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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Member and alternate for the Conservation seat, Member and alternate for the Research seat. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by November 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Andrew Palmer, OCNMS, 138 West First St., Port Angeles, WA 98362 Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Palmer at (360) 457-6622 x. 30 or [andrew.palmer@noaa.gov](mailto:andrew.palmer@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides NOAA with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Olympic Coast Sanctuary Superintendent on Sanctuary issues. The Council, through its members, also serves as liaison to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and acts as a

conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public.

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#### General Grant Administration Terms and Conditions of the Coastal Ocean Program for FY2003

**AGENCY:** National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science/Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, Coastal Ocean Program (NCCOS/CSCOR/COP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice for financial assistance for project research grants and cooperative agreements.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intent of NOAA/NOS/NCCOS/CSCOR/COP to provide direct financial assistance in the form of discretionary research grants and cooperative agreements under its program for the management of coastal ecosystems.

This document does not solicit proposals but rather describes the general grant administration terms and conditions of the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP program for fiscal year 2003. It is NCCOS/CSCOR/COP's intent to issue supplemental Announcements of Opportunities (AOs) to request proposals on specific projects throughout the year according to the appropriations issued by Congress. AOs will be issued through the **Federal Register**. Information regarding these announcements will be made available on the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Home Page and NCCOS/CSCOR/COP's e-mail list. These announcements will provide specific program descriptions.

**DATES:** Effective November 8, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East West Highway, SSMCt4, Room 8218, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie McDonald, NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, (301)713-3338/x155.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

NOAA Standard Form and COP-specific application forms are accessible with instructions on the following COP Internet Site: <http://www.cop.noaa.gov>, under the COP Grants Information section, Part D, Application Forms for Initial Proposal Submission.

Forms may be viewed and in most cases filled in by computer. All forms must be printed, completed, and mailed to NCCOS/CSCOR/COP with original signatures. If you are unable to access this information, you may call COP at 301-713-3338 to leave a mailing request.

General information about the COP's projects and publications is also available on the NCCOS/CSCOR/COP Internet Site.

##### Background

(1) *Program Authority(s):* 16 U.S.C. 1456c; 33 U.S.C. 883d; 33 U.S.C. 1442; 15 U.S.C. 1540; and/or Pub.L. 105-383.

(2) *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):* 11.478 Coastal Ocean Program.

(3) *Program Description:* NOAA's NCCOS/CSCOR/COP provides predictive capability for managing coastal ecosystems through sponsorship of research. NCCOS/CSCOR/COP seeks to deliver the highest quality science in a timely manner for important coastal decisions. It supports research on critical issues that exist in the Nation's estuaries, coastal waters, and Great Lakes and translates its findings into accessible information for coastal managers, planners, lawmakers, and the public. The COP also supports educational activities at the graduate and undergraduate level to facilitate the development of qualified professionals in the fields of coastal science, management, and policy.

##### Coastal Ecosystem Oceanography

NCCOS/CSCOR/COP supports the conservation and management of marine ecosystems through sponsorship of improved ecological and oceanographic predictions for resource management. Studies focus on (1) understanding