

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Request for Nominations**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice requesting nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. The Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior in implementing Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, and specifically on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of marine protected areas (MPAs) and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs.

Nominations are sought for highly qualified non-federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine conservation. Individuals seeking membership on the Advisory Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a related field or represent a stakeholder interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be evaluated based on the following factors: marine policy experience, leadership and organization skills, region of country represented, and diversity characteristics. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. The full text of the Committee charter and its current membership can be viewed on the Agency's Web page at <http://mpa.gov/fac.html>. Vacancies on the Committee occur from time to time and additional information on specific qualifications being sought will be posted on the Web site.

**DATES:** This notice of recruitment will be open for one year from its date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to: Lauren Wenzel, Marine Protected Areas Center, NOAA, N/ORM, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPAFAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, N/ORM, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring,

Maryland 20910. (Phone: (301)–713–3100 x136, Fax: (301)–713–3110); e-mail: [lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov); or visit the national MPA Center Web site at <https://www.mpa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Executive Order 13158, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior were directed to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. The Committee was established in June 2003 and includes 30 members.

The Committee meets at least twice a year. Committee members serve for a term of two or four years.

Each nomination submission should include the proposed committee member's name and organizational affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each submission: the nominee's name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address if available.

Dated: June 7, 2005.

**Eldon Hout,**

*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Office of Ocean.US Director Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity to apply.

**SUMMARY:** Applications for the position of Director, Ocean.US are invited. Ocean.US was created by the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) to coordinate the development of an operational integrated and sustained ocean observing system (IOOS). Information from the IOOS system will serve national needs for detecting and forecasting oceanic components of climate variability, facilitating safe and efficient marine operations, ensuring national security,

managing resources for sustainable use, preserving and restoring healthy marine ecosystems, mitigating natural hazards, and ensuring public health.

The Director will coordinate with vested interest groups on collaborative activities that accomplish Ocean.US goals to integrate ocean observing activities. These groups include Federal agencies, universities, private industry, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations. The Director will develop and oversee broad-scale cooperative efforts and strategies of a national scope associated with coastal and ocean stewardship.

The successful candidate will have high-level management experience and the ability to work with a wide range of people and interests to further the goals of Ocean.US and the IOOS. He or she should have demonstrated experience in administration, legislative and public processes, policy development, and constituent affairs. The Director is expected to lead a nation-wide, interagency effort to build coalitions, and should have experience managing staff and negotiating across organizational levels and boundaries. He or she should also have some familiarity with elements of the IOOS, such as Data Management and Communication, Modeling and Analysis, Research, and Education and Outreach.

The successful candidate ideally will have a science background, familiarity with the Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS), the NOPP process, and the Federal spending process, including spending in a legislated, but unappropriated enterprise. He or she must also be able to obtain a security clearance.

Applications, which should include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of at least three references, should be sent to: Ocean.US, 2300 Claredon Blvd Suite 1350, Arlington, VA 22201–3667, Attn: Ms. Nicole Larrain.

Review of the applications will begin on June 30, 2005, with a start date of October 1, 2005. The mode of employment will be negotiated, depending on the current employment status of the applicant. The search will remain open until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with experience.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nicole Larrain by phone (703) 588–0853 or e-mail [n.larrain@ocean.us](mailto:n.larrain@ocean.us).