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Obama Administration Officials to Hold Great Lakes Regional Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting in Cleveland, OH, on October 29, 2009

CLEVELAND, OH – Obama Administration officials will hold their sixth regional Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 29, 2009. The Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley, consists of senior-level officials from Administration agencies, departments, and offices.

The Task Force is charged with developing a recommendation for a national policy that ensures protection, maintenance, and restoration of the oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. It will also recommend a framework for improved stewardship, and effective coastal and marine spatial planning. The public is encouraged to attend and an opportunity for public comment will be provided.

Members of the public can access the meeting in three ways: by attending in person at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center; by calling into the listen only phone line (800-369-2133; participant code: 8314284); or via live webstream at <http://epa.gov/greatlakes/live>.

Who: Chair Nancy Sutley, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Rear Admiral Sally Brice O'Hara, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain Byron Black, Senior Maritime Safety and Security Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Transportation

What: Ocean Policy Task Force Public Meeting

When: Thursday, October 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center
Ballroom (Salon D and E)
127 Public Square
Cleveland, OH 44114

Note: Public comment can also be submitted online at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans>

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