

Volunteer Worker Agreement and Waiver of Compensation
Between
International Section
Office of General Counsel
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
and

In consideration of the acceptance of my offer to serve as a volunteer worker in the International Section of the NOAA Office of General Counsel to provide legal services and assistance pursuant to Department of Commerce Administrative Order 202-311 (April 26, 1993), 16 U.S.C. § 742f, and 16 U.S.C. § 1442 with respect to programs or matters that may include, but are not limited to, fisheries, underwater cultural heritage, marine protected areas and the Sargasso Sea Project, I hereby affirm that I will not expect nor demand any compensation for my service.

Volunteer Worker Signature

Date

Witness/Date

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16 U.S.C. § 1442(c) provides:

“The Secretary may accept donations of funds, property, and services for use in designating and administering national marine sanctuaries under this chapter. Donations accepted under this section shall be considered as a gift or bequest to or for the use of the United States.”

16 U.S.C. § 742(c) provides:

“(c) Volunteer services; incidental expenses; Federal employee status; authorization of appropriations

(1) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce may each recruit, train, and accept, without regard to the provisions of title 5, the services of individuals without compensation as volunteers for, or in aid of programs conducted by either Secretary through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce are each authorized to provide for incidental expenses such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, awards (including nominal cash awards) and recognition, and subsistence of such volunteers without regard to their places of residence.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a volunteer shall not be deemed a Federal employee and shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those relative to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits.

(4) For the purpose of the tort claim provisions of title 28, a volunteer under this subsection shall be considered a Federal employee.

(5) For the purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, relating to compensation to Federal employees for work injuries, volunteers under this subsection shall be deemed employees of the United States within the meaning of the term "employees" as defined in section 8101 of title 5, and the provisions of that subchapter shall apply.”