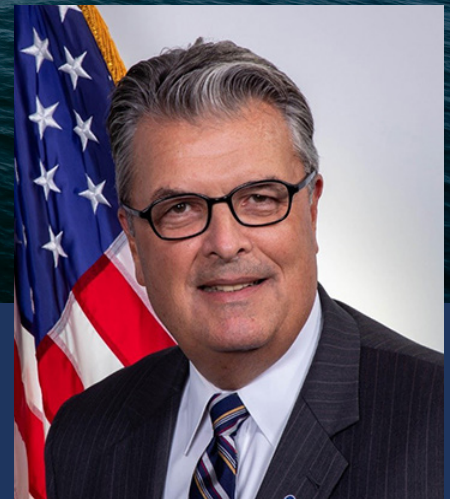




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# Craig McLean

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## ***The future of ocean science and technology***

Craig McLean, head of the U.S. Delegation to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research, will give an overview of the future of ocean science and technology at NOAA and beyond. As we turn to the ocean for a larger share of our resources, there is a need to ensure that the development and use of our ocean resources will be sustainable in the face of increasing pressures on our ocean. He will discuss the role of the upcoming UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in reaching these sustainable development ocean goals. Launching in 2021, the UN Decade is a unique 10-year, global cooperative program to expand scientific partnerships to support effective science, ocean management, and sustainable development. The ocean science community is invited to build new and stronger partnerships to achieve this ambitious goal. Mr. McLean will discuss the societal outcomes of the UN Decade along with opportunities for engagement to help create “the science we need for the ocean we want” for the next generation and beyond. Additionally, Mr. McLean will address NOAA’s Science & Technology focus areas in six key sectors that will help NOAA accomplish its mission today and into the future. Ocean measuring, observing, and forecasting data drive product development, processes, and services worth billions of dollars across multiple ocean sectors. Advances in ocean science will drive the agency and its partners towards a more holistic and comprehensive approach to studying and learning from the ocean.

**Registration for this seminar is required and space is limited. [Please RSVP here.](#)**