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Ms. Nicole LeBoeuf
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Dear Nicole,

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), Federal Advisory Committee, we would like to warmly congratulate you on your new position as NOAA's assistant administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management. Your commitment to NOAA and efforts in ocean conservation and management over the years are commendable. We realize there are some exciting opportunities for the HSRP to support your work in the areas of adaptive resilience to climate change, our oceans and the blue economy, NOMECS and the Standard Ocean Mapping Protocol, the Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy, and international opportunities such as Seabed 2030.

As you are aware, the HSRP next two public meetings are on September 1-2, 2021, and the next in person meeting in Honolulu from March 9-11, 2022. We hope to hear your view of NOAA's mission, priorities and any requests for the HSRP. 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.

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

Sincerely,

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

Julie Thomas
Chair, HSRP

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Sean M. Duffy,
Sr. Vice Chair, HSRP