

# Ocean Policy Roundtable:

## What's Marine Transportation Got to Do with It?

*A dynamic and interactive discussion about the intersection of marine transportation and ocean policy!*

Co-sponsored by:

**The US Committee on the Marine Transportation System**  
**The Wilson Center Polar Initiative**

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In June 2018, President Trump released [Executive Order 13840](#), which outlined the Administration's ocean policy to advance the economic, security, and environmental interests of the United States. The Executive Order specifically calls for federal agencies to facilitate the economic growth of coastal communities and promote ocean industries. While not specifically mentioned in the Executive Order, the marine transportation system underpins vital components of ocean industries, including aspects of the Blue Economy. Following an introduction by Mr. Deerin Babb-Brott, Principle Assistant Director of Oceans and Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy, panelists will discuss their diverse perspectives on ocean policy and marine transportation in a conversation moderated by Ms. Helen Brohl, Executive Director of the U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System.

### Panelists will include

- RDML Shep Smith, Director of the Office of Coast Survey, NOAA
- RDML Jon White, PhD, USN (Ret), President and CEO, Consortium for Ocean Leadership
- RDML Dave Titley, PhD, USN (Ret), Director of the Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk, The Pennsylvania State University
- Pål Somdalen, Counselor for Trade and Industrial Affairs, Royal Norwegian Embassy
- Malte Søndergaard, Head of Section for Blue Growth, Danish Maritime Authority

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