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**BOEM Bids Farewell to First Agency Director
Tommy P. Beaudreau**

BOEM is anticipating new leadership after bidding a fond farewell to Tommy P. Beaudreau, the first Director in the short history of the bureau. Beaudreau recently moved on to become Chief of Staff to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

A native Alaskan, Beaudreau was named by former Secretary Salazar as the Director of BOEM in September of 2011, weeks before the reorganization of the bureau was launched. He had served as Senior Advisor to former BOEMRE, later BSEE Director Michael Bromwich.

"It's been a privilege to have the experience of re-building a federal bureau from the ground up," Beaudreau said of his tenure with the agency. "I will carry with me every day the lessons I've learned working alongside a great workforce in BOEM as we worked together through a crisis, forged our identity as a bureau, and worked tirelessly every day to navigate complex and important issues for our fellow Americans."

Beaudreau was one of the architects of a series of fundamental changes made by the Obama administration to reform the government's regulation of offshore energy development and the agency responsible for it - while ensuring that responsible oil and gas drilling and



Historic moment: At left, former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, with Tommy P. Beaudreau (right, hand raised). Beaudreau's family attended when he was sworn into office as BOEM's first Director in Sept. 2011

production continues on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Efforts to re-organize the agency were the most aggressive and comprehensive reforms to offshore oil and gas regulation and oversight in U.S. history. Beaudreau played an integral role in implementing the Bureau's reform agenda.



Acting BOEM Director Dr. Walter Cruickshank (right), extends good wishes to Beaudreau in April.

"The nation's offshore energy resources, both conventional and renewable, are essential to our country's economy and security. BOEM has been focused on ensuring that our offshore resources are developed sensibly and responsibly," said Beaudreau. "I am proud to have been BOEM's first director and proud of what my colleagues and I were able to accomplish together."

BOEM Deputy Director Dr. Walter D. Cruickshank is serving as Acting Director until the Director position is filled. Find an article on Dr. Cruickshank and his distinguished history with the bureau [here](#).

Ocean Research

Updates on BOEM activities

BOEM Studies Chief Presents Excellence in Partnering Award to WET Labs for Advancing Ocean Science and Collaboration



Dr. Rodney Cluck, Chief of BOEM's Environmental Studies Program and co-chair of the Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships, presented the 2013 Excellence in Partnering award to Dr. Andrew Barnard of WET Labs at Ocean Sciences 2014. The [National Oceanographic Partnership Program \(NOPP\)](#) selected WET Labs and the multi-party project team for successfully leading the development and commercialization process to transition CYCLE phosphate and ammonium sensors into key local, state, federal monitoring programs as well as ocean observing and science research projects.

The sensors are used to monitor the phosphate and ammonium levels in rivers, estuaries and the ocean. Keeping these nutrients in check can help prevent

detrimental impacts on aquatic ecosystems, such as overly aggressive growth of algae, which may result in depleted oxygen levels in the water.

The NOPP is an innovative collaboration of federal agencies that support ocean research partnerships among academia, government, industry, and non-governmental organizations on some of the nation's most pressing issues. Each year, the NOPP recognizes one or more collaborative efforts for conducting a superior NOPP-funded project that best exemplifies NOPP's partnership objectives. Together multiple parties are able leverage resources beyond what they could do individually. Visit NOPP to learn about ocean research partnership opportunities, and BOEM's [Environmental Studies Program](#) for more information about its program.



Dr. Rodney Cluck (center left), Chief of BOEM's Environmental Studies Program and co-chair of Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships, presented the 2013 Excellence in Partnering Award to Dr. Andrew Barnard (center right), from WET Labs at Ocean Sciences 2014.

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