

CHARTER
of the
FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND
SUPPORTING RESEARCH (FCMSSR)

1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:

The Federal Committee for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (FCMSSR) is chartered under authority of the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Public Law 87-843 (1962) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) issued Implementation Plan (1964).

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The FCMSSR provides a formal mechanism for interagency coordination on implementing national policy relating to, and developing plans and procedures for, cooperative Federal agency efforts in the development, acquisition, continuous operability, and increased effectiveness of meteorological services for the Nation. These services include observation, data sharing, analysis, prediction, dissemination of operational weather and atmospheric information, and the developmental research that supports these services.

The FCMSSR will maintain cognizance of the activities of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability (CENRS) and its subcommittees, and will cooperatively engage with CENRS as appropriate.

The FCMSSR charts and provides strategic guidance to the Interdepartmental Committee for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (ICMSSR). The FCMSSR will provide direction and support to the National Earth Systems Prediction Capability Executive Steering Group (National ESPC ESG). Additionally, the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (OFCM) provides administrative support to, and operates under direction and guidance from, the FCMSSR.

The Chairperson of FCMSSR is the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). A Vice-Chairperson will be elected from the other FCMSSR member agencies to a three-year term.

The members of the FCMSSR are senior executives from Federal agencies with programs that provide, support, and/or rely upon meteorological services and supporting research to meet agency requirements. In addition to reviewing OFCM activities and providing policy guidance, FCMSSR is the federal government focal point to ensure interagency cooperation and coordination for meteorological services and supporting research.

The FCMSSR and this Charter are not budget documents and do not imply any resource commitments by the member agencies. However, FCMSSR deliberations, decisions, and/or products may be used to inform agency and Federal government budget processes.

3. FUNCTIONS

- a. Provide guidance and direction to the OFCM, ICMSSR and National ESPC ESG.
- b. Provide advice to NOAA and other agencies on the source and level of resources needed to maintain and operate the OFCM at a level of activity commensurate with coordination of meteorological services and supporting research among the FCMSSR member agencies.
- c. Establish, continue, or terminate subordinate groups as proposed and managed by the OFCM. This authority may be delegated to the ICMSSR on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Promote cooperative efforts on supporting research for meteorological services.
- e. Review and formally approve the release of Federal documents generated by the OFCM. "By direction" authority may be delegated to the ICMSSR or the Director of the OFCM (the "Federal Coordinator") on a case-by-case basis.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The following departments and organization shall be represented on the FCMSSR:

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (Chair) for the Department of Commerce (DOC)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Defense (DOD) for the:
 - United States Air Force (USAF)
 - United States Navy (USN)
 - United States Army (USA)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the:
 - Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)
 - United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- Department of Interior (DOI) for the:
 - United States Geological Survey (USGS)
 - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 - National Park Service (NPS)
- Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) for the Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Transportation (DOT) for the:
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Executive Office of the President (EOP)
 - Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
 - Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

5. ORGANIZATION

- a. The FCMSSR is the senior body within the Federal Meteorological Coordinating Infrastructure.
- b. The ICMSSR is directly subordinate to the FCMSSR.
- c. The ESPC ESG is directly subordinate to the FCMSSR. The ESPC ESG coordinates with the appropriate subcommittees of CENRS in areas of mutual concern.
- d. The Federal Coordinator and the OFCM provide administrative, executive, logistical and other support as required to enable meetings and disseminate communications of the FCMSSR, ICMSSR and ESPC ESG.
- e. The ICMSSR oversees various subcommittees and working groups approved by the FCMSSR to address specific elements of Federal meteorological coordination. The OFCM provides administrative, executive and logistical support for this framework of subcommittees and working groups.

6. TERMINATION

This Charter expires on 30 September 2021. The FCMSSR may vote on extending, terminating or modifying the Charter prior to the expiration date.

Approved:

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Concurrence signatures maintained by OFCM.