



# Ocean Policy Committee Structure and Activities



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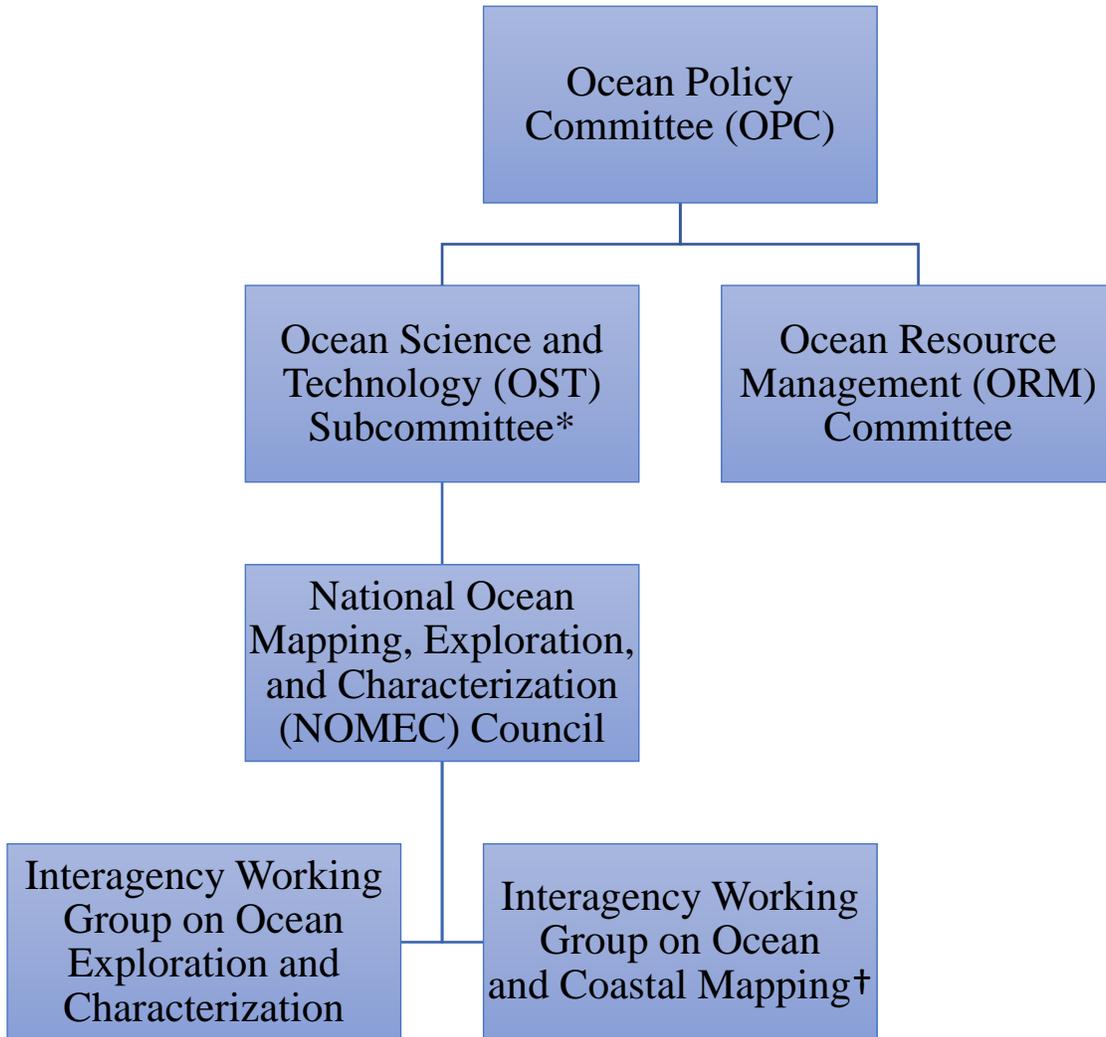
### Co-Chairs

- Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

### Members

- Secretary of State
- Secretary of Defense
- Attorney General
- Secretary of the Interior
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Commerce
- Secretary of Transportation
- Secretary of Energy
- Secretary of Homeland Security
- Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Director of the National Science Foundation
- Director of National Intelligence
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
- Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
- Commandant of the Coast Guard
- Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
- Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
- Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
- A representative from the Office of the Vice President designated by the Vice President
- Such other officers or employees of the Federal Government as the Co-Chairs may from time to time designate

## *Organizational Chart*



\* Functions are performed by the National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology

† Functions are performed by the National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology's Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping

## *Activities*

### **Ocean Policy Committee**

- Provides advice regarding policies concerning ocean-related matters to the President and the head of any agency who is a member of the Committee
- Engages and collaborates, under existing laws and regulations, with stakeholders, including regional ocean partnerships, to address ocean-related matters that may require interagency or intergovernmental solutions
- Coordinates the timely public release of unclassified data and other information related to the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes that agencies collect, and supports the common information management systems, such as the Marine Cadastre, that organize and disseminate this information
- Coordinates and informs the ocean policy-making process and identifies priority ocean research and technology needs to facilitate the use of science in the establishment of policy, and the collection, development, dissemination, and exchange of information between agencies on ocean-related matters
- Coordinates and ensures Federal participation in projects conducted under the National Oceanographic Partnership Program through the Committee's members, as appropriate, to maximize the effectiveness of agency investments in ocean research
- Obtains information and advice concerning ocean-related matters from State, tribal, and local governments, and private-sector entities and individuals
- Provides strategic direction to, and facilitates interagency resolution of policy issues associated with, the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization (NOMECE) Council (see below)

### **Ocean Science and Technology (OST) Subcommittee\***

- Addresses research and technology issues across Federal agencies
- Identifies priority ocean research and technology needs
- Participates as appropriate in the work of the National Oceanographic Partnership Program
- Supports research and technology collaboration among agencies and departments represented on the Committee
- Provides support and guidance for the NOMECE Council (see below)

### **Ocean Resource Management (ORM) Subcommittee**

- Addresses regulatory and policy coordination associated with ocean management, including engagement with regional ocean partnerships and stakeholders
- Addresses data and information needs
- Addresses other ocean-related matters that may require interagency or intergovernmental solutions

### **National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization (NOMECE) Council**

- Develops and implements multi-disciplinary, collaborative, and coordinated approaches to mapping, exploring, and characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone

### **Interagency Working Group on Ocean Exploration and Characterization**

- Focuses on ocean exploration and characterization

### **Interagency Working Group on Ocean and Coastal Mapping†**

- Focuses primarily on ocean mapping

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