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#### Committee Information

The VCAT was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 278 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

#### Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. The Committee shall provide an annual report, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for submission to the Congress not later than 30 days after the submittal to Congress of the President's annual budget request in each year. Such report shall deal essentially, though not necessarily exclusively, with policy issues or matters which affect the Institute, or with which the Committee in its official role as the private sector policy advisor of the Institute is concerned. Each such report shall identify areas of program emphasis for the Institute of potential importance to the long-term competitiveness of the United States industry. Such report also shall comment on the programmatic planning document and updates thereto submitted to Congress by the Director under subsections (c) and (d) of section 23 of the NIST Act (15 U.S.C. 278i). The Committee shall submit to the Secretary and Congress such additional reports on specific policy matters as it deems appropriate.

#### Membership

1. The Committee is composed of 15 members that provide representation of a cross-section of traditional and emerging United States industries. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. No employee of the Federal Government

shall serve as a member of the Committee.

2. The Director of the NIST shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

3. The term of the office of each member of the Committee shall be three years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

#### Miscellaneous

1. Members of the VCAT will not be compensated for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*, while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Members of the Committee shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethics standards applicable to SGEs. As SGEs, the members are required to file an annual Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

3. Meetings of the VCAT usually take place at the NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and may be held periodically in Washington, DC and at the NIST site in Boulder, Colorado. Meetings are usually two days in duration and are held at least twice each year.

4. Generally, Committee meetings are open to the public.

#### Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from all fields described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment and international relations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on Federal advisory boards and Federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the candidate agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the VCAT, and will actively

participate in good faith in the tasks of the VCAT. Besides participation in two-day meetings held at least twice each year, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of two days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, and so forth in furtherance of the Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse VCAT membership.

Dated: June 29, 2011.

**Charles H. Romine,**

*Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Payment Policy Change for Access to NOAA Environmental Data, Information, and Related Products and Services

**AGENCY:** National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Policy Change.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's National Data Centers will not accept checks (nor money orders) in payment for orders. Prepayment is required and the accepted forms of payment are Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, wire transfers and Automated Clearing House. Please refer to the NNDC Non-Federal Customer Payment Policy for additional information.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angel Robinson (301) 713-9230 ext 186.

Dated: June 20, 2011.

**Cherish Johnson,**

*Deputy Chief, Financial Officer (CFO/CAO).*

#### New Payment Policy

**NOAA's National Data Centers (NNDC)**

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**National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), Asheville, NC**

**National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC), Boulder, CO**

**National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC), Silver Spring, MD**

#### Non-Federal Customer Payment Policy

All non-federal customers *must* pay in advance unless this requirement is

specifically waived. *Please include payment for any RUSH, special mailing, or bank transfer fee charges.*

**\*Payment methods\***

**\*Charge Card**

NNDC accepts payment in U.S. currency, by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. Cardholder's name, charge card number, expiration date, and signature are required. When indicating this method of

payment via mail or fax, the cardholder must sign the document authorizing the charge.

**\*Wire Transfers**

Payments, in *U.S. currency*, should be sent directly to Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045 with the following information:

Tag name	Tag number	Required information
Type/Subtype Code .....	(1,510) .....	1000
Dollar Amount ON-Y .....	(2,000) .....	\$9,999,999.99 (EXAMPLE ONLY)
Sender Financial Institution .....	(3,100) .....	Sending Fin. Inst's Routing & Transit # and Bank Name
Sender Reference .....	(3,320) .....	Completed by Sender
Receiver Financial Institution .....	(3,400) .....	021030004 TREAS NYC
Beneficiary .....	(4,200) .....	D
	—NOAA National .....	13140001
		Data Centers
Originator to Beneficiary Info. ....	(6,000) .....	Payment Detail (e.g. Order #)
Swift Code (if required) .....		FRNYUS33

**\*\*Note:** In addition to the total cost of your data/product(s) order, you **MUST** add your bank's wire transfer fee to ensure delays are not incurred in processing your request. Please contact your bank for the correct wire transfer fee amount.\*\*

**\*Automated Clearing House (ACH)**

Payments, in U.S. currency, should be sent directly to Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045 with the following information:

Company Name .....	Name of Remitter
Company ID .....	Tax ID
Company Entry Description .....	FEE (EXAMPLE ONLY)
Date .....	
Receiving Company ABA .....	0510-3670-6
Account Number .....	540022
Dollar Amount .....	Supplied by Remitter
Individual ID Number .....	Order # or Pro forma #
Agency Name .....	NOAA National Data Centers

**\*\*Note:** In addition to the total cost of your data/product(s) order, you **MUST** add your bank's ACH transfer fee to ensure delays are not incurred in processing your request. Please contact your bank for the correct ACH transfer fee amount.\*\*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Port of Anchorage Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to the Port of Anchorage (POA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime

Administration (MARAD), to take four species of marine mammals incidental to the POA's Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project (MTRP).

**DATES:** Effective July 15, 2011, through July 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA and supporting documentation are available for review by writing to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225 or by telephoning one of the contacts listed below. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address and at the Alaska Regional Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian D. Hopper, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but

not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill marine mammals.

Authorization may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses. The regulations must include requirements for monitoring and reporting of such taking.