

the MMPA; incorporation of methodological or technological advancements for data collection or data analysis, particularly for large complex datasets; West Coast and Pacific Islands fishing gear/techniques, including fisheries/marine mammal interactions for State, Tribal, or regional/local fisheries; oceanography or marine ecology, particularly decadal and long-term understanding and impacts of climate change.

For the Atlantic SRG (including waters off the Atlantic coast, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Territories in the Caribbean), NMFS seeks individuals with expertise in one or more of the following priority areas (not in order of priority): Protected species conservation, wildlife management, and policy/science interface especially in the non-governmental sector; expertise in statistical analyses relevant to marine mammal population assessment including line-transect methods, mark-recapture methods, bycatch estimation, survey design, and population dynamics modelling; marine mammal life history, health, and ecology; Gulf of Mexico and/or Atlantic Ocean cetacean population dynamics with a focus on estuarine and nearshore bottlenose dolphins; Caribbean marine mammals; marine mammal health, physiology, energetics, genetics, and/or toxicology; fishing gear and practices, particularly fisheries with protected species bycatch, and bycatch reduction in the Southeast; emerging ecosystem changes such as climate change, renewable energy, and/or marine aquaculture impacts on marine mammal populations; and manatee population dynamics.

#### Submitting a Nomination

Nominations for new members should be sent to Dr. Zachary Schakner in the NMFS Office of Science & Technology (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by November 5, 2021. Nominations should be accompanied by the individual's curriculum vitae and detailed information regarding how the recommended person meets the minimum selection criteria for SRG members (see below). Nominations should also include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and email address. Self-nominations are acceptable.

#### Selection Criteria

Although the MMPA does not explicitly prohibit Federal employees from serving as SRG members, NMFS interprets MMPA section 117(d)'s reference to the SRGs as "independent" bodies that are exempt from Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements

to mean that SRGs are intended to augment existing Federal expertise and are not composed of Federal employees or contractors.

When reviewing nominations, NMFS, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will consider the following six criteria:

- (1) Ability to make time available for the purposes of the SRG;
- (2) Knowledge of the species (or closely related species) of marine mammals in the SRG's region;
- (3) Scientific or technical achievement in a relevant discipline, particularly the areas of expertise identified above, and the ability to serve as an expert peer reviewer for the topic;
- (4) Demonstrated experience working effectively on teams;
- (5) Expertise relevant to current and expected needs of the SRG, in particular, expertise required to provide adequate review and knowledgeable feedback on current or developing stock assessment issues, techniques, etc. In practice, this means that each member should have expertise in more than one topic as the species and scientific issues discussed in SRG meetings are diverse; and
- (6) No conflict of interest with respect to their duties as a member of the SRG.

#### Next Steps

Following review, nominees who are identified by NMFS as potential new members must be vetted and cleared in accordance with Department of Commerce policy. NMFS will contact these individuals and ask them to provide written confirmation that they are not registered Federal lobbyists or registered foreign agents, and to complete a confidential financial disclosure form, which will be reviewed by the Ethics Law and Programs Division within the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of General Counsel. All nominees will be notified of a selection decision in advance of the 2022 SRG meetings.

Dated: September 30, 2021.

#### Evan Howell,

*Director, Office of Science and Technology,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Solicitation for New Members: Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB)

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for applications for new members of the NOAA Ocean Exploration Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to four membership vacancies on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB).

**DATES:** Application materials must be received no later than November 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit application materials to Christa Rabenold via email: [christa.rabenold@noaa.gov](mailto:christa.rabenold@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David McKinnie, OEAB Designated Federal Officer: 206-526-6950; [david.mckinnie@noaa.gov](mailto:david.mckinnie@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to four vacancies on the OEAB with individuals demonstrating expertise in areas of scientific research relevant to ocean exploration including engineering, data science, deep ocean biology, geology, oceanography, marine archaeology, and ocean science education and communication. People of color, women, first-generation professionals, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other communities that have historically faced professional barriers are encouraged to apply—especially those from indigenous communities and from the U.S. west coast, Alaska, and Hawaii. Representatives of other federal agencies involved in ocean exploration are encouraged to apply. The new OEAB members will serve initial three-year terms, renewable once.

