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## Director's Message

I'd like to take this opportunity to pass on a few reminders, announcements and endorsements.

### Reminders

Leave Slips:

It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that your leave slips are turned in to the [CPC Payroll Unit](#) (by your supervisor or yourself) in order for your leave to be accurately counted. I receive a monthly report from payroll of leave balances and leave used, and am surprised at the lack of leave taken. In some cases, I have personal knowledge of some leave that does not appear. Please send in all leave slips to payroll! Anyone with unusually high balances or no leave on record for this year (and his/her supervisor) will soon be getting a nasty notice from the Director, CPC.

OERs:

The rating period for ENS and LTJG has ended. Ensure that OERs are routed through the chain and sent to CPC as required. For those LTJGs in zone for promotion, the OERs need to be received at CPC by Aug 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Announcements

New faces at CPC:

Officer Personnel Management Division:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and introduce LT Wendy Lewis to the OPMD team. LT Lewis replaces LTJG Brian Prestcott who has been reassigned as Flag LT. LT Lewis is a 2002 graduate from California State University of Monterey Bay receiving a B.S. in Marine Science with an emphasis in Marine Mammals. Wendy joined the Corps in 2005 and her first sea tour was aboard the NOAA Ship *Fairweather*. Most recently, Wendy was assigned as the Associate Director of Operations, National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML). Wendy is dedicated, hard working and will most certainly be a great asset to this office.

Officer Career Management Division:

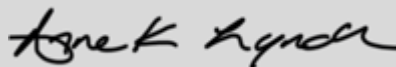
I would also like to welcome LT Amanda Goeller to OCMD as Chief, Assignment Branch, replacing CDR Hancock as he returns to sea duty. Amanda comes to us with a Masters Degree in Environmental Policy and Management with a concentration in Public Administration. Amanda first served as Navigation Officer on NOAA Ship *Miller Freeman* and then served as OIC of R/V Nauvoo. Most recently she had the pleasure of bringing the newest ship in the fleet, NOAA Ship *Bell M. Shimada*, online as Operations Officer. Amanda's attention to detail and enthusiasm will make her a welcome addition to CPC.

#### Uniforms:

The UAB recommended, and RADM Bailey approved, the new khaki over blouse for female officers, as well as a new sword design. More information on both of these items will be posted on the CPC uniform page.

#### Endorsement

Have you heard of NOFA? The NOAA Officer Family Association is a group of active duty and retired [NOAA Corps Officers](#) and their families. NOFA families understand that the NOAA Corps isn't only a job, it is a lifestyle. Life in the uniformed service presents endless opportunities for adventure and learning; however, there are also unique challenges that come along with moving, employment for spouses, separations and keeping in touch with friends. The goal of NOFA is to provide information and a supportive community to make the most of the adventure and overcome the challenges. Two ways you can help NOFA meet this goal is to update your contact information on their website <http://www.nofaweb.org/> (this is in the "member area" and password protected) and pay your annual dues. One of the greatest benefits of your dues is to serve the NOFA community by maintaining the NOFA website, including the member directory and calendar of events.



**CAPT Anne K. Lynch, NOAA  
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center**

#### 'ASK CPC' Webinar

CPC will be hosting the second 'Ask CPC' Webinar on Wednesday 07 September 2011 from 1430 to 1530 EDT. The topic will be "Training Opportunities" presented by LT Jonathan French, CPC Leadership Development/Staff Officer. Immediately following the presentation there will be a question and answer session with the CPC Director, Deputy Director, Division Chiefs and

Program Managers. As a participant you will be able to hear the presenter, use the Q&A window to provide questions and listen to the responses to questions. Following the webinar, a summary document outlining questions raised and links to resources will be posted on the CPC website. The link for the Webex site will be sent out from the Director, CPC, before the meeting. Future webinars will focus on topics of most interest to you. The link below will take you to an online survey; we are requesting all active duty officers respond. Please pick up to three topics you would like CPC to discuss in this forum for the following quarter. If a topic is not listed, please fill in the "Other" section with your suggestion.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7YXPKQQ>.

