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Captain Benjamin Evans Nomination

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Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that Secretary Gina Raimondo has approved my nomination for Captain Benjamin Evans to serve as the next Director, Office of Coast Survey in the National Ocean Service. This senior position in the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps has been submitted to the President for the appointment. This recommendation is made in accordance with 33 U.S.C. § 3028(d)(1), which provides that an officer assigned to a position designated as one of importance and responsibility has the grade designated for that position only if appointed to that grade by the President.

Captain Evans has over twenty-one years of service in the NOAA Corps, primarily in NOAA's mapping and charting community afloat and ashore. He has held a wide range of leadership, technical, and policy roles, including command of NOAA Ships Ferdinand R. Hassler and Rainier, management positions in Coast Survey and OMAO, and experience on the staff of the NOAA Administrator. CAPT Evans currently serves as Acting Chief of Staff for NOS.

Please join me in congratulating CAPT Evans on his nomination.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
& NOAA Administrator