NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel

Public Meeting, September 28-29, 2026

LOCATION: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Salon AB, Washington DC - Crystal City at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

All topics, times and speakers are subject to change, please consult the latest online agenda.

Virtual advanced registration is required, click here

Monday, September 28, 9:00am-5:30pm – Day One

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

9:00 – 10:15 am	Opening and Welcome	**Mr. Nathan Wardwell**, HSRP Chair **Ms. Rachael Dempsey**, NOS, NOAA **RDML Chris van Westendorp**, OCS, NOS, NOAA and HSRP Designated Federal Official (DFO)
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Opportunities and Challenges for the NOS's Navigation, Observations and Positioning Services	Moderator: **Ms. Rachael Dempsey**, NOS, NOAA **Ms. Laura Rear McLaughlin**, NGS, NOS, NOAA **RDML Chris van Westendorp**, OCS, NOS, NOAA **Capt. Andy Armstrong**, University of New Hampshire and OCS, NOS, NOAA **Dr. Marian Westley**, CO-OPS, NOS, NOAA
12:30 – 1:45 pm	Lunch Break (HSRP closed working lunch)	

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1:45 – 2:30 pm	20+ Years of HSRP Learn how the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act establishing the HSRP came to be and explore possibilities for the future	Moderator: **Dr. Rachel Fontana**, NOS Policy, NOAA **Mr. John Rayfield**, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Staff Director
2:30 - 2:45 pm	U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System	**Ms. Ashley Chappell**, Committee on the Marine Transportation System, U.S. Dept. of Transportation
2:45 – 3:00 pm	PORTS® Update	**Mr. Chris DiVeglio**, CO-OPS, NOS, NOAA
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 – 3:25 pm	*Public comment period*	Comments directed to the HSRP members
3:25 – 4:40 pm	*Preparing to Implement the Changes to the Nation's Foundational Geospatial Infrastructure - the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)* Learn from leaders in the field on strategies for implementing the modernized NSRS.	Moderator: **Dr. Dan Roman**, NGS, NOS, NOAA **Mr. Derald Dudley**, Federal Geographic Data Committee, U.S. Dept. of Transportation **Mr. Vince Osier**, U.S. Census Bureau **Mr. Tim Burch**, National Society of Professional Surveyors **Dr. Chris Parrish (remote)**, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
4:40 – 5:30 pm	Wrap up	**Mr. Eric Peace**, HSRP Vice Chair **RDML Chris van Westendorp**, OCS, NOS, NOAA and HSRP DFO

Tuesday, September 29, 8:30am-2:30pm – Day Two

8:30 – 9:15 am	Recap and discussion of Day 1 and round robin with all members	**Mr. Nathan Wardwell**, HSRP Chair **RDML Chris van Westendorp**, OCS, NOS, NOAA and HSRP DFO
9:15 – 10:30 am	NOAA Advances Ocean and Great Lakes Mapping Discussion of NOAA's ongoing mapping missions, including marine critical minerals	Moderator: **Mr. Steve Loy**, OCS, NOS, NOAA **Ms. Rachael Dempsey**, NOS, NOAA **CAPT Mike Gonsalves**, HSD, NOS, NOAA **Mr. Brian Mueller**, NGS, NOS, NOAA **Ms. Meredith Westington (remote)**, Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping (IOCM), NOS, NOAA **CAPT William Mowitt**, OER, OAR, NOAA
10:30 - 10:45 pm	Public Comment	Comments directed to the HSRP members
10:45 - 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	NOS Modeling Modernization	**Dr. Stephan Smith**, NOS, NOAA **Dr. Ed Myers**, OCS, NOS, NOAA **Dr. Greg Seroka**, OCS, NOS, NOAA
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch Break (HSRP working lunch)	
1:15 -2:15 pm	HSRP Working Group & Recommendation Letter Discussion of Chair and Vice Chair and WG lead nomination/ voting process	**Mr. Eric Peace** & **Ms. Mary Paige Abbott**, HSRP members **Dr. Qassim Abdullah** & **Capt. Anuj Chopra**, HSRP members
2:15- 2:30 pm	Meeting Closing	**Mr. Nathan Wardwell**, HSRP Chair **RDML Chris van Westendorp**, OCS, NOS, NOAA and HSRP DFO