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Obama Administration Officials to Hold Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting in San Francisco on September 17, 2009

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Obama Administration officials will hold their second Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting in San Francisco, California on September 17, 2009. The Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley, consists of senior-level officials from Administration agencies, departments, and offices.

The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning. The public is encouraged to attend and an opportunity for public comment will be provided.

Who: Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency
Kit Batten, Science Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, Department of Interior
U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Herman Shelanski, Director for the Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division

What: Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting

When: Thursday, September 17, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hyatt Regency San Francisco at Embarcadero Center, Ballroom A
5 Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA 94111
(near BART and MUNI Embarcadero Station)

Note: Public comment can also be submitted online at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans>

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