



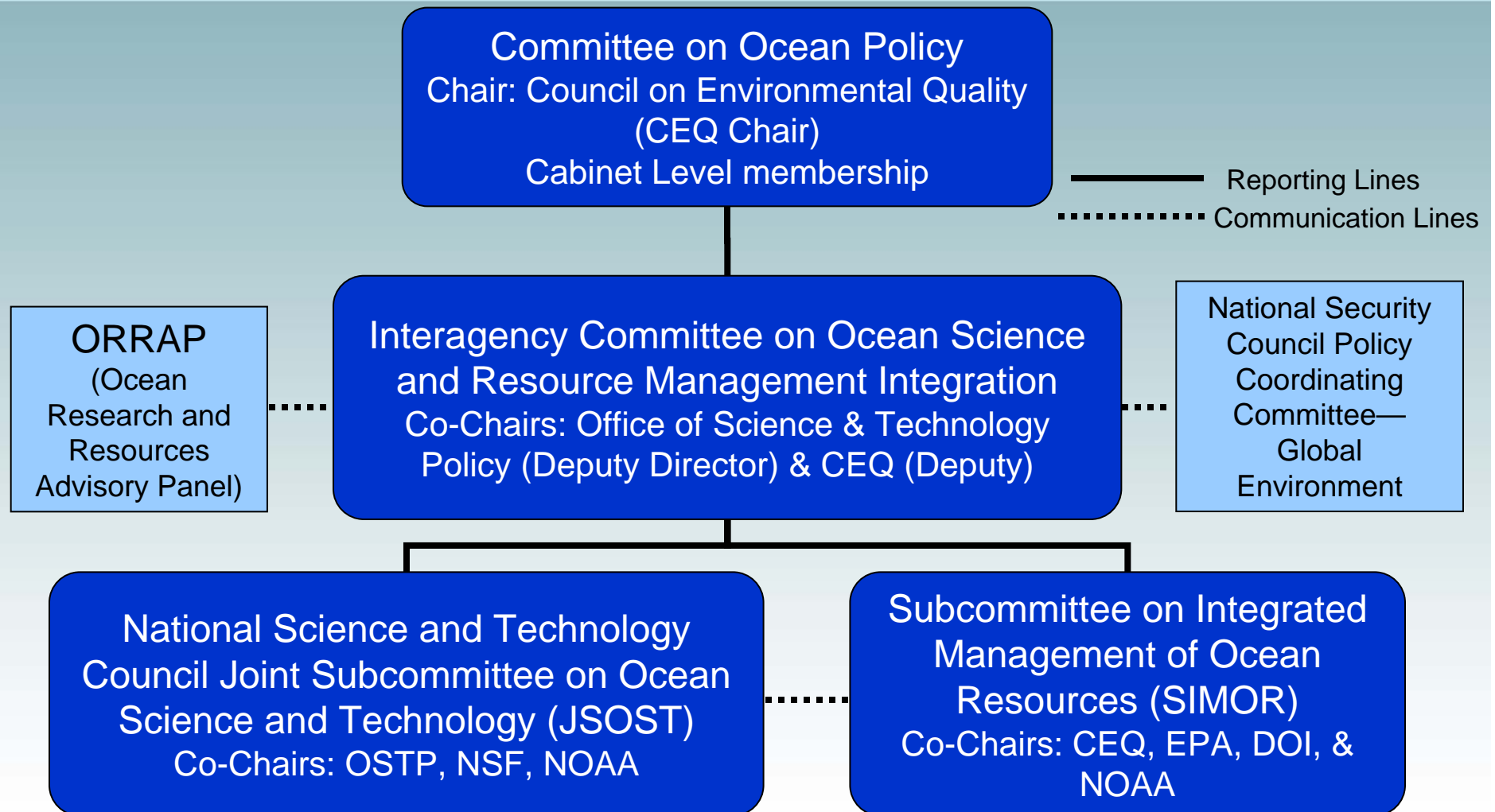
Integrating Ocean Science and Resource Management: Interagency Report

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Coordinated Ocean Governance Structure



Interagency Ocean Activities - Purpose

- Enhancing economic competitiveness, environmental stewardship, technical leadership and quality of life and livelihood
- Providing a framework of national leadership to meet the Nation's security, environmental, energy, and economic needs
- Optimizing taxpayer investments in ocean activities



Interagency Ocean Activities - Purpose

- Providing leadership within the global ocean community and optimizing impact of U.S. diplomacy
- Continuing to draw on the work of the United States Commission on Ocean Policy and community efforts such as the Pew Oceans Commission
- Sustaining communication and input on legislative activity on ocean issues



Interagency Ocean Activities - Principles

- Coordinating at the Cabinet-level and the working-level
- Connecting ocean science with ocean management and policy decisions through existing and new efforts
- Sustaining partnerships as an essential element of ocean and coastal activities
- Codifying formal non-governmental advisory mechanisms



Interagency Ocean Activities - Principles

- Coordinating legislatively-mandated programs in a centralized manner
- Framing ocean related activities in the context of the Earth system as a whole
- Recognizing the linkage between upstream and downstream
- Engendering a sense of responsibility for ocean stewardship



Interagency Ocean Activities - Priorities

- Sustaining our national ocean policy and strengthening direction on ocean governance
- Forecasting ocean processes, including on global climate change and variability
- Providing and implementing scientific support for ecosystem-based management



Interagency Ocean Activities - Priorities

- Decreasing coastal and ocean pollution and ensuring clean and healthy coasts and beaches
- Deploying a robust ocean observing system to address climate, ecosystem health, economic, and security issues
- Establishing an ocean-literate nation



Appendices

Ocean Economic Statistics

ICOSRMI Documents:

- Extended Continental Shelf Task Force

JSOST Documents:

- Ocean Research Priorities Plan and Implementation Strategy
- Interagency Priorities Memorandum
- Reports to Congress
 - Ocean and Coastal Activities Report
 - Interagency Working Groups - Charters and Reports

SIMOR Documents:

- 2008 SIMOR Report on Progress
- Statement of Purpose
- Statement of Priorities
- 2006 SIMOR Work Plan
- Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee Charter
- Coastal America
- Top 10 Marine and Coastal Cooperative Conservation Lessons Learned: *A Report for the Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources*

Joint JSOST/SIMOR Documents:

- Interagency Working Group on Ocean Education

Other Documents:

- Committee on the Marine Transportation System

