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Sean Corson is the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS). NCCOS delivers ecosystem science solutions for stewardship of the nation's ocean and coastal resources in direct support of National Ocean Service (NOS) priorities, offices, and customers to sustain thriving coastal communities and economies. Mr. Corson oversees the work of approximately 260 staff in nine states and the operations of four marine laboratories with an annual budget of more than \$80 million.

NCCOS's four priority research areas include advancing ecosystem science for conservation and sustainable use; developing and implementing advanced observation technologies and ecological forecasts; facilitating resilience and adaptation to inundation and climate impacts; detecting, monitoring, and mitigating impacts of chemical and biological stressors; and advancing social, economic, and behavioral approaches to coastal stewardship.

Mr. Corson began his career in NOAA in 2001, serving in leadership positions with the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, establishing and managing Papahānaumokuākea, the first Marine National Monument and World Heritage Site; and the Office of Habitat Conservation, serving as the Director Of NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office. Mr. Corson has over 20 years of experience bringing science-based decision making to landscape-scale, interagency management partnerships.

Mr. Corson has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and Biology from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and a Master of Forest Science from the Yale School of the Environment. Sean lives in Annapolis, Maryland with his wife Denise and sons Nolan and Liam.

