

comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

Oral Comments: NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Michael Lameier, NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, via email at michael.lameier@noaa.gov. In the subject heading of your email, please include "Written comments for the 52nd U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting". *Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on Saturday, August 29, 2026.*

Instructions: The oral and written comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the USCRTF or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. Commenters are encouraged to ensure comments address the USCRTF meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (808) 683-2213, michael.lameier@noaa.gov, or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255-9843, Liza_M_Johnson@ios.doi.gov, or visit the USCRTF website at <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USCRTF meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website after the meeting. For more information about the meeting and to register, please visit <https://taskforce.coralreef.noaa.gov/meetings/> by clicking on the 52nd Meeting, Washington, DC 2026.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6451 *et seq.*; E.O. 13089, 63 FR 32701.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB)

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of nominations for membership on the NOAA Science Advisory Board standing working groups.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education and the application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The Science Advisory Board is called upon to provide advice to NOAA on a wide variety of topics important to the agency. Because of the breadth of subject matter that the group addresses, they frequently consult with additional experts on specific topics. Certain topics are deemed to be of long-term interest for NOAA and the standing working groups (WGs) were established under the SAB to consult on a regular basis. The SAB WGs consist of experts with whom the SAB consults on a regular basis to address NOAA scientific priorities.

DATES: Nominations should be sent to the email address specified below within 180 days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and applications should be submitted electronically to the SAB Designated Federal Officer (DFO): noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey Stewart, SAB Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SSMC3, Room 11360, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 240-653-8297;

Email: noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) is a Federal advisory committee established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The SAB advises NOAA leadership on matters related to science and technology, research priorities, and the integration of science into NOAA operations.

NOAA seeks to maintain a balanced membership that reflects the interdisciplinary nature of expertise, sectors, and perspectives relevant to NOAA's mission.

Recruitment

Phased Recruitment Approach

To ensure continuity of operations and timely filling of vacancies, NOAA will use a phased recruitment and appointment approach. This approach allows NOAA to:

- Maintain a ready pool of highly qualified candidates
- Fill vacancies as they occur, including mid-term departures
- Support leadership succession planning, including Vice Chair roles
- Ensure compliance with FACA balance and membership requirements

Candidates selected through this process may be appointed at different times through January 31, 2028, depending on Board needs.

Scope of Nominations

NOAA is interested in candidates with expertise in, but not limited to: expertise in areas relevant to its mission, including Federal, State, and local government; social and behavioral sciences; artificial intelligence and machine learning; cloud strategy including high performance computing; commercial data access and management, including open access and accessibility; uncrewed systems; Whale research and conservation; aircraft systems and modernization; and economic analysis, including cost-benefit evaluation of observing systems; and aircraft modernization. NOAA encourages nominations of qualified mid-career scientists and engineers.

Membership Criteria

Members are selected based on: Scientific and technical expertise; Leadership experience; Ability to contribute to SAB activities and working groups; Availability to participate actively in meetings and

intersessional work absent conflicts of interest.

Terms of Service

Appointments are typically for a term of three years, with the possibility of reappointment, subject to applicable policies and Board needs. Terms may be shorter and staggered to maintain continuity.

Members will serve as volunteers and will be subject to applicable ethics requirements.

Selection Process

Nominations will be reviewed by NOAA and evaluated based on expertise, Board needs, and balance considerations. Final appointments are made by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or designee. Individuals selected for appointment to a Federal Advisory Committee working group appointment will serve as a volunteer. WG volunteers will not be compensated but will be reimbursed for travel to in-person meetings for their assigned group.

Nominations

Interested persons may nominate themselves or others for membership on an SAB WG. An application is required for all candidates, including those nominated by third parties. The application package must include the following: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) The nominee's area of industry perspective (academia, commercial service provider, or end-user); (3) A short description of qualifications relative to the advice solicited in this Notice; and (4) A current resume (maximum of four pages). All nomination information must be provided in a single, complete package, and must be sent to the SAB DFO at the electronic address provided above with the subject line "Application for SAB Working Group Membership 2026".

Privacy Act

Privacy Act Statement: *Authority.* The collection of information concerning nominations to the NSGAB FAC is authorized under the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. and its implementing regulations, 41 CFR part 102–3, and in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (Privacy Act) 5 U.S.C. 552a. *Purpose.* The collection of names, contact information, resumes, professional information, and qualifications is required in order for the Under Secretary to appoint members to the NSGAB FAC.

Routine Uses

NOAA will use the nomination information for the purpose set forth above. The Privacy Act of 1974 authorizes disclosure of the information collected to NOAA staff for work-related purposes and for other purposes only as set forth in the Privacy Act and for routine uses published in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/DEPT–11: Candidates for Membership, Members, and Former Members of Department of Commerce Advisory Committees, available at <https://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/PrivacyAct/SORNs/dept-11.html> and the System of Records Notice COMMERCE/DEPT–18: Employees Personnel Files Not Covered by Notices of Other Agencies, available at <https://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/PrivacyAct/SORNs/DEPT-18.html>.

Disclosure. Furnishing the nomination information is voluntary; however, if the information is not provided, the individual would not be considered for appointment as a member of the NOAA SAB FAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Public Meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee. Board members will discuss and provide advice on the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) in the areas of program evaluation, strategic planning, education and extension, science and technology programs, and other matters as described in the agenda found on the Sea Grant website. For more information on this Federal Advisory Committee please visit the Federal Advisory Committee database: <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicPage>.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. Registration is not required. For more information about the virtual meeting see below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Ms. Susan Holmes, National Sea Grant College Program. Email: oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov, Phone Number (301) 734–1077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a public comment period on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 4:25 p.m. (EST). The Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by Ms. Susan Holmes by Friday, August 28, 2026 to provide sufficient time for Board review. Written comments received after the deadline will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: The Board meeting is virtually accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Susan Holmes by Friday, August 28, 2026.

The Board, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94–461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to them for review and advice.

Matters To Be Considered: Board members will discuss and vote on the selection of new subcommittee membership: <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/About/Advisory-Board>.

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