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Captain Brennan has served with the NOAA Corps for over 20 years, most recently as the chief of the Coast Survey Development Lab. Captain Brennan has also served as chief of Coast Survey's Atlantic Hydrographic Branch and as the mid-Atlantic navigation manager. Earlier, Brennan pursued a Master of Science degree in ocean engineering at the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, specializing in ocean mapping, acoustics, and tidal error models. Brennan led the Hydrographic Systems and Technology Program at NOAA, with a focus on transitioning new technology into fleet operations.

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Dr. Caroline Rogers is a Marine Ecologist with the Wetland and Aquatic Research Center based at the USGS Caribbean Field Station in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Previously, she was a research biologist with the National Park Service in Virgin Islands National Park (1984 – 1993). She has over 30 years of experience in research on coral reefs and has published papers on coral diseases, the effects of sedimentation, effects of hurricanes, damage from boat anchors, long-term monitoring, reef productivity, coral recruitment, and the threatened coral *Acropora palmata*, and the coral/mangrove communities within Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument.

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Dr. Blythe is an oceanographer by training, and serves as Chief of the Branch of Biological and Social Sciences where he oversees a diverse staff of senior scientists whose expertise include marine ecology and biology, biological oceanography, birds, fisheries, benthic species, marine mammals, sociology, economics and marine archaeology. Together, he helps to oversee and administer BOEM's Environmental Studies Program, which has an annual research budget of ~\$35M. Brad is actively engaged in efforts related to environmental impacts of offshore energy and mineral development and the integration of science and policy for informed decision-making.

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Katrina Lassiter is an Assistant Division Manager in the Aquatic Resources Division at the Washington State Department of Natural Resource. She is responsible for programs that manage ports, land transactions, and the removal of derelict vessels on state-owned aquatic lands. Katrina also serves as the agency's lead planner on state and regional marine planning and ocean policy. Katrina has a Master's Degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to her work in Washington State, Katrina worked for the United States Congress in Washington, D.C. as a policy advisor on ocean, energy, and general environmental issues.

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