

ORDER OF SUCCESSION TO KEY NOAA POSITIONS

(In Event of a National Emergency)

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Please Note: Persons occupying positions on an acting basis are ineligible to serve as a successor; therefore, the order of succession would fall to the next designated official in the approved order of succession.

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE

1. Assistant Secretary for Environmental Observation and Prediction
2. Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management
3. Deputy Under Secretary for Operations
4. Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere
5. Chief of Staff
6. General Counsel
7. Chief Scientist
8. Chief, Resource Operations Management
9. Chief Administrative Officer
10. Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries
11. Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
12. Assistant Administrator for Weather Services
13. Director, National Climatic Data Center

GENERAL COUNSEL

1. Deputy General Counsel (Fisheries Management and International)
2. Deputy General Counsel (Oceans and Atmosphere)
3. Section Chief, Fisheries and Protected Resources
4. Section Chief, Southeast Region
5. Section Chief, Weather, Satellites and Research
6. Section Chief/Special counsel, Natural Resources

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR WEATHER SERVICES

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Director, Office of Operational Systems
3. Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
4. Director, Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services
5. Director, Office of Science and Technology
6. Director, Office of Hydrologic Development
7. Director, National Weather Service Central Region

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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR OCEAN SERVICES AND COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
3. Chief of Staff
4. Technical Director
5. Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
6. Director, Office of Coast Survey
7. Director, Coastal Services Center

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR SATELLITE, DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator, Systems
3. Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
4. Director, Office of Satellite Operations
5. Director, National Climatic Data Center

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs
3. Director, Scientific Research and Science Advisor
4. Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer
5. Director, Southeast Regional Office
6. Director, Northwest Regional Office

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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

1. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Programs and Administration
2. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes/
Director, Earth System Research Laboratory
3. Chief Financial Officer
4. Director, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation
5. Director, Climate Program Offices
6. Director, National Sea Grant College Program

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION

1. Executive Officer
2. Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Integration

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS

1. Deputy Director for Operations
2. Deputy Director for Programs*
3. Chief Financial Officer*
4. Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
5. Director, Marine Operations Center

**The positions marked with asterisks (Deputy Director for Programs and Chief Financial Officer), when filled by civilian employees, serve as successors for all matters other than those affecting the NOAA Corps. For matters affecting NOAA Corps decisions, delegation of authority passes over the civilian positions and proceeds as listed.*

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. Finance Office Director/Comptroller
2. Chief, Accounting Operations Division
3. Budget Officer
4. Chief, Western Operations Branch

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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

1. Deputy Chief Information Officer
2. Deputy Director, High Performance Computing and Communications
3. Chief of Staff
4. Director, IT Security Office
5. Director, Business Management Office
6. Chief, Seattle Technical Support Branch

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
2. Director, Facilities Operations Division
3. Director, Logistics Operations Division
4. Chief, Western Division, Project Planning and Management Division

DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

1. Deputy Director, Workforce Management
2. Director, Policy and Program Management Division
3. Chief of Staff, Workforce Management
4. Director, Client Services Division – Eastern Region

DIRECTOR, ACQUISITION AND GRANTS OFFICE

1. Deputy Director, Acquisition and Grants Office
2. Director, Strategic Sourcing Acquisition Division
3. Chief, Eastern Region Acquisition Division