

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 #2 (Virtual)

February 26, 2024

Meeting Objective: To discuss ORAP approach to OPC Tasking and to be briefed by the two ORAP Subgroups on their tasking progress.

Meeting Outcomes: ORAP members feedback to subgroups and agree on next steps.

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.

[Registration Link](#) (Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM ET)

AGENDA

EASTERN TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:00 PM ET	Meeting Opening Review Agenda and Expectations	Viviane Silva , ORAP Designated Federal Officer (DFO) Chris Ostrander and Mary Glackin (ORAP Co-chairs)
1:15 - 2:10 PM ET	Subgroup Presentation and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ocean Data	Ed Saade (Ocean Data Chair) and Team
2:10 - 2:20 PM ET	Break	
2:20 - 3:15 PM ET	Subgroup Presentation and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Biogeochemical Observing Technologies (BOT)	Danielle Dickson & Maria Tzortziou (BOT Co-Chairs) and Team
3:15 PM ET	Public Comment Period	
3:30 PM	Discussion Continues & Next Steps	Co-Chairs & ORAP Members
4:30 PM	Adjourn	DFO