The purpose of the OEAB is to advise the NOAA Administrator on matters pertaining to ocean exploration. The OEAB functions as an advisory body in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., with the exception of section 14. It reports to the NOAA Administrator, as directed by 33 U.S.C. 3405.

The OEAB consists of approximately ten members, including a chair and co-chair(s), designated by the NOAA Administrator in accordance with FACA requirements and the terms of the approved OEAB Charter and Balance Plan.

The OEAB was established:

- (1) To advise the Administrator on priority areas for survey and discovery;
- (2) To assist the program in the development of a five-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and

Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery;

(3) To annually review the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process established under section 12003(a)(4); and

(4) To provide other assistance and advice as requested by the Administrator.

OEAB members are appointed as special government employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performing such duties but will not be reimbursed for their time. All OEAB members serve at the discretion of the NOAA Administrator.

The OEAB meets three to four times each year, exclusive of subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings.

As a Federal Advisory Committee, the OEAB's membership is required to be balanced according to the board's Balance Plan. The Balance Plan requires that a diversity of viewpoints are represented, include the interests of geographic regions of the country, and the diverse sectors of our society. New members will be selected for their expertise in fields relevant to ocean exploration and to comply with the OEAB Balance Plan.

For more information about the OEAB, visit <https://oeab.noaa.gov>.

Although the OEAB reports directly to the NOAA Administrator, OER, which is part of the NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, provides staffing and other support for the OEAB. OER's mission is to explore the ocean for national benefit.

OER:

- Explores the ocean to make discoveries of scientific, economic, and cultural value, with priority given to the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and Extended Continental Shelf.
- Promotes technological innovation to advance ocean exploration.
- Provides public access to data and information.
- Encourages the next generation of ocean explorers, scientists, and engineers.
- Expands the national ocean exploration program through partnerships.

For more information about OER, please visit <https://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

**Applications:** An application is required to be considered for OEAB membership. To apply, please submit (1) your full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers) with a short

description of your qualifications relative to the statutory purpose of the OEAB and the ocean exploration act established under 33 U.S.C. 3401 *et seq.*; (2) a resume or curriculum vitae (maximum length four pages); and (3) a cover letter stating your interest in serving on the OEAB and highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the OEAB.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

**Eric Locklear,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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#### Federal Register Notice of Request for Written Comments in Support of the Department of Defense's One-Year Response to Executive Order 14017, "America's Supply Chains"; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy (IndPol), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is correcting a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2021. Subsequent to publication of the notice, the DoD discovered that questions in the Written Comments section of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section were not numbered correctly. DoD is issuing this correction to provide the correct numbering.

**DATES:** This correction is effective on October 6, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Toppings, 571-372-0485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In FR Doc. 2021-21046 appearing at 86 FR 53642-53644 in the **Federal Register** of Tuesday, September 28 2021, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 53643, in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, under the section titled Written Comments, the question "How does the federal government effectively mitigate supply chain risks?" is renumbered from Question 3 to Question 4.

2. On page 53643, in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, under the section titled Written Comments, the question "What can the

government do differently to better address supply chain risks and vulnerabilities in our major weapon systems/platforms (e.g., PGMs) and critical components (e.g., microelectronics)?" is renumbered from Question 4 to Question 5.

3. On page 53643, in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, under the section titled Written Comments, the question "What can the government do differently to successfully implement industrial base cybersecurity processes or protocols, attract skilled labor, implement standards, and incentivize the adoption of manufacturing technology?" is renumbered from Question 5 to Question 6.

Dated: September 30, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board

#### Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; Extension of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** The National Assessment Governing Board (Governing Board) published a document in the **Federal Register** Volume 86, No. 131, pages 46321-46322 (2 pages) FR Doc. 2021-17676 filed on August 18, 2021, inviting public comment on the Science Assessment Framework for the 2028 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Public and private parties and organizations were invited to provide written comments and recommendations relative to the current Science Framework, adopted in 2005. Comments were to be submitted via email to [nagb@ed.gov](mailto:nagb@ed.gov) with the email subject header NAEP Science Framework no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

The public comment period is hereby extended. Comments shall be submitted to [nagb@ed.gov](mailto:nagb@ed.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 15, 2021 with the email subject header NAEP Science Framework.

All responses will be taken into consideration before finalizing the recommendations for updating the NAEP Science Assessment Framework.