

Potential Nominees for National Sea Grant Review Panel

From the Sea Grant Act: “The panel shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Secretary... Not less than 8 of the voting members of the panel shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, marine affairs and resource management, extension services, State government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.”

Potential Nominees

- **Peter Betzer** (Marine Science) – Dean and Professor, College of Marine Science, University of South Florida; former member of NSF Ocean Sciences Advisory Panel; former Vice-Chair of UNOLS; Board of Directors of Southeast U.S. Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System; research interest is marine geochemistry
- **James Cantonis** (Industry) – President, Acme Sponge & Chamois, Co; President, Sponge and Chamois Institute
- **Dorinda Dallmeyer** (Marine Affairs and Resource Management) – Director of the Environmental Ethics Certificate Program at the University of Georgia; former Research Director, Dean Rusk Center for International and Comparative Law; member of Ocean Studies Board committee on “Dynamic Changes in Marine Ecosystems: Fishing, Food Webs, and Future Options”; past vice-president of the American Society of International Law
- **Robert Ditton** (Marine Affairs and Resource Management) – Professor and Director, Human Dimensions Research Lab, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University; member Ocean Studies Board Fisheries Subcommittee
- **Madilyn Fletcher** (Marine Science) – Director of the School of the Environment at the University of South Carolina; former Director of the Baruch Institute; PI for the Carolinas Coastal Ocean Observing System; research interests are coastal ocean processes, ocean observing systems; microbial ecology
- **Terry Gardiner** (Industry) – Former President, NorQuest Seafoods; former Member and Speaker of Alaska House of Representatives; former commercial fisherman; member Alaska Sea Grant Advisory Committee
- **Jeremy Harris** (State Government) – former mayor of Honolulu; former Marine Advisor with Hawai‘i Sea Grant; developed “21st Century Oahu: A Shared Vision for the Future,” a community based visioning program
- **Paul Kelly** (Industry) – Consultant on energy and ocean policy; retired Senior Vice President of Rowan Companies, Inc., a major provider of international and domestic offshore contract drilling; member of U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy member of the U.S. Secretary of Interior’s Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee; chairman of the Public Affairs and Education Committee of the National Ocean Industries Association; member of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative; former member of

the Ocean Research Advisory Panel; member of Advisory Board of the Center for Oceans Law and Policy at the University of Virginia School of Law and Texas Sea Grant Advisory Committee

- **Russell Lea** (Education) – Former Vice President for Research at the University of North Carolina System; Serves on Boards of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Institute for Transportation, Research and Education, the Small Business Technology Development Center, NC IDEA, the Center for Transportation and Environment, the NC Global Transpark and the NC Association for Biomedical Research; former Professor of Forestry specializing in forested wetland ecology.
- **Margaret Leinen** (Marine Science) – Chief Science Officer, Climos; former Assistant Director for NSF Geosciences; former Vice Provost for Marine and Environmental Programs at the University of Rhode Island; former Chair of the U.S. Global Change Research Program and Co-Chair of the NSTC's Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology; research interests were paleo-oceanography and paleo-climatology
- **Jane Lubchenco** (Marine Science) – Distinguished Professor of Zoology, Oregon State University; former President of the International Council for Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Ecological Society of America; former member of National Science Board; founder of the Aldo Leopold Leadership Program; member of Pew Oceans Commission and Joint Oceans Commission Initiative; research interests are marine biology and the interactions between humans and the environment
- **Michael Ohrbach** (Marine Science) – Director, Duke University Marine Laboratory and Coastal Environmental Management Program; Professor in the Practice of Marine Affairs and Policy; former member of National Research Council Ocean Studies Board; NRC Committee member on reviews of Individual Transferable Fishing Quotas, and Science and Policy in the Coastal Ocean; former Vice-Chair of North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission; former President of The Coastal Society; research interest is coastal and marine policy
- **Ellen Prager** (Marine Science, Education)–President of Earth2Ocean, Inc.; Chair, Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel; former Assistant Dean, University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; author of ocean-related books for adults and children; research interests are marine geology, oceanography, and coral reefs
- **Nancy Rabalais** (Marine Science) – Executive Director, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; former Chair, National Research Council Ocean Studies Board; former President, Estuarine Research Federation; former member of Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel; American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow; research interests are wetlands, coastal habitats, man's impacts on oceans
- **Rolland Schmitten** (Marine Affairs and Resource Management) – Former NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
- **Donald Vonahme** (State Government) – former Director, Office of Water Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; former Chair of Great Lakes Commission; former Chair of Ohio River Basin Commission; former Chair of Illinois State Water Plan Task Force; professional engineer