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Nicole R. LeBoeuf is the Assistant Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service, an organization of 1,800 staff in more than 50 locations around the country. Ms. LeBoeuf oversees all strategic and operational aspects of America's premiere coastal and ocean agency. NOM's National Ocean Service provides science-based solutions through collaborative partnerships to address evolving economic, environmental, and social pressures on our ocean, coasts, and coastal communities. Nicole brings her passion for the coasts and ocean health to her role by encouraging meaningful engagement with multiple sectors and coastal communities to serve their needs as climate change impacts are already threatening lives and livelihoods. Prior to assuming this role, Nicole worked on a wide range of issues from protected species conservation and oil spill response to international treaty negotiation. Ms. LeBoeuf served as Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Protected Resources in NOAA Fisheries, where she maintained oversight of a diverse protected species conservation and management portfolio. Before that, she spent four years as the Chief of the Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division in the Office of Protected Resources. Her work included, among numerous duties, application of scientific information to implement the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act and is a subject matter expert in the implementation of both statutes. Ms. LeBoeuf served in the NOAA Budget Office as NOAA's finance lead during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Her international expertise includes overseeing NOAA's Antarctic Treaty System responsibilities, coordinating protected species bycatch reduction efforts in multiple tuna treaties, and representing NOAA at the U.N. General Assembly regarding the protection of deep sea corals. Ms. LeBoeuf holds a B.S. in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University and a M.S. in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland.