



CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABILITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (SOST) is hereby established by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (SOST) is to advise and assist the CENRS on national issues of ocean science and technology. The SOST will contribute to the goals for Federal ocean science and technology, including developing coordinated interagency strategies. In carrying out its mandate, the SOST will work closely with the Subcommittee on Oceans Policy of the Global Environment Policy Coordinating Committee (called Oceans Sub-IPC) established by National Security Presidential Directive -1 and National Security Council Memorandum of May 25, 2001, with the National Ocean Research Leadership Council (NORLC), and its derivative bodies of the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP), as established by Public Law 104-201 in FY 1997, and with the National Ocean Council (NOC), as established by Presidential Executive Order 13547 on July 19, 2010, and its associated bodies, including its Steering Committee, the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP), the Governance Coordinating Committee, and the Ocean Resource Management Interagency Policy Committee (ORM-IPC).

The SOST will retain the legislatively mandated functions of the previously chartered Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology and will serve as the NOC's Ocean Science and Technology Interagency Policy Committee (OST-IPC).

C. Functions

The Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology will foster the full implementation of the National Ocean Policy, its national priority objectives, and other federal priorities for ocean science and technology. Specifically, the SOST will:

1. Identify and publish national ocean science and technology priorities.
2. Facilitate federal interagency coordination of disciplinary and interdisciplinary ocean research, ocean technology and infrastructure development, and national ocean observation and mapping programs.
3. Facilitate federal interagency efforts to expand fundamental knowledge about the ocean and its interactions with other components of the Earth system, including the atmosphere, land and living resources, and about the relationship between the ocean and society.

4. Further the application of knowledge for modeling and forecasting of ocean phenomena.
5. Provide advice on natural and social science and technology required for effectively implementing ecosystem-based management and sustainable stewardship of resources.
6. Facilitate interagency use of ocean science and technology in developing coastal and marine policies.
7. Recommend scientific and technical assessments and analyses of ocean science and technology initiatives.
8. Facilitate cost-benefit assessments to inform decisions on research and technology investments as well as policy development.
9. Identify opportunities and articulate priorities for enhancing ocean education, outreach and capacity building, both domestically and internationally.
10. Identify opportunities for promoting international collaborations in ocean science and technology.
11. Foster the transition of ocean research results for operations and societal applications.

D. Membership

Membership of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology will be established in accord with NSTC policy and procedures. The group will consist of Deputy Assistant Secretaries or comparable representatives, or appropriate senior-level representatives with decision-making authority from departments, agencies, and offices represented on the CENRS. In addition, the Chair of the Oceans Sub-IPC, the Co-Chairs of the ORM-IPC, and the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the ORRAP will be invited to be non-voting, *ex officio* members of the SOST to encourage strong coordination of national ocean affairs. The SOST shall be co-chaired by senior individuals from the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. These Co-Chairs shall serve in addition to, and independent of, their respective agency's SOST member. The Co-Chairs of the SOST may designate additional non-voting, *ex officio* members as deemed necessary.

E. Private Sector Interface

The Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology may seek advice from members of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and will recommend to CENRS the nature of additional advice from non-Federal entities needed to accomplish its mission. The SOST may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various non-Federal entities, including the ORRAP, as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

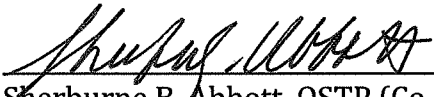
F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-Chairs of the CENRS prior to its expiration, the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology shall terminate no later than June 30, 2013.

G. Determination

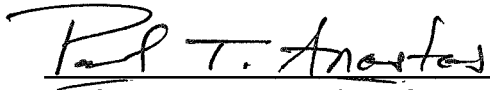
We hereby determine that the formation of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



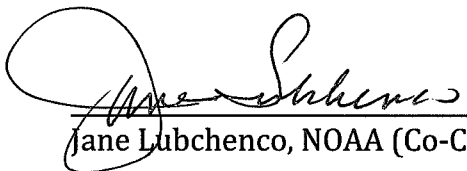
Sherburne B. Abbott, OSTP (Co-Chair, CENRS)

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Jane Lubchenco, NOAA (Co-Chair, CENRS)

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