



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Nancy L. Hann, NOAA
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THROUGH: Rear Admiral (lower half) Chad M. Cary, NOAA
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SUBJECT: NOAA Ships Recommended for Designation as Unusually Arduous Sea Duty in Calendar Year 2023

The detailed schedules of NOAA ships for calendar year 2023 were reviewed based on the latest approved FY2023 Fleet Allocation Plan (dated 6 October 2022), and NOAA fleet operational assumptions for the first three months of FY2023. To be designated unusually arduous sea duty, a ship must be expected to be away from its assigned homeport for more than 50 percent of a given calendar year (i.e. 183 days or more), and also for extended periods of time, as determined by the Director, Marine Operations.

After reviewing the prescribed criteria and the operational demands on the fleet, in accordance with OMAO Policy 1206-Designation of Unusually Arduous Sea Duty, I recommend the following commissioned and currently operational NOAA ships be designated as unusually arduous for calendar year 2023: Bell M. Shimada, Fairweather, Ferdinand Hassler, Okeanos Explorer, Oscar Dyson, Oscar Elton Sette, Rainier, Reuben Lasker, Ronald H. Brown, Thomas Jefferson. If changes to ship schedules warrant additional designations of unusually arduous status later in the year, Marine Operations will generate a memorandum requesting those submissions.

DECISION:

Concur: [X] No not concur: Let's Discuss:

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