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McLaughlin Named to Outer Continental Shelf Scientific Committee
Group of science and policy experts advises Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Richard McLaughlin, a marine policy professor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is one of 15 experts appointed to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee, a group that advises the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) regarding development of Outer Continental Shelf energy and mineral resources.

OCS Scientific Committee members are selected based on their expertise and reputation in the scientific community and ability to represent important elements of BOEM’s research and science information needs. Members serve a three-year term and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

McLaughlin, endowed chair for Marine Policy and Law at the University’s Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, has lectured at leading academic institutions including Cambridge University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Hawaii, University of Miami, University of Oregon, University of Veracruz, University of Belize, and the University of West Indies in Barbados. A former Fulbright Scholar to Japan, he has published more than 75 articles and monographs on ocean and coastal policy issues.

A graduate of Tulane University Law School and the University of Washington’s School of Law, McLaughlin holds a doctorate in law from the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. He has served in a variety of leadership positions in the marine policy field including national chair of the Maritime Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, board member of the Law of the Sea Institute, board of editors of the Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal, board of advisors of the Mote Marine Laboratory Marine Policy Institute, and board member of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation.

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“The membership of this important committee is made up of distinguished scientists representing several disciplines to advise the Department on the scientific integrity of BOEM’s research,” said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar in announcing the appointments. “This is another important step as we continue to move forward with offshore energy development in a responsible manner guided by the best science, and I appreciate the members’ willingness to contribute their time and their expertise to this important effort.”

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