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From the Director's Desk

The Senate has not acted upon the nominations for the two flag officers and the 163 temporarily appointed and promoted officers. As soon as the Senate gives its advice and consent, the list will return to the White House for Presidential approval and then be returned to the Department of Commerce for the signing of the certificates and commissions by the Secretary. As soon as the certificates and commissions are signed, CPC will forward the next nomination list to the Secretary.

Department Organizational Order 10-15 has been signed by the Secretary which prescribes the scope and functions of the position of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Administration of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Section 3 of DOO 10-15 delegates authority to the Under Secretary to perform the functions of Title 33, 37, 10 of the U.S. Code. These are some of the statutes prescribing how the NOAA Corps is to conduct its business. Many of these functions have been further delegated from the Under Secretary to the Director of the NOAA Corps. The Director, NC now has the authority to perform the functions relating to lineal list adjustment, retirement, resignation, separation, continuance, pay and allowances to mention a few. However, the Secretary reserves to himself the authority to appoint and promote (temporary and permanent) the commissioned officers as delegated to him by the President by Executive Order 11023.

Last month the President signed Executive Order 13341, which further amends Executive Order 11023. These executive orders delegate certain authorities from the President to the Secretary of Commerce relating to functions concerning the NOAA Corps. EO 13341 now authorizes the Secretary to effect inter-service transfers. We no longer require presidential approval to transfer officers from other uniformed services into the NOAA Corps.

Chapter 3 of the NOAA Corps Directives is now available at the Commissioned Personnel Center web site. A significant amount of research and work occurred during the review and rewriting of this chapter. I recommend all officers take time to read and understand the contents of Chapter 3. If you have any questions you may refer them to CPC; if we are unable to answer your question(s) we will forward to the appropriate authority for an answer.

Chapter 2 of the Directives is approximately 60% complete. This chapter has required a complete rewrite to incorporate as many of the pay and entitlements as possible. Chapter 9 is still under review by Office of Legal Counsel.

The reconfiguration of CPC has been completed, we have moved back into our original location and we should be fully operational by the end of next week.

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