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### **From the Director's Desk**

Congratulations to Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA and Rear Admiral Richard R. Behn, NOAA who were officially assigned and appointed to their new positions and promoted to their respective flag grades today. Big thanks to Rear Admiral Nicholas A. Prah, NOAA for continuing as the Deputy Director, NOAA Corps and Deputy Director, NMAO during the appointment process for RADM De Bow and RADM Behn.

Now for the rest of the NOAA Corps who have been waiting patiently for their promotions to occur. The Secretary has signed the 161 commissions. All previous de facto and temporarily promoted officers are now permanently promoted to their respective grades. All 161 officers have the same promotion date- July 30, 2004. The Commissioned Personnel Center will be sending two additional executive nomination packages to the Secretary this week. One package contains executive nominations for permanent appointment in the NOAA Corps (56 officers- 54 ensigns and 2 lieutenants). The second package contains executive nominations for 99 officers to be permanently promoted to the grades of captain, commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenant, and lieutenant (junior grade). Both packages must be approved by the Secretary and the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. We hope the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee and the full Senate will be able to vote on these nominations when they return from their recess but there is no guarantee. We currently have many vacancies for all grades so many of the 99 officers will have the same promotion date. Permanent promotion is not complete until the Secretary signs the officer's commission.

Reminder: All officers must be found to be mentally and physically qualified at the time of nomination for appointment and promotion and at the actual time of appointment or promotion or your appointment or promotion will be delayed.

Please welcome three new NOAA Corps officers who recently transferred from the Army and the Navy: Lieutenant Hancock from the U.S. Army, Lieutenant Siegel from the U. S. Navy, and Lieutenant Bishop from the U.S. Navy. Gentlemen welcome to the NOAA Corps.

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