



NOAA OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
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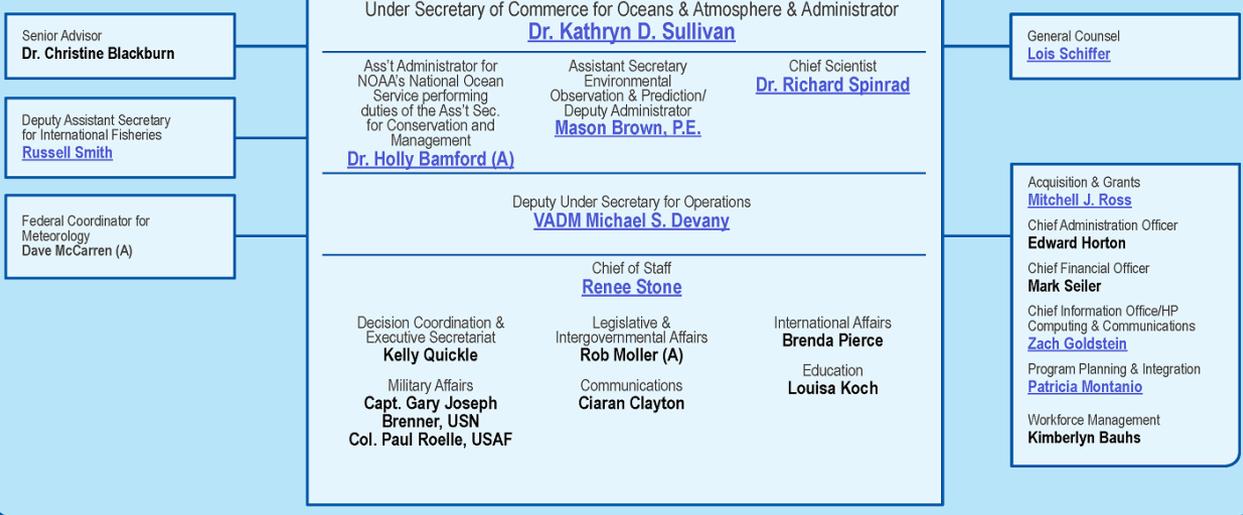
NOAA Organizational Chart



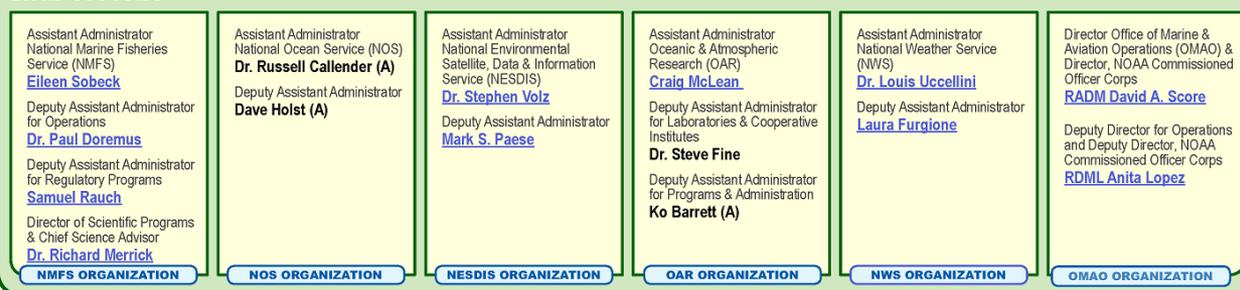
NOAA HEADQUARTERS ORGANIZATION



CORPORATE FUNCTIONS



LINE OFFICES



Key: (A) = Acting Last updated: 7/15/15



Mission and Purpose



- NOAA's OLIA coordinates all of NOAA's work with the United States Congress and is responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating legislative initiatives.
- As the official liaison between NOAA and Congress, the OLIA communicates the Administration's views and is proactive in notifying Congress of important NOAA developments. Conversely, the OLIA keeps senior NOAA and Department of Commerce (DOC) officials informed of critical congressional information and activities.
- The OLIA accomplishes these tasks by providing a number of products and services.



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Directorate

- Robert Moller, Acting Director of NOAA's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Marine and Aviation Operations: 1 Senior Policy Advisor

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) Portfolio Includes:

- NOAA Fleet Operations
- NOAA Ship and Aircraft Platforms
- NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps – one of the United States Seven Uniformed Services



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Atmospheric Team: 3 Congressional Affairs Specialists

National Weather Service (NWS), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Portfolios Include:

- All weather-related issues, including space weather
- Air quality research and climate science
- Ocean acidification, exploration and research
- Invasive species
- Sea Grant
- Drought research and information
- Satellite programs including JPSS and GOES



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Oceans Team: 2 Congressional Affairs Specialists

National Ocean Service (NOS) Portfolios Include:

