

**WHITE HOUSE OCEAN POLICY TASK FORCE:
LIKELY IMPACTS OF POLICY OBJECTIVES**



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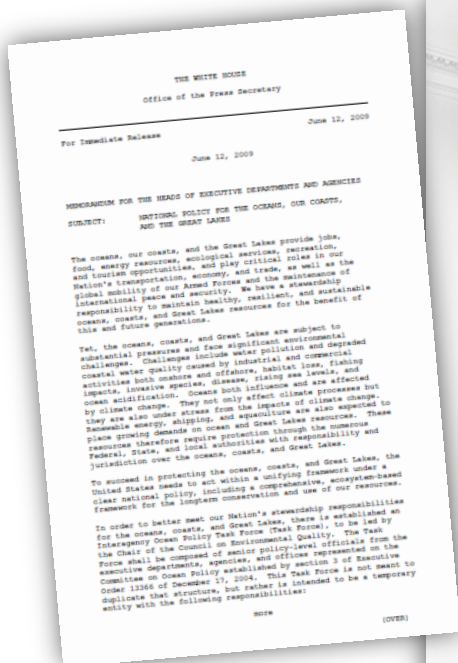


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BACKGROUND



- June 12, 2009 Memorandum Outlining New National Ocean Policy
- CEQ Administration Task Force
- Public Comments on Interim Report and Interim Framework CMSP



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INITIATIVES

Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

- Public Meetings
- View Comments
- Expert Briefings

Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force: Interim Report

Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force: Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning

Recovery Through Retrofit

The Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

On June 12, 2009, President Obama sent a [memorandum](#) to the heads of executive departments and federal agencies establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning.

The oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes provide jobs, food, energy resources, ecological services, recreation, and tourism opportunities, and play critical roles in our Nation's transportation, economy, and trade, as well as the global mobility of our Armed Forces and the maintenance of international

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RECOMMENDATIONS



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- **National Ocean Policy**
- **Framework for Policy Planning**
- **Policy Implementation Strategy – ELI Document**
- **Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning**
 - **A plan to zone the oceans and marine areas**
 - **Developed by UNESCO (UN Educations, Science & Cultural Organization)**



OCEAN POLICY COULD:



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- **Change the way our oceans are utilized for energy development, commerce & recreation**
- **Give one federal office full authority over the uses of our nation's oceans**
- **Give federal government authority to regulate activities in state waters and onshore that are deemed to potentially impact oceans and their ecosystems.**



POTENTIAL ISSUES



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- **Limitation of discretionary authority of executive department/agency heads without a clear basis in statutory authority**
- **Ecosystem-based Management Approach – potential impacts all areas**
- **State's rights/sovereignty issues**
- **Lack of input from commercial/recreational interests & Administrative Procedure Act concerns going forward regarding public input in policy development & implementation**
- **Need to preserve multiple use management policy**
- **Application of precautionary principle**
- **Confusion/cost resulting from adding new layer of bureaucracy (Clean Water/Air Acts, CZMA, Magnuson-Stevens Act, OCSLA)**
- **Likely impacts on commercial/recreational activities**
- **Establishment of potentially political regional planning bodies**



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WHAT'S NEXT



- **Executive action establishing a national ocean policy and appointing a National Ocean Council reporting to the White House is expected within 30 days**
- **Final document expected to adopt the Task Force's interim recommendations by combining the Interim Report and Interim Framework**
- **Task Force to conduct regional meetings following the policy announcement**



GOVERNING STRUCTURE



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- **National Ocean Council (NOC), co-chaired by Chair of White House Council on Environmental Quality and Director of the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy, would be responsible for developing & implementing national policy and certifying national consistency of regional CMSPs**
- **NOC would develop regional planning bodies that would develop CMSPs for 9 regional planning areas, subject to review and approval of NOC**
- **Regional conflicts and disputes would be resolved at national level by NOC, and if necessary, by the President**
- **Bottom Line: White House will control NOC**



WHY WE NEED A COALITION:



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- **Ocean Policy Development is on a fast track**
- **Lack of awareness by policymakers, industry & public**
- **Inadequate input from stakeholders impacting virtually everything**
- **Need a united front to weigh in, prevent harmful policies**



TARGET GROUPS



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- Manufacturing
- Shipping
- Transportation Infrastructure



- Ports
- Commercial fishing
- Recreational fishing
- Recreational boating
- Tourism
- Mining





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- American Petroleum Institute
- American Sportfishing Association
- Chevron Corporation
- Conservation Cooperative of Gulf Fishermen
- Consumer Energy Alliance
- Louisiana Highway One Coalition
- Louisiana Trade Consultants
- National Association of Charterboat Operators
- National Association of Home Builders
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- Panama City Boatmen Association
- Port of Brownsville
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy
- US Oil & Gas Association





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- **DC, State, and Local outreach**
- **Broad-based stakeholder engagement; participation in regional stakeholder meetings**
- **Assist in developing a workable policy**
- **Op-Eds and Media strategy when report released**
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QUESTIONS?

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