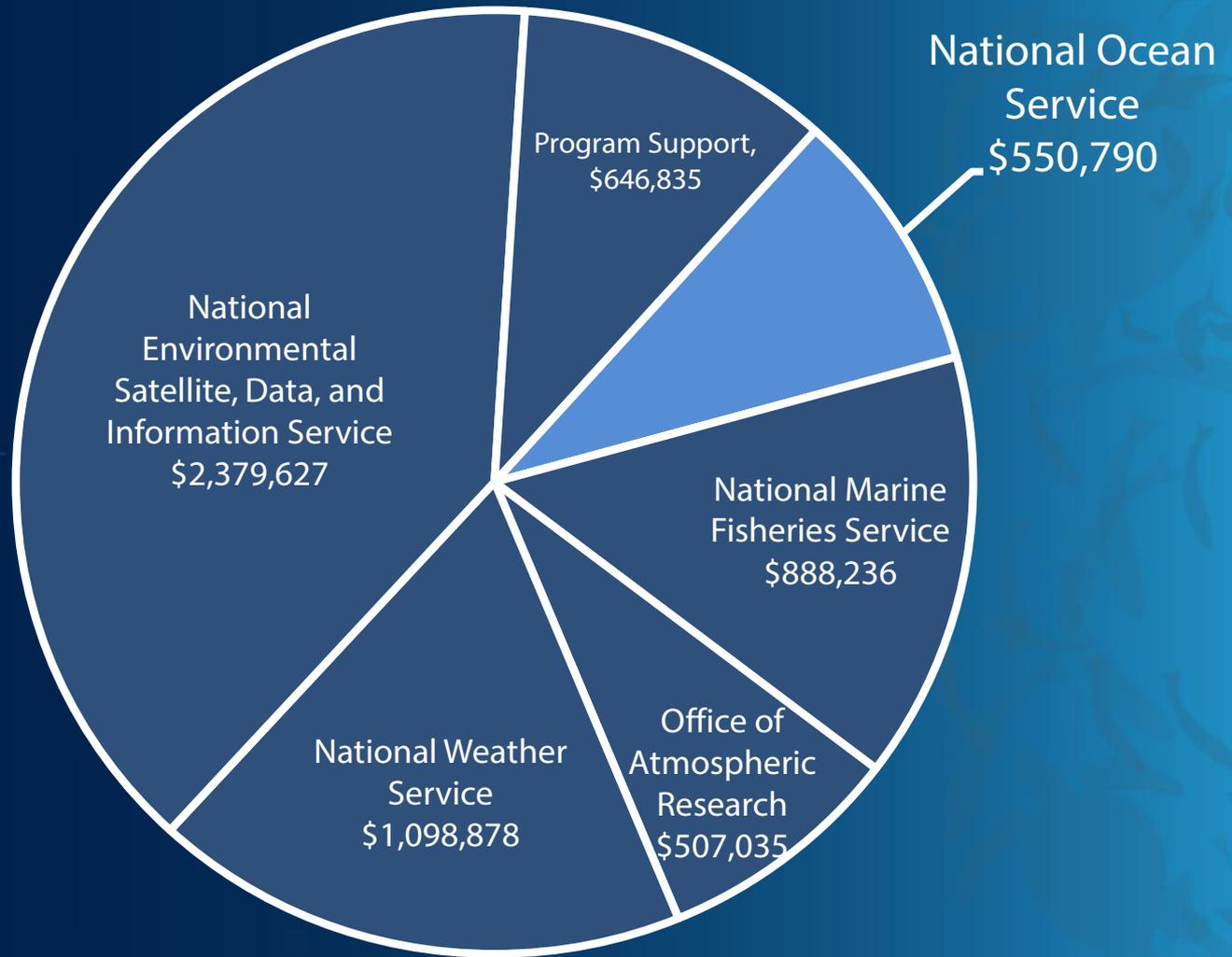
# NOS Congressional Outreach Strategy

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

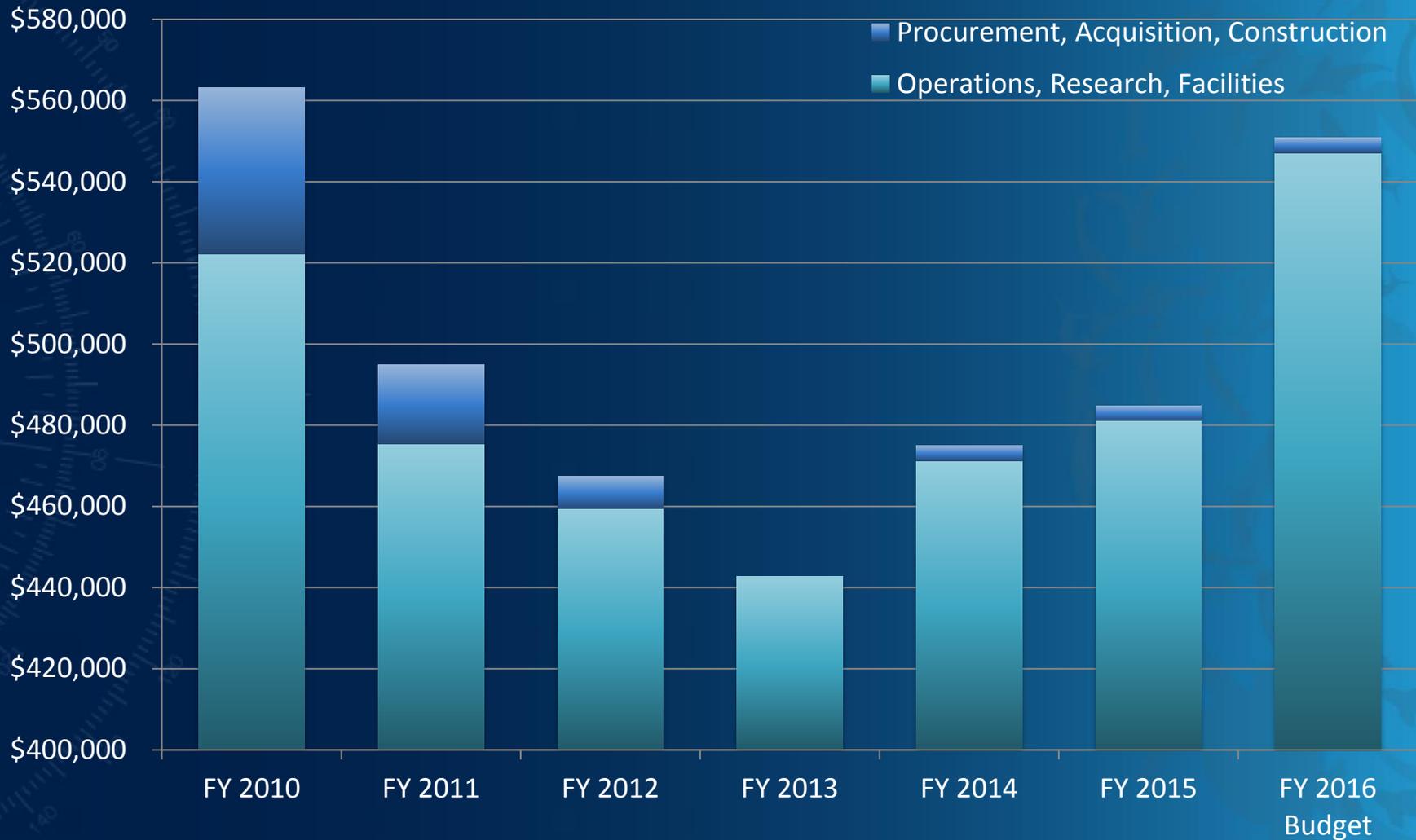
- Strengthen existing relationships
- Build new relationships and supporters
- **Greater focus on in-district opportunities**
  - Host Members and Staff in places where there are NOS employees, facilities and projects
- **Connect NOS funding to partners in member states/districts**
  - Seize opportunities to message grants and contracts
- **Continue to build relationships through one-on-one meetings and all-interested staff briefs**



