



Barney Frank Issues Statement on NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco and Serious Issues Facing the Fishing Industry

Obama Administration assures Chairman Frank that his concerns regarding industry will be "given the highest priority"

Frank agrees not to press for a new administrator

Congressman Frank issued this statement:

After my call for the resignation of NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco, I have spoken to officials from President Obama's administration and they have told me that they strongly believe this to be a drastic step that they do not wish to take, and that they believe the replacement of Dr. Lubchenco is unnecessary to correct the problems that concern me. Based on their assurance that these issues are being seriously considered by Dr. Jane Lubchenco and other relevant Administration officials, I will not be pressing for a new administrator. I hope that I can be shown that the problems facing the fishing industry can be solved with Dr. Jane Lubchenco's participation. I will continue to work with her and the Administration and look forward to having serious and meaningful discussions about how we can proceed with the problems facing the fishing industry. I particularly note that the Administration has assured me that this will be given the highest priority.