Ocean Security Forum 2021

Thursday December 16, 2021: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
CSIS Headquarters 2nd Floor

The Stephenson Ocean Security Project highlights the ways that global security challenges arise from marine resource competition and works towards solutions that support sustainable development, coalition building, and the need for American leadership. This year’s Forum will examine changes in U.S. policy towards marine resource security over the past three Administrations and the evolving role of private sector technology in transparency at sea.

A first panel senior government officials will explore the ways in which U.S. policy on marine resource security has evolved across the Obama, Trump, and Biden Administrations including a focus on the linked impacts of climate change and escalating competition for marine resources. A second panel will explore the rapidly growing field of private sector tools for enhancing global maritime domain awareness and the opportunities and challenges the U.S. government faces in using these tools to improve human rights and marine resource security. We will also look towards the upcoming 2022 OurOceans Conference and consider opportunities for making significant progress in addressing IUU fishing and related human rights and marine resource challenges over the next five years.

AGENDA

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. | Check-in and Coffee

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks
• Dr. Whitley Saumweber, Director, Stephenson Ocean Security Project, CSIS

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. | Panel Discussion: A Decade of Change: The Evolving Nature of U.S. Policy Towards Marine Resource Security. Moderated by Dr. Whitley Saumweber
• Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
• ADM Karl Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

2:45 – 3:00 pm | Break

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Keynote Address: Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion: Private Sector Tech, Public Sector Need: The Changing Face of Transparency at Sea. Moderated by Dr. Ian Ralby, CEO, I.R. Consilium
• Paul Woods, Chief Innovation Officer, Global Fishing Watch
• Beth Lowell, Deputy Vice President for U.S. Campaigns, Oceana
• Duncan Copeland, Executive Director, Trygg Mat Tracking
Dr. Jared Dunnmon, Technical Director for AI and Machine Learning, Department of Defense, Defense Innovation Unit

4:30 – 4:45 p.m. | Concluding Remarks

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