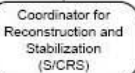
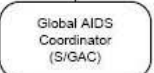
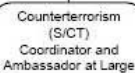
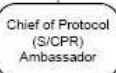
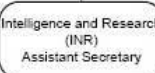
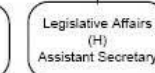
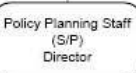
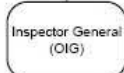
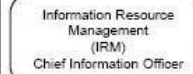
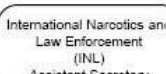
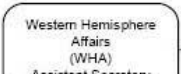
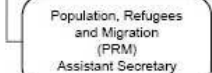
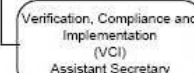
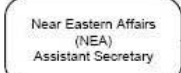
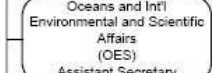
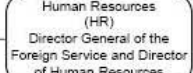
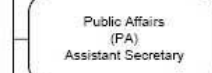
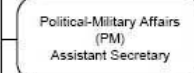
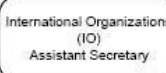
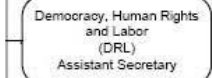
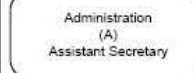
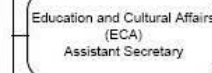
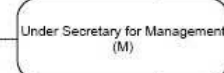
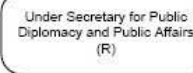
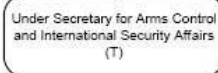
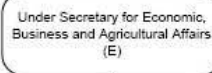
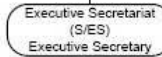
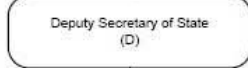


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# **U.S. MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH PERMITS**

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# Dept. of State & Science

- *Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs*
  - *Oceans Affairs & Marine Conservation*
  - *Ecology & Terrestrial Conservation*
  - *Science & Technology Cooperation*
  - *Space & Advanced Technology*
  - *International Health Affairs*
- *Office of the Science & Technology Advisor to the Secretary*
- *Bureau of Nonproliferation*



# Dept. of State & Marine Science

- *Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)*
- *International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES)*
- *North Pacific Marine Science Council (PICES)*
- *South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC)*
- *Regional Fisheries Management Orgs.*
- *UN Regional Seas Programs*
- *Law of the Sea (LOS)*



# DOS, LOS & Marine Research

*LOS Article 245:* coastal state jurisdiction over MSR conducted within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ)

*LOS Article 250:* communications concerning MSR projects shall be made through appropriate official channels



# The PROCESS...

1. Submit complete application to DOS.
2. Wait patiently...
3. Ensure flow of info re cruise changes are submitted via same channels.
4. Track post-cruise obligations.



# Clearance Trends

	2001	2002	2003*	2004	2005	2006
Denials	-	-	-	5	5	1
Clearance Requests	307	212	258	308	229	160
Requests to U.S. Waters	65	70	46	37	55	22

• As of April 25, 2006



# Recommended Actions

- Meeting 6-month lead time
- Include ship operator's endorsement
- Submit complete application
- Secure foreign partnerships
- Check threat assessments & advisories
- Reinforce timely submission of cruise reports





# Other Services for RVOOC

- Travel advisories & visa assistance
- Emergency assistance
- U.S. policy guidance
- Troubleshooting clearance matters



# Changes at DOS

- Personnel
- Process



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# **Marine Science Research Permit Applications & Procedures**

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