

OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL (ORAP) ADVISING THE OCEAN POLICY COMMITTEE (OPC)

Congress directed the establishment of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) in Section 1055(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283), 10 U.S.C. 8933. The ORAP advises the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) and provides independent recommendations to the Federal Government on matters of ocean policy.

The OPC is a Congressionally mandated, Secretary-level interagency body to coordinate ocean science and technology and management policy across the federal government. The OPC is led by the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality.

ORAP Public Meeting #1

December 13-14, 2023

Meeting Objective:

This meeting will explore the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) Action Plan and identify areas for ORAP to address. Additionally, as the first meeting of ORAP advising OPC, it will allow ORAP to organize internally to conduct work.

OPC Goals:

- **Goal 1:** Maximize the environmental, economic, and social benefits that the ocean provides to all Americans.
- **Goal 2:** Develop an ocean-based climate plan to coordinate Federal agency actions on ocean-based climate solutions.
- **Goal 3:** Strengthen the U.S. ocean science and technology enterprise by advancing ocean science, technology, innovation, and partnerships to address societal needs.

Meeting Outcomes:

- Shared understanding between ORAP and OPC on interests, capacities, opportunities, and expectations regarding ORAP efforts
- Identification of initial topics for ORAP work and associated ORAP structures and processes to accomplish the work.

Location:

AGU Conference Center, 2000 Florida Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009

Mountain View-Volcano/113B&C

Virtual Attendance:

To attend the ORAP meeting via webinar, please register in advance. After registering for the webinar, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- [Day 1 Registration Link](#) (Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM ET)
- [Day 2 Registration Link](#) (Thursday, December 14, 2023, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM ET)

AGENDA

Day 1: December 13, 2023

[Engagement with OPC]

EASTERN TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	READ-AHEAD
9:00 AM [15 mins]	Meeting Opening & Review Agenda	Viviane Silva , ORAP Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Chris Ostrander and Mary Glackin (ORAP Co-chairs)	
9:15 AM [10 mins]	Welcome from NOAA Welcome from the Agency managing the day-to-day operations of ORAP	Rick Spinrad , Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere & NOAA Administrator	
9:25 AM [35 min]	ORAP Member Introductions	ORAP Members	Members Short-Bios
10:00 AM [15 mins]	Session 1: First engagement between the OPC and the ORAP OPC co-chairs speak about ORAP-OPC Engagement and OPC tasking including current OPC and administration priorities through the OPC Action Plan	Brenda Mallory , Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Co-Chair of the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) and Jane Lubchenco , Deputy Director for Climate and Environment at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), on behalf of Arati Prabhakar, OSTP Director and Co-Chair of the OPC	OPC Action Plan
10:15 AM [15 mins]	Break		

<p>10:30 AM [30 mins each, including Q&A]</p>	<p>Session 1 continued: Overview of OPC subcommittees High-level review of major structure and function of each subcommittee</p>	<p>Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee (OST)/SOST – Danielle Farelli, Co-chair</p> <p>National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) - Jeremy Weirich, Co-chair</p> <p>Ocean Resource Management Subcommittee (ORM):</p> <p>Deerin Babb-Brott, Assistant Director for Ocean Policy at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy</p> <p>Amanda Carter, Deputy Director for Ocean Resource Management at the White House Council on Environmental Quality</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (OST)/SOST: Overview & Priorities and Opportunities 2. NOPP: NOPP 2.0 White Paper 3. ORM: Overview
<p>12:00 PM [1.5 hours]</p>	<p>Lunch on your own</p>		
<p>1:30 PM [1.5 hours]</p>	<p>Session 2: Conversation with the OPC Team In-depth discussion on priorities and goals as context for the OPC taskings</p>	<p>Deerin Babb-Brott, Assistant Director for Ocean Policy at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy</p> <p>Amanda Carter, Deputy Director for Ocean Resource Management at the White House Council on Environmental Quality</p> <p>Danielle Farelli, SOST Co-Chair</p> <p>Jeremy Weirich, NOPP Co-Chair</p>	<p>Key OPC products</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OCAP 2. National Strategy for a Sustainable Ocean Economy 3. NOPP 2.0 White Paper
<p>3:00 PM [15 mins]</p>	<p>Break</p>		
<p>3:15 PM [15 mins]</p>	<p>Public Comment Period</p>		

3:30 PM [1 hour]	ORAP Members Discussion Reflect on what was heard during the day		
4:30 PM	Adjourn	Viviane Silva (DFO) & Joe Fillingham (Alt DFO) Chris Ostrander and Mary Glackin (ORAP Co-chairs)	
4:40 PM	ORAP Group Picture		
6:00 PM	Group Dinner (Optional)		

Day 2: December 14, 2023

[Internal ORAP deliberations on how to tackle the OPC tasking and to identify another topic on their own]

EASTERN TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS	READ-AHEAD
8:30 AM [15 mins]	Meeting Opening	Viviane Silva (DFO) Chris Ostrander and Mary Glackin (Co-chairs)	
8:45 AM [2 hours]	Session 3: ORAP Baseline ORAP Member discussion session led by ORAP co-chairs focused on thoughts and ideas to tackle the tasking from the OPC and one ORAP self-tasking from the OPC Action Plan	ORAP Co-chairs & Members	1. OPC Action Plan 2. OPC Tasking
10:45 AM [15 mins]	Break		

11:00 AM [1.5 hour]	Session 3 continued: ORAP Baseline	ORAP Co-chairs & Members	
12:30 PM [15 mins]	Adjourn	Viviane Silva (DFO) & Joe Fillingham (Alt DFO) ORAP Co-chairs	