

## NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries External Review of the National Marine Sanctuary System

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### BACKGROUND

Since 1972, the National Marine Sanctuary System has served as the national trustee for a growing network of marine parks. The system, administrated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), is designed to promote sustainable ocean uses and ensure the health of the nation's ocean locales. These marine parks are designated as National Marine Sanctuaries or National Marine Monuments. Sanctuaries and monuments host recreational, conservation, research, and educational activities, and serve a critical role in their locality's economy and culture.

As of September 2020, there are 13 sanctuaries and monuments, encompassing more than 600,000 square miles in a diversity array of locales, from the Pacific islands of American Samoa and Hawaii's Papahānaumokuākea to Thunder Bay in Lake Huron and the Florida Keys. Beyond wildlife and natural resources, sanctuaries and monuments are frequently home to artifacts of American heritage, such as shipwrecks.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NOAA's ONMS has contracted with the National Academy of Public Administration to conduct:

- An evaluation of the impact and major achievements of the National Marine Sanctuaries program over the past five decades.
- An assessment of potential high-level directions for the program over the next 20-50 years.
- An assessment of the major opportunities and challenges facing the program over the next 20-50 years.

The Academy has assembled a three-member Panel of Fellows to oversee and guide the work of the study team. Information on the Panel and study team is provided on the next page.

## **PANEL**

**James Murley (Chair)\***, James F. Murley has recently been appointed the Chief Resiliency Officer for Miami Dade County, which is a participant in the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities Program. Murley was also recently appointed to the City of Miami Sea Level Rise Committee, and has spent over 10 years with the Florida Atlantic University, where he oversaw research on urban and environmental issues. He is a founding Board member of the American Society for Adaptation Professionals and a Fellow at the National Academy of Public Administration. Murley has served as the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs, chaired the Florida Energy and Climate Commission, and served as the Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Florida and the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. He is a former Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Task Force, and is a veteran of the planning side of government. Mr. Murley also has a significant history in the federal government, having served as the Director of the Coastal Program Office at NOAA.

**Felicia Marcus\***, Felicia Marcus is the William C. Landreth Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Water in the West Program, an attorney, consultant and member of the Water Policy Group. She most recently served as chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board, implementing laws regarding drinking water and water quality and state's water rights, hearing regional board water quality appeals, settling disputes and providing financial assistance to communities to upgrade water infrastructure. Before her appointment to the Water Board, Marcus served in positions in government, the non-profit and private sector. In government, Felicia served as the regional administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest region. Preceding the EPA, Marcus served as the president of the board of Public Works for the City of Los Angeles. In the non-profit world, she was the western director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, and prior to that the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Trust for Public Land.

**Sally Selden\***, Brig. Gen. Sally Selden, Ph.D., is the provost and dean of The Citadel. As the college's chief academic officer and second ranking official, she leads strategic planning for the college's academic mission and ensures academic programs are world-class and aligned with the college's core values. Prior to serving as provost at The Citadel, Selden spent 18 years at the University of Lynchburg where she served as provost, associate provost, director of the MBA program, department chair of management, director of the Masters in Nonprofit Leadership, faculty chair (elected), and professor of management. Prior to joining the University of Lynchburg, she was an assistant professor at the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. Selden is a distinguished scholar and teacher of nonprofit management, human resource management and leadership studies. She has published extensively and her work has appeared in multiple public administration journals.

## **PROJECT STAFF**

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