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Mr. Beaudreau is the first director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), which is responsible for overseeing the environmentally and economically responsible development of the Nation's offshore resources. BOEM manages the conventional and renewable ocean energy and mineral resources on 1.7 billion acres of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Mr. Beaudreau joined the Department of the Interior in June 2010 to help develop and lead the Department's aggressive reforms of offshore energy management and oversight following the Deepwater Horizon blowout and oil spill, including the reorganization of the former Minerals Management Service. He served as the senior advisor to the director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, where he played an integral role in designing and implementing the Bureau's broad reform agenda with respect to the regulation of offshore oil and gas development.

BOEM was established in October 2011. The agency's responsibilities include leasing, plan administration, environmental studies, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, resource evaluation, economic analysis and the offshore renewable energy program.

Prior to his work at Interior, Mr. Beaudreau was a partner at the law firm Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, where his practice focused on, among other things, internal investigations, including reviews of government agencies pursuing reform.

Mr. Beaudreau is a graduate of Yale University and received his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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Dr. Kathryn Sullivan assumed the role of Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting NOAA Administrator on February 28, 2013, where she had been serving as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator for NOAA, as well as performing the duties of NOAA's Chief Scientist, a vacant position. She is a distinguished scientist, renowned astronaut and intrepid explorer.

As assistant secretary, Dr. Sullivan played a central role in directing Administration and NOAA priority work in the areas of weather and water services, climate science and services, integrated mapping services and Earth-observing capabilities. She provided agency-wide direction with regard to satellites, space weather, water, and ocean observations and forecasts to best serve American communities and businesses. As Deputy Administrator, she oversaw the smooth operation of the agency.

Dr. Sullivan's impressive expertise spans the frontiers of space and sea. An accomplished oceanographer, she was appointed NOAA's chief scientist in 1993, where she oversaw a research and technology portfolio that included fisheries biology, climate change, satellite instrumentation and marine biodiversity.

Dr. Sullivan was the inaugural director of the Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. Prior to joining Ohio State, she served a decade as President and CEO of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus, Ohio, one of the nation's leading science museums. Dr. Sullivan joined COSI after three years' service as Chief Scientist.

Dr. Sullivan was one of the first six women selected to join the NASA astronaut corps in 1978 and holds the distinction of being the first American woman to walk in space. She flew on three shuttle missions during her 15-year tenure, including the mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope.

Dr. Sullivan holds a bachelor's degree in earth sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a doctorate in geology from Dalhousie University in Canada.