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Dr. Richard W. Spinrad
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Dr. Spinrad,

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), Federal Advisory Committee, we would like to congratulate you on your new position as NOAA's Administrator. Your commitment to NOAA and your scientific contributions over the years are commendable. We realize there are some exciting opportunities to support the Administration's priorities for science-based and informed decision making as they relate to adaptive resilience to climate change, sustainable infrastructure investments, good paying jobs and the economy, and international opportunities such as Seabed 2030. These are all topics which are discussed within the HSRP, particularly as they relate to our oceans and the blue economy.

The HSRP holds two public meetings annually and as your schedule permits, I would like to invite you to give introductory remarks to the next virtual meeting on September 1-2, 2021, as well as the next in person meeting in Honolulu from March 9-11, 2022. I invite you to share your view of NOAA's mission, priorities and any requests for the HSRP. While agendas are still in development, for the September 2021 meeting we plan to take a deeper dive on topics such as NOAA's implementation of the National Strategy for Ocean Mapping and NOAA's involvement with offshore wind energy focusing on data sharing and mapping. For the Honolulu meeting, we have a great panel on coastal resilience, highlighting some of the work from NOAA's experts and local and regional interests and lessons.

As a reference, the HSRP has published a number of issue papers with recommendation for the NOAA Administrator over the years which are available at:
<https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/hsrp.html>.

We are all so pleased about your appointment. We look forward to our collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julianna Q. Thomas".

Julie Thomas
Chair, HSRP

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Sean M. Duffy,
Sr. Vice Chair, HSRP