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To Whom It May Concern:

The National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) respectfully submits this nomination for consideration for appointment to the Ocean Studies Board (OSB) of The National Academies. **Dr. Anthony Michaels** is the current President of NAML (2005-2007) and is the Director of the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies and Professor of Biology and the University of Southern California.

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NAML is a nonprofit organization of about 120 institutions employing more than 10,000 scientists, engineers, and professionals and representing ocean, coastal and Great Lakes laboratories stretching from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico to the west coast, from Guam to Bermuda and from Alaska to Puerto Rico. NAML labs conduct high quality ocean, coastal and Great Lakes research and education in the natural and social sciences and promote the effective use of that science for decision-making on important issues that face our country. We are careful stewards of federally-funded research involving the oceans, coasts and Great Lakes and thanks to our local connections have the ability to bring the excitement of ocean and marine research, science and education to all Americans.

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After careful consideration, NAML enthusiastically endorses Dr. Michaels for consideration for appointment to the OSB. For the past two years Dr. Michaels has served as the President of NAML. This experience has given him exposure to a broad range of issues at the national level that would be of direct benefit to the OSB. Additionally, Dr. Michaels' expertise is in biological oceanography, with emphasis on the use of time series data and investigations into mechanisms of global change, making him an ideal candidate for the OSB.

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Because of his national leadership in addressing ocean and coastal issues and because of his dedication to the ocean and coastal-related scholarship writ large, the members of NAML strongly support the appointment of Dr. Michaels to the OSB.

Thank for the opportunity to present Dr. Michaels to the OSB for consideration. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Dr. Michaels' Curriculum Vitae is attached.

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Sincerely,

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The National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) is a nonprofit organization of over 120 member institutions representing coastal, marine, and Great Lakes laboratories in every coastal state, stretching from Guam to Bermuda and Alaska to Puerto Rico. Members serve as unique "windows on the sea," providing information on the rich environmental mosaic of coastal habitats as well as offshore oceanic regions and the Great Lakes. NAML member laboratories conduct research and provide a variety of academic, education and public service programs to enable local and regional communities to better understand and manage the ocean, coastal and Great Lake environments. NAML is comprised of three regional associations: the Northeastern Association of Marine and Great Lakes Laboratories (NEAMGLL); the Southern Association of Marine Laboratories (SAML); and the Western Association of Marine Laboratories (WAML).