



# National Association of Marine Laboratories

## Activities and Accomplishments January 2008 Edition\*

*(Items in blue indicate actions of the last 12 months)*

### **Highlights from NAML's 2007 Accomplishments**

- Submitted 18 letters, including testimony, to various Congressional Committees on critical legislation.
- Participated in 7 activities with key federal agencies, including:
  - Submission of a comprehensive whitepaper on NOAA's education programs;
  - Submission of a proposal to NOAA for the Ernest Everett Just National Medal of Excellence; and
  - Initiating a discussion with OSTP on the development of a four-page summary of the Ocean Research Priorities Plan and partnering in the document's development.
- Formed 2 standing NAML Committees:
  - Education and Diversity Committee; and
  - Nominating Committee.
- Signed-on to 10 community letters, including 8 Friends of NOAA Coalition letters.
- Participation by 15 individuals and organizations representing the Federal Government and other partners throughout the ocean and Great Lakes community in 2007 NAML meetings.

### **NAML INTERACTIONS WITH CONGRESS**

#### **110th Congress (2007-2008):**

- Letter to Reps. Bordallo and Farr on OCEANS-21 (H.R. 21), November 2007
- Letter to Senators Lautenberg and Cantwell on the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007 (S. 1581), November 2007
- Letter to House and Senate CJS Conferees on FY 2008 Appropriations for NSF, NOAA and NASA, October 2007
- Letter to the Senate Commerce Committee on the National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007 (S. 1609), October 2007
- Letter to House Ways and Means Committee on the National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007 (H.R. 2010), October 2007
- Letter to House Natural Resources Committee on the National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007 (H.R. 2010), October 2007
- Letter to House Foreign Affairs Committee on the National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007 (H.R. 2010), October 2007
- Thank You Letter to Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee for Senate passage of the NSF, NOAA, and NASA Appropriations Bill, October 2007
- Thank You Letter to House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee for House passage of the NSF, NOAA and NASA Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3093), August 2007

*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).*

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- Letter to House Science Committee on H.R. 2342, the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (NICOOS) Act of 2007, July 2007
- Letter to House Natural Resources Committee on H.R. 2342, the National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (NICOOS) Act of 2007, July 2007
- Letter to House Natural Resources Committee Chairman and Ranking Member on OCEANS-21 (H.R. 21), July 2007
- Letter to House Science and Technology Committee Chairman and Ranking Member on OCEANS-21 (H.R. 21), July 2007
- Letter to House Natural Resources Fisheries Subcommittee on the National Ocean Exploration Program Act and the National Undersea Research Program Act of 2007 (H.R. 1834), June 2007
- Written Testimony to the House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 2008 appropriations for NSF, NOAA and NASA, April 2007
- Written Testimony to the Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 2008 appropriations for NSF, NOAA and NASA, April 2007
- NAML Request to Provide Public Witness Testimony before the House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, January 2007
- NAML Request to Provide Public Witness Testimony before the Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, January 2007

## **109th Congress (2005-2006):**

- Letter to FY 2007 House and Senate SSJC/CJS Appropriations Conferees, October 2006
- Letter to House Resources Committee on NOAA Organic Act (H.R. 5450), September, 2006
- Letter to House Science Committee on NOAA Organic Act (H.R. 5450), June 2006
- Written Testimony to the House SSJC Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 2007 appropriations for NSF, NOAA and NASA, March 2006
- Written Testimony to the Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 2007 appropriations for NSF, NOAA and NASA, March 2006
- Letter to House Science Committee on the National Ocean Exploration Program Act and the NOAA Undersea Research Program Act of 2005 (S. 39), September 2005
- Science Community Letter to Chairman Joe Barton on Climate Change Research, August 2005
- Letter to House Science Committee on Tsunami Legislation (H.R. 1674), June 2005
- Letter to House Science Committee on NOAA Organic Act (H.R. 50), May 2005
- Letter to House Resources Committee on NOAA Organic Act (H.R. 50), May 2005

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## NAML INTERACTIONS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### National Science Foundation (NSF):

- Official Nomination Letter to the National Science Board, April 2007
- NAML/OBFS Letter to NSF on the FSML FY 2008 Budget, August 2006
  - NSF issues response to NAML/OBFS Letter on the FSML FY 2008 Budget, September 2006
- NAML Letter to NSF Director on Katrina-Rita Impacts, October 2005
- NAML View on Ocean Observing Initiative to the National Science Board, July 2005

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

- NAML solicited by the NOAA Education Office to develop a whitepaper on the NOAA education programs, September 2007
  - NAML submission of "Ocean Literate America: A Whitepaper in Support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Ocean Education Plan," Anticipated January 2008
- NAML Education and Diversity Committee development of a proposal to NOAA for the Ernest Everett Just National Medal of Excellence, Fall 2007
- Comment on NOAA five-year Research Plan, July 2007
- Letter to NOAA Administrator on FY 2007 Joint Funding Resolution, February 2007
  - Response Letter from NOAA Administrator on FY 2007 Joint Funding Resolution, March 2007
- NAML Official Nomination of Dr. Jeffrey M. Reutter to the NOAA Science Advisory Board, May 2005

### Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP):

- NAML solicited to assist OSTP in the development of a four-page summary of the Ocean Research Priorities Plan (ORPP) to be used for wide national distribution to all institutions of higher education interested in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes research and education, March 2007
  - NAML provides comment on the draft four-page document, April 2007
  - Final ORPP four-page document finalized and posted online (<http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/docs/orpp4pgr.pdf>), May 2007
- NAML Comment on Second Draft of Ocean Research Priorities Plan (ORPP), October 2006
- NAML Comment on the Draft Ocean Research Priorities Plan (ORPP) May, 2006
- NAML Letter to OSTP on the American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI), April 2006

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## NAML MEETING PRESENTERS AND GUESTS

### Fall 2007:

- Dr. A. James Hicks, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Program, NSF
- Dr. Peter H. McCartney, Directorate for Biological Sciences, NSF
- Dr. Richard W. Spinrad, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), NOAA

### Winter 2007:

- Non-governmental Organization Panel featuring Oceana, the Oceans Conservancy, Pew Ocean Trusts, Natural Resources Defense Council, Marine Conservation Biology Institute
- Louis Finkel, Director of Policy and Outreach, House Science and Technology Committee
- Dr. Daniel Walker, Co-Chair, JSOST, OSTP
- Curt Suplee, former science editor for the Washington Post
- Dr. Louisa Koch, Director, NOAA Education Office
- Elizabeth Rom, NSF Program Director for Ocean Education
- Dr. Cora Marrett, NSF Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources
- Dr. Barbara Moore, Director, National Undersea Research Program, NOAA

### Winter 2006:

- Dr. Diane Jones, Deputy Associate Director for Science, OSTP
- Mr. Scott Rayder, NOAA Chief of Staff
- Mr. Eric Webster, Director of Legislative Affairs, NOAA
- Dr. Margaret Leinen, Assistant Director for Geosciences, NSF
- Dr. Richard Spinrad, Associate Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA
- Dr. Peter Rooney, Deputy Staff Director, House Science Committee
- Dr. Jonathan Kramer, President, Sea Grant Association
- Kacky Andrews, Executive Director, Coastal States Organization
- RADM Richard West, President, CORE

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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Friends of NOAA Coalition:

- Letter to Conferees on the America COMPETES Act, S.761, June 2007
- Letter to Senate Appropriations CJS Subcommittee on FY08 NOAA Budget, March 2007
- Letter to Senate Commerce Committee on FY08 NOAA Budget, March 2007
- Letter to House Appropriations CJS Subcommittee on FY08 NOAA Budget, March 2007
- Letter to House Natural Resources Committee on FY08 NOAA Budget, March 2007
- Letter to House Science Committee on FY08 NOAA Budget, March 2007
- Letter to House and Senate Appropriators re: Impact of Year Long CR, January 2007
- Letter to House and Senate Appropriations Committees re: FY 2007 NOAA Appropriations, January 2007
- Letter to White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten re: FY 2008 Request for NOAA, December 2006
- Letter to OMB Director Rob Portman re: FY 2008 Request for NOAA, December 2006
- Letter to Commerce Department Secretary Carlos Gutierrez re: FY 2008 Request for NOAA, December 2006
- Letter to House and Senate SSJC/CJS Appropriations Conferees re: FY 2007 Request for NOAA, October 2006
- Thank You Letter to Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee re: NOAA Allocation in the FY 2007 CSJ Appropriations Bill, July 2006
- Open Letter to the U.S. House of Representatives re: FY 2007 NOAA Appropriations, June 2006
- Letter to Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee re: FY 2007 NOAA Appropriations, March 2006
- Letter to House SSJC Appropriations Subcommittee re: FY 2007 NOAA Appropriations, March 2006

### Ocean Observing Coalition:

- Letter to House Resources and Science Committee re: Legislation to Authorize IOOS, May 2006
- Letter to House SSJC and Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittees re: FY 2007 Appropriation for IOOS, May 2006

### Other Community Activities:

- Campaign for Environmental Literacy Letter to FY 2008 CJS Conferees, August 2007
- Sea Grant Strategic Planning Stakeholder Forum, July 2007

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## OTHER NAML ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of NAML Education and Diversity Committee, March 2007
- Establishment of NAML Nominating Committee, March 2007
  - Submission of official NAML nominations to the National Science Board (April 2007) and the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies (October 2007)

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\* Visit the NAML Public Policy webpage (<http://www.naml.org/policy/public.html>) to view any of the documents listed here.