

Legal Advice and Review

Legal advice and review to a NOAA line or program office, as described in Section 3.06, will be provided by the office within NOAA GC that is responsible for programmatic legal support to such line or staff office as follows:

Weather, Satellites and Research Section: National Weather Service; the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service; Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research;

Ocean and Coasts Section: National Ocean Service and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations;

Fisheries and Protected Resource Section: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Regional Sections: - The NMFS Region or OLE office that they support;

Natural Resources Section: In coordination with Ocean and Coasts Section, NOS Office of Response and Restoration and Fisheries and Protected Resource Section, NMFS Office of Habitat Conservation;

Enforcement Section: In coordination with Fisheries and Protected Resource Section, NMFS Office for Law Enforcement;

International Section: NOAA Office of International Affairs

NOTE: when the office of the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Acquisition and Grants, or Workforce Management Office, Program Policy and Integration (“Requesting Office”) seeks legal review:

- 1) If the question directly concerns one of the line offices listed above, then the Requesting Office should seek advice from the listed NOAA GC office;
- 2) If the request does not directly concern one of the line offices above, then the Requesting Office should seek advice from the Weather, Satellites and Research Section.

Legal advice to the Office of the Under Secretary will be provided by GC Headquarters.