

Please file as NOAA Directive 05-50

**SUBJECT:** Revocation of Delegation to the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management of Authority to Designate National Marine Sanctuaries and National Estuarine Research Reserves

**TO:** Financial Management Centers

1. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the delegation of authority to the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management to reflect the revocation of the authority to approve or disapprove designations and withdrawals of designations of national marine sanctuaries and national estuarine reserves (formerly called estuarine sanctuaries). The amendment also deletes the reservation of the above authority by the Assistant Administrator.

2. NOAA Circular 83-38, dated September 21, 1983, filed as NOAA Directive 05-50, is further amended as follows:

a. Under paragraph A.5:

(1) Delete the word "and" at the end of subparagraph e., replace the period at the end of subparagraph f. with a semicolon, and add the word "and" at the end of subparagraph f.

(2) Add a new subparagraph g. to read as follows:

g. consider and approve or disapprove proposals to designate a national marine sanctuary or national estuarine reserve (formerly called estuarine sanctuary) or withdraw such a designation, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq. and 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., respectively.

b. Under paragraph B.9, delete subparagraph (c) and redesignate subparagraphs (d) through (k) as (c) through (j) respectively.

3. Amendment 1 to NOAA Circular 83-38, dated July 11, 1984, filed as NOAA Directive 05-50, is rescinded.

  
Under Secretary for  
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