



INTERAGENCY OCEAN POLICY TASK FORCE

THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM

- On June 12, 2009, President Obama sent a memorandum to the heads of executive departments and federal agencies establishing an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force.
- The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes.
- It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning.
- The Task Force's Interim Report is available - open for comments until Oct 17, 2009



An Ocean Infrastructure Strategy for U.S. Ocean Research in 2030

- **Project Scope:** NRC committee to provide advice and a perspective from the worldwide ocean community on the types of U.S. ocean infrastructure that will facilitate research in 2030, including advice as to what criteria may be most appropriate for setting priorities.
- **Study sponsors:** Arctic Research Commission, DOE, EPA, FDA, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Mammal Commission, MMS, NASA, NOAA, NSF, USGS, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.
- **Start date** = June 22, 2009. A final report in approximately 24 months.