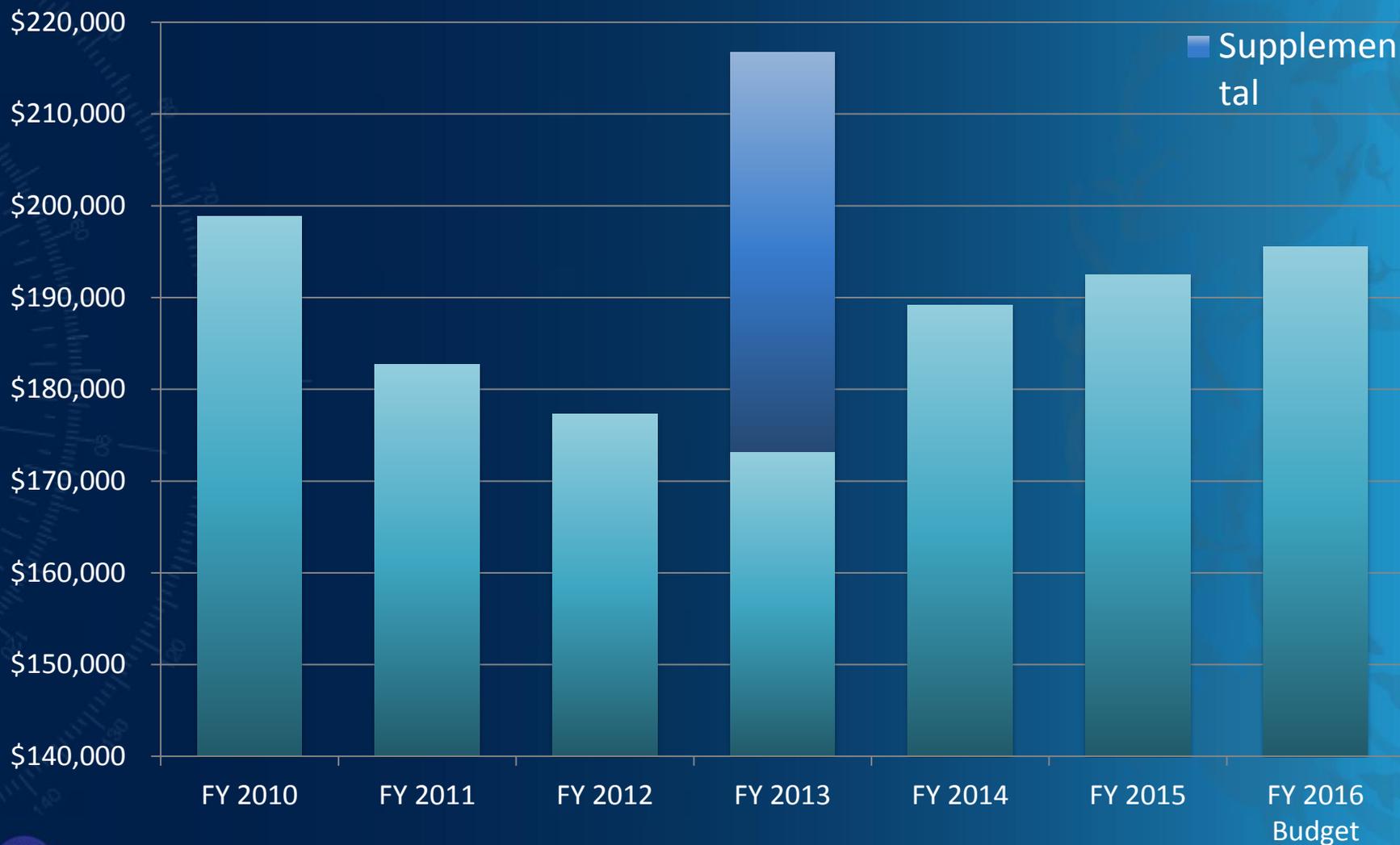
# FY 2016 President's Budget Request for NOAA



# NOS Budget Trends: FY 2010 – FY 2016



# Budget Trends: Nav, Obs, and Positioning



# FY 2016 Proposed NOS Budget Increases

	Program Increases (millions)
<b>Regional Coastal Resilience Grants</b>	\$45.0
<b>Coastal Zone Management and Services</b>	
Ecosystem-based Solutions for Resilience	\$5.0
Capacity to Respond to Extreme Events	\$4.8
AmeriCorps Community Resilience Initiative Training	\$2.0
<b>Competitive Research</b>	
National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Competitive Research	\$4.0
<b>Coastal Science, Response and Restoration</b>	
Arctic Spill Preparedness	\$1.3



# FEMA PSMA<sub>s</sub>

- What is a Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment?
- NOS AA directed me to investigate options for securing PSMA<sub>s</sub> 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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# Questions and Discussion

