

1 **SEC. ____ . TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY**
2 **PANEL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO THE**
3 **NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR OCEAN RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL.**—Subsection
5 (a) of section 7903 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
8 Atmospheric Administration,” after “The Council”;

9 (B) by inserting “and Resources” after “Ocean Research”;

10 (C) by striking “Panel consisting” and inserting “Panel. The Panel shall
11 consist”; and

12 (D) by striking “chairman” and inserting “Administrator of the National
13 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on behalf of the Council”;

14 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “National Academy of Science” and inserting
15 “National Academies”; and

16 (3) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
17 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

18 (b) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PANEL.**—Subsection (b) of such section is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “, through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
20 Atmospheric Administration,” after “The Council”;

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5),
22 respectively; and

(3) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraphs (2) and

(3):

“(2) To advise the Council on the determination of scientific priorities and needs.

“(3) To provide the Council strategic advice regarding national ocean program execution and collaboration.”.

(c) FUNDING TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF PANEL.—Subsection (c) of such section is amended by striking “Secretary of the Navy” and inserting “Secretary of Commerce”.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7902(e)(1) of such title is amended by striking “Ocean Research Advisory Panel” and inserting “Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel”.

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING. —The heading of section 7903 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“§ 7903. Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to such section in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 665 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“7903. Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel.”.

(f) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Ocean Research Advisory Panel in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed to be a reference to the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel.