

Nicole LeBoeuf has 20+ years of experience at NOAA, emphasizing connecting science and decision-makers. Nicole is currently the Acting Assistant Administrator at NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS), where she oversees all strategic and operational aspects of America's premiere coastal and ocean agency, with over 1,800 staff in more than 50 locations around the country. NOS's mission is to provide science-based solutions through partnerships to address evolving economic, environmental, and social pressures on our ocean and coasts and to provide data, tools, and services that support coastal economies and their contribution to the national economy. Nicole's wide-ranging professional experiences include: inter-agency engagement, oversight of budget formulation and execution, regulatory and other public processes, and synthesis of scientific and technical information for decision-making. Nicole served as NOAA's finance lead during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and has over a decade of fisheries and other environmental treaty experience, including with the Antarctic Treaty System, multiple tuna treaties, and the U.N. General Assembly. Raised on the Texas Coast, Nicole is profoundly connected to the coastal zone, making her work protecting coastal communities and resources all the more meaningful. Nicole holds a BS in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University and a MS in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland.