

Toward a U.S. Weather Commission: Protecting Lives, Livelihoods and the American Economy

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U.S. COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY



What: First comprehensive review of U.S. marine mgmt. since 1960s

Who: 16 commissioners, appointed by U.S. President,
plus 26-member Science Advisory Panel

Why: Critical value of oceans to U.S. life and economy
Increasing risks posed by overuse & poor management

How: Oceans Act of 2000 establishes Commission
public hearings, site visits, expert assessments

Result: The commission provided clearly articulated goals for its community

Improved Governance

- Establish a National Ocean Council in the Executive Office of the President, chaired by an Assistant to the President.

Sound Science for Wise Decisions

- Double the nation's investment in ocean research, implement the national Integrated Ocean Observing System and a national monitoring network.

Education—A Foundation for the Future

- Improve ocean-related education through coordinated and effective formal and informal efforts.

Implementation

- Establish an Ocean Policy Trust Fund, based on unallocated revenues from offshore oil and gas development and new offshore activities, that is dedicated to supporting

Follow-up

- Ocean Policy Report Cards—issued yearly to evaluate progress toward goals
- Joint Ocean Commission Initiative—ongoing successor to the original commission

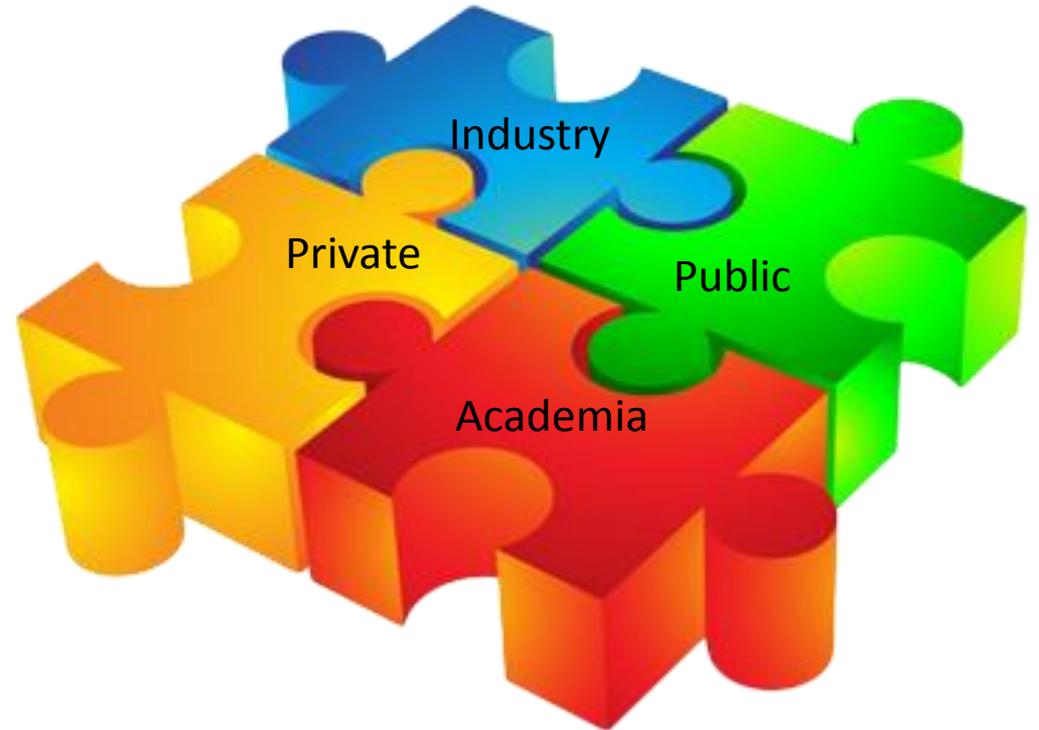
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2013-2016

Bringing all the
pieces together...

...to agree on
shared roles and
responsibilities for
our common good!



Overarching goals for a U.S. Weather Commission

- **Secure** the Federal foundation of baseline observations and forecast services
- **Support** the research & development necessary for the infusion of new science & technology to improve atmospheric monitoring, analysis, and prediction of high impact weather
- **Enable** the private sector to rapidly develop specialized products and services to meet the rapidly evolving needs of an information-centric society
- **Ensure** our economic engine is weatherproofed for the natural extremes which lie ahead

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