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## **NOAA History- HISTORY OF MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH IN THE NORTHEAST USA**



*The following text contains excerpts from Waring et al. (1994) and Quintal and Smith (1999), two documents that outline marine mammal studies supported by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center from 1980 to 1995.*

Marine mammals have been important in the northeastern United States historically both as objects of commercial harvests and in ecological interactions with commercial fisheries. There was some scientific attention given to east coast marine mammals as early as 1851 when Matthew Maury of the U.S. Navy's Depot of Charts and Instruments published his whale charts based upon whalers logs and records of sightings. The U.S. Fish Commission gave more attention to marine mammals after its creation in 1871, commissioning for example Starbuck's 1878 "History of the American Whale Fishery." The omnibus series titled "The Fisheries and Fishing Industries of the United States" describes fisheries for the great whales and fisheries for smaller whales in the North Atlantic, likely including pilot whales, bottlenose dolphins, and bottlenose whales (Goode, 1884).

In addition to these direct fisheries, there was also interest in the indirect effects of marine

mammals on other fisheries. Goode (1884) described the destructiveness of marine mammals to fisheries, a theme that the U.S. Commissioner of Fisheries Spencer Baird used in 1889 in supporting a fish meal factory to be built in Woods Hole. Baird (1889, p.68) speculated that the 20 tons of predatory "fishes", i.e. porpoises, skates, and dogfish that the proposed factory would process annually "should present a marked influence upon the supply of edible fishes." The interest of the U.S. Fish Commission was primarily in terms of fisheries, and little biological study appears to have been done of marine mammals in this region beyond the taxonomic studies of Frederick True (1885), as for example when he provided written instructions to the lighthouse keepers on "the best means of collecting and preserving specimens of whales and porpoises."

It wasn't until the late 1940s that cetacean biology began to be investigated more systematically. Then Schevill began a series of investigations of cetacean acoustics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution that are still continuing. In the early 1970s, several other researchers began studying marine mammals in this region. The results of this earlier work was addressed in 1979 when the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission sponsored a workshop to help define research needed for the study of marine mammals on the east and gulf coasts of the U.S. (Prescott et al., 1980).

The direction and form of the NMFS research program was adjusted over the decade in response to the results of the funded projects, the results of other projects on marine mammals and commercial fisheries, additional planning workshops, and to a considerable degree, the personal interests of scientists who proposed interesting research topics. This program was markedly expanded in 1990 in response to information needs mandated by the 1988 amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The research effort shifted again following the 1994 reauthorization of the MMPA, as increased emphasis began to be placed on information needed to implement the specific management approaches defined there. Stock assessments for all marine mammal populations in the region were completed (Blaylock et al. 1995) as required under the 1994 Reauthorization of the MMPA. In addition, the PSB became increasingly involved in the work of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC), especially in areas of expertise initially developed to address domestic research needs. [Read full excerpt](#)

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## On the Horizon

02 September 2011	Promotion Selection OPB for Grade: O-3
06 September 2011	Uniform Awards Board
13 - 21 September 2011	Mid-Grade Leadership Training
01 October 2011	Tucked ODU no longer authorized
04 October 2011	Uniform Awards Board
17 October 2011 - 10 November 2011 (Travel Dates 16 October & 11 November)	REFTRA 71
01 November 2011	Uniform Awards Board

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## Approved Resignations, Separations, and Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation.

LTJG Kevin W. Adams	31 August 2011
CAPT Michael D. Francisco	01 September 2011
LT Kent A. Stein	06 September 2011
ENS Alise N. Parrish	20 September 2011
CAPT Christopher S. Moore	01 October 2011
CAPT Guy T. Noll	01 October 2011
CAPT Raymond C. Slagle	01 October 2011
LT Kelley E. Sage	07 October 2011
LT Elizabeth Crapo	30 October 2011
LT Victoria E. Zalewski	31 October 2011
LTJG Bennie N. Johnson	01 November 2011
CAPT Brian K. Taggart	01 November 2011
LT Matthew R. Ringel	01 February 2012
LT Jasper D. Schaer	01 February 2012
CDR Michael J. Hoshlyk	01 March 2012
CDR Karl F. Mangels	01 August 2012

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