- Mapping, charting, and geodesy
- Oil spill response
- Natural resource damage assessment and restoration
- Marine debris
- Harmful algal blooms and hypoxia
- Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)
- National Marine Sanctuaries
- Coastal zone management and the Coastal Services Center
- Coral reef conservation and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Fisheries Team: 3 Congressional Affairs Specialists

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Portfolios Include:

- National/Regional Fisheries issues
- *Magnuson-Stevens Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act*
- Habitat protection and restoration
- Highly migratory species
- International fisheries organizations
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing issues
- Aquaculture and seafood inspection issues
- Observer programs
- Fishing gear technology issues



NOAA OLIA Portfolios

**Intergovernmental /Tribal Affairs:
1 Senior Policy Advisor/Tribal Liaison & 1 Congressional Affairs Specialist**

Intergovernmental Portfolio Includes:

- Intergovernmental Affairs
- Local, State, and Community outreach
- State Legislature Affairs

Tribal Affairs Portfolio Includes:

- Tribal Relations
- Tribal Consultations, communication, and outreach



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Legislative Team: 1 Legislative Affairs Specialist and 1 Legislative Affairs Analyst

Legislative Affairs Portfolio Includes:

- Congressional testimony, Questions for the Record (QFRs),
- Hearing transcripts, Legislative Referral Memorandums (LRMs),
- Presidential proclamations, views letters, and enrolled bill letters.
- Congressional Events Report, mandated Congressional Reports,
- Legislative Referral Memorandums (LRMs),
- NOAA's Membership Outreach Database (MOD), and
- NOAA grants, and special legislative projects.



NOAA OLIA Portfolios



Administrative Team: 1 Administrative Support Assistant

Administrative Portfolio Includes:

- Congressional/Intergovernmental Correspondence
- NOAA Controlled Correspondence Tracking Database (WebCims)
- Administrative Tasks for Legislative Affairs.

Fellows and Scholars: 1 Knauss Sea Grant Fellow

- NOAA's OLIA Sea Grant Fellow provides Congressional and Legislative Support for all NOAA portfolios



Legislative Services

Legislative Program Outputs

Every year the OLIA's legislative program activities encompass at least:

- **50,000 e-mails and phone calls** (outgoing and incoming) with Members and congressional staff;
- **800 briefings and meetings** with Members and congressional staff;
- **30 oversight and legislative hearings**;
- **200 pieces of legislation** directly related to NOAA that are tracked;
- **760 Questions for the Record** in follow-up to hearings;
- **660 Legislative Referral Memos**, which include interagency comments, testimony, and other documents;
- **100 folders of correspondence** to Members in response to their letters (many folders include letters to multiple Members) – NOAA overall does over 500 folders of congressional correspondence; and
- **1,200 NOAA grants**, that the OLIA reviews and then for most, sends email notifications to the Representative in whose district the work is based, both Senators, and other Members as relevant.

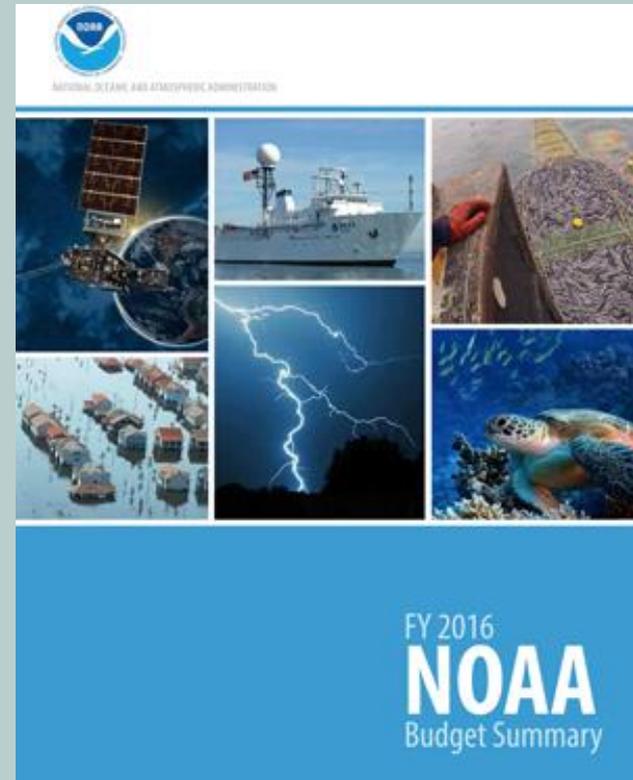


President's Budget Rollout Support

Support for the Presidents' Fiscal Year Budget:

Every year the OLIA provides essential support to the Administration in the annual President's Budget Rollout Process:

- Delivers the Budget to the Hill,
- Provides briefings and answers questions in advance of/ during budget rollout,
- Attends and prepares NOAA Witnesses for hearings,
- Answers QFR's after hearings.





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