

## CHARTER

1. Official Designation: Ocean Research Advisory Panel (referred to hereinafter as the Panel).
  
2. Objectives and Scope of Activity: The Panel, a statutorily mandated federal advisory committee, will serve the public interest by providing senior scientific advice to the National Oceanographic Research Leadership Council (referred to hereinafter as the Council). The Council was established pursuant to subtitle E of title I, Division A, Public Law 104-201, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997. The Council was initially chaired by the Secretary of the Navy as required by Public Law 104-201. The Panel is required to be established by section 7903 of title 10, United States Code, as added by Public Law 104-201 and as amended by Public Law 105-85, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998. The Panel shall advise the Council on policies, procedures, selection of projects and allocations of funds regarding the National Oceanographic Partnership Program and on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements as well as other responsibilities that the Council considers appropriate. The Panel shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with section 7903 of title 10, United States Code, in consultation with the members of the Council and after review and concurrence by the Secretary of Defense. The Panel shall consist of not less than 10 and not more than 18 individuals, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, State Governments, academia and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy or related fields. Members shall be appointed for not more than four years. Members shall not normally be compensated except that each member shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Panel.
  
3. Time Necessary for the Committee to Fulfill its Purpose: Continuing.
  
4. Sponsor of the Advisory Committee: The Secretary of the Navy is the Department of Defense Sponsoring Official, on behalf of the Council. The Designated Federal Officer shall be from the Ocean, Atmosphere, and Space, Science and Technology Department, Office of Naval Research. The Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Panel meetings and whenever he/she determines it to be in the public interest, adjourn any such meeting. No Panel meetings shall be held in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer.
  
5. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support for the Advisory Committee: Administrative and support services requested by the Panel shall be

furnished by the Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research, or other Department of the Navy, DoD components, or other Federal activities as necessary.

6 Description of Duties for which the Ocean Research Advisory Panel is Responsible:

The Panel will perform the following duties in accordance with section 7903 of title 10, United States Code:

- a. Advise the Council on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program;
- b. Advise the Council on selection of partnership projects and allocation of funds for partnership projects for implementation of the program;
- c. Advise the Council on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements; and
- d. Any additional responsibilities that the Council considers appropriate.

The Panel will report to the Council in coordination with the Designated Federal Officer.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Work-Years:

Operating Costs: \$47,600      Work-Years: 0.3

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Panel Meetings: The Panel shall meet in person at least annually on dates agreeable for the majority of members; intercessional activities may be carried out electronically. The Panel may establish sub-panels composed of less than the full membership of the Panel for purposes of carrying out the Panel's duties, subject to the review and control of the Panel; sub-panels may have as participants subject-matter experts that are not Panel members. Necessary notices shall be filed with the Federal Register prior to each annual meeting and all procedures required for open, closed and electronic meetings shall be followed.

9. Termination Date: Continuing.

10. Date Charter is Filed: January 20, 2004