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The Honorable David R. Obey
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

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Sincerely,

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United States Senate
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United States Senate
228 Russell Senate Office Building
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CHARTER
OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL

1. Committee's Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as the Panel).

2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, under the provision of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR § 102-3.50(a), established the Panel.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, shall provide independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council (hereafter referred to as the Council).

4. Description of Duties: The Ocean Research Advisory Panel shall:

    a. Provide advice on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program.

    b. Provide advice on selection of partnership projects and allocation of funds for partnership projects for implementation under the program.

    c. Provide advice on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements.

    d. Fulfill any additional responsibilities that the Council considers appropriate.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Panel shall report to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council.

6. Support: The Department of Defense through the Secretary of the Navy and the Office of Naval Research, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the Panel's performance and functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b).

    Additional information and assistance, as required, may be obtained from other DoD Components with contracting authority, support contractors, including DoD Federally Funded Research and Development Centers for studies and analysis support.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and meeting and contract support is approximately $200,000.00. The estimated annual personnel cost to the Department of Defense is 0.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs).

8. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all meetings, however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the meeting.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Panel's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson. The estimated number of Panel meetings is three per year.

10. Duration: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however this charter is subject to renewal every two years.

11. Termination: The Panel shall terminate upon recession of 10 U.S.C. § 7903.

12. Membership and Designation: The Panel under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 18 members, 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 including ocean resource management. Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as special government employees under the authority of 5. U.S.C. § 3109 and shall serve without compensation except for travel and per diem for official Panel related travel.

    Panel Members, shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and shall serve no more than four years. Their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense. The Panel Membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise to assist the Panel on an ad hoc basic.

    Non-voting observers and those non-voting experts and consultants appointed by the Secretary of Defense shall not count toward the Panel's total membership.

13. Subcommittees: With DoD approval, the Panel is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission. These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal statutes and regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Panel, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Panel nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Panel members.

Subcommittee members, who are not Panel members, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Panel members.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Panel and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26 and appropriate Department of Defense policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).

15. Filing Date: January 21, 2010