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JONES, FRANK AND TIERNEY QUESTION NOAA ON STATUS OF DALE JONES' REPLACEMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today Congressman Walter B. Jones (NC-3) and New England colleagues Barney Frank (MA-4) and John Tierney (MA-06) questioned NOAA Fisheries Administrator Eric Schwaab about the status of hiring a new Director for the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE). NOAA Fisheries has not found a permanent replacement since it removed former Director Dale Jones over a year ago. [Press reports](#) also indicate that NOAA Fisheries recently reposted the job opening announcement without a requirement contained in prior announcements that the successful candidate has a bachelor's degree. Many have questioned this development considering that the job pays between \$119,554 and \$179,000 per year and involves leading a national force of over 200 agents with a budget of more than