

Ms. Lindy Johnson

The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard takes great pleasure to present the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to Ms. Lindy Johnson, of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of General Counsel for International Law, for her extraordinary efforts and achievements in the furtherance of the Coast Guard's Environmental Stewardship mission. She served on numerous United States Delegations to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), serving side-by-side with her Coast Guard colleagues, where she tirelessly provided leadership and expert guidance upon a range of subjects. She served as the Chairman of the Drafting Group that finalized the monumental changes to MARPOL Annex VI, which were critically important to the improvement of air quality in the United States and saving numerous lives of humans and the other species that share our environment. She was instrumental in securing designation for the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area, one of only ten such areas globally, for which she personally set the standard for execution of an initiative at IMO against which all others will be judged. She played a critical role at IMO during development of the Ballast Water Management Convention and its associated guidelines and resolutions, making a substantial positive impact in the global battle against invasive species and the damage they impose on fragile ecosystems. Domestically, she is also an extremely effective advocate for protection of the marine environment: shepherding the first substantive legislation to specifically address the growing problem of Marine Debris through to enactment and implementation; coordinating the entry into effect of the Wider Caribbean Special Area requirements under MARPOL Annex V; and serving as the Co-Chair of the United States MARPOL Annex V interagency working group. Ms. Johnson's exceptional efforts had a direct positive impact on the environmental stewardship accomplishments of the Coast Guard and the United States Government as a whole. Her dedication and commitment to protection of the marine environment are heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.