

Position ID

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Position Title

Ocean and Coastal Policy Analyst

Office Name

National Ocean Service (NOS) Headquarters, Policy & Constituent Affairs, NOAA

Portfolio Summary

Coastal communities, economies and ecosystems are facing unprecedented changes and challenges ranging from more severe storms and sea level rise to oil spills and harmful algal blooms. We need the best minds -- your mind -- to join the dynamic policy team in the headquarters of NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS), where you will assist NOS leadership in addressing complex coastal challenges and support our engagement with Congress, the White House, other federal and state agencies, and constituents.

We are seeking a Fellow to support efforts on the future of National Ocean Policy and NOAA's Ocean and Coastal Council. The Fellow will have opportunities to organize and support activities at conferences and be our "go to" person for managing incoming requests from Congress, the White House, and external organizations. This position will provide a broad perspective on how NOAA programs fit into broader ocean and coastal policy discussions and activities. Because of our diverse portfolio, we are open and flexible to developing a portfolio to accommodate your interests.

The National Ocean Service (NOS) is one of NOAA's major branches (called Line Offices) and houses the agency's most diverse missions and programs. NOS programs include Coastal Zone Management, National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas, coral reef conservation, coastal resiliency and adaptation planning, oil spill response, marine debris, harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and ocean and coastal science. NOS is also the nation's provider of coastal navigation, observing, and geographic information systems and services, including being the authoritative source for sea levels and tides.

The Policy and Constituent Affairs Division within NOS headquarters is a small, highly motivated group that supports NOS leadership on this diverse range of issues. The Policy and Constituent Affairs Division is managed by a former Sea Grant fellow, and we have former fellows on the team! We fully intend to make your fellowship year a great experience.

Expertise Desired

Mandatory Skills: A team player with excellent oral and written communications skills, organizational skills, and a good sense of humor.

Desired Background Skills: This position provides an excellent opportunity for Fellows with a predominantly science background to get exposure to the policy arena. Fellows with either a science, policy, or legal background are welcome

Travel within DC (days per month)

Travel to meetings in the area is common and will happen several days a month if not weekly.

Travel outside DC (days per month)

Travel outside DC is not a core component. The Fellow can expect to have the opportunity to travel 2-4 times over the course of the Fellowship year.

Accepts Foreign Nationals

Yes