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SUBJECT: FUNCTIONAL STATEMENTS & ORGANIZATION CHARTS

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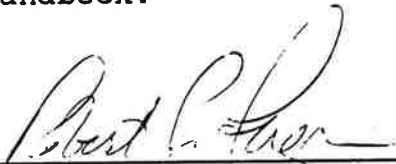
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GENERAL COUNSEL

AD0000
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The General Counsel serves as the chief legal officer for all legal matters that may arise in connection with the conduct of the functions of NOAA. The Office of General Counsel provides legal service and guidance for all matters that may arise in the conduct of these functions. These functions are carried out subject to the overall authority of the Department's General Counsel as provided in Department Organization Order 10-6.

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DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
FISHERIES, ENFORCEMENT, AND REGIONS

AD1000
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The Deputy General Counsel for Fisheries, Enforcement, and Regions, through advice to senior NOAA personnel, oversees legal assistance to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in providing critical direction to NOAA programs that are of national and international importance; leads the Office of General Counsel efforts in collecting (overdue) fines and penalties; and leads the Office of General Counsel efforts to accelerate administrative penalty processes. The Deputy General Counsel advises the appropriate Assistant Administrator on the legal context and the requirements affecting his or her operations; manages and coordinates central and regional legal services for NMFS; and provides comprehensive legal assistance to fisheries trade and industry service programs. The Deputy General Counsel provides policy guidance and supervision to the Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries, the Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation, and the Regional Counsels for the five regions.

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL COUNSEL

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GCNE

The Northeast Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Northeast Region of the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding all of its program elements including endangered species, marine mammals, habitat protection, environmental assessment, fishery management, and enforcement. The Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils in carrying out their responsibilities under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Regional Counsel processes and administratively prosecutes civil penalty cases arising out of violations of the statutes administered by the agency.

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COUNSEL

(AD1000)
GCSE

The Southeast Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Southeast Region of the National Marine Fisheries Service (including the Southeast Fisheries Center and its labs) regarding all of its program elements including endangered species, marine mammals, habitat protection, environmental assessment, fishery management, enforcement, and financial assistance. The Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils in carrying out their responsibilities under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Regional Counsel processes and administratively prosecutes civil penalty cases arising out of violations of the statutes administered by the agency.

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ALASKA REGIONAL COUNSEL

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GCAK

The Alaska Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Alaska Region of the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding all of its program elements including endangered species, marine mammals, habitat protection, environmental assessment, fishery management, and enforcement. The Regional Counsel provides legal advice and counsel, in cooperation with the Northwest Regional Counsel, to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in carrying out its responsibilities under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Regional Counsel processes and administratively prosecutes civil penalty cases arising out of violations of the statutes administered by the agency.

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ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR OCEAN SERVICES

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The Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services provides legal advice to the principal ocean service offices of NOAA that administer programs for: deep seabed mineral and ocean thermal energy conversion plant licensing; the production and distribution of nautical and aeronautical charts; the development, approval, and evaluation of state coastal zone management programs; and the establishment of marine and estuarine sanctuaries, among other matters.

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SENIOR COUNSELOR FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH AND SERVICES

GCW

The Senior Counselor for Atmospheric Research and Services provides legal advice to policy level personnel in the National Weather Service (NWS), the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NESDIS), and the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR). The Senior Counselor advises and represents NWS and NESDIS on legal matters associated with: the modernization of the weather service; the operation of the civil land remote sensing and the weather satellite systems; U.S. positions on international agreements; and other matters arising out of the weather and satellite programs. The Senior Counselor is responsible for drafting and reviewing agreements with foreign satellite operators and with other governmental and private organizations providing for the collection, dissemination, and storage of data, information, and services. The Senior Counselor is responsible for advising the Sea Grant and National Underwater Research Program on legal issues and for reviewing grants and cooperative agreements for basic research. The Senior Counselor prepares and reviews opinions, testimony, agreements, legislation, and regulations on all NWS, NESDIS, and OAR program matters.

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SENIOR COUNSELOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

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The Senior Counselor for Environmental Litigation is responsible for coordinating and directing all environmental litigation within NOAA/GC related to NOAA's role as a natural resource trustee. These natural resource trustee responsibilities include the protection and restoration of marine resources and their environment that may have been adversely affected by the release of oil or hazardous substances. The Senior Counselor is responsible for the development of litigation strategy and the prosecution of various natural resource damage cases in coordination with the Department of Justice. The Senior Counselor supervises the natural resource attorneys assigned to the cases that are in litigation initiated pursuant to the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Oil Pollution Act, and related Federal statutes. The Senior Counselor coordinates with the five regional NOAA/GC offices, the Senior Counselor for Natural Resources, and the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, and oversees the natural resource cases in litigation assigned to each of those offices.

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SENIOR COUNSELOR FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

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The Senior Counselor for Natural Resources is responsible for coordinating and directing all aspects of the natural resource damage assessment process within NOAA's Office of General Counsel. The Senior Counselor provides legal advice to senior NOAA, National Ocean Service (NOS), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) personnel regarding the implementation and administration of natural resource trustee responsibilities established in the Clean Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, that have been delegated to the Department of Commerce. Natural resource trustee responsibilities include assessing injuries to natural resources, pursuing recoveries of damages and assessment costs, and using the money recovered to restore or acquire equivalent resources. The Senior Counselor supervises the natural resource attorneys assigned to cases through the damage assessment phase.

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SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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The Special Counsel for Legislation and International Law, through advice to senior NOAA personnel, oversees legal assistance to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, other senior NOAA policy makers, and to the international offices in the NOAA line offices, in providing critical direction to NOAA programs that are of national and international importance. The Special Counsel provides or supports agency representation in international negotiations dealing with matters affecting the global environment, assisting in efforts related to conventions, protocols, and other agreements. Areas of activity include those that depend heavily on NOAA's scientific and technical expertise, such as global climate change, trans-boundary pollution, stratospheric ozone depletion, and acid rain. These activities are not restricted to one particular client agency and commonly involve the direct participation of the Under Secretary. The Special Counsel supervises the Senior Counselor for Legislation and Policy and the Senior Counselor for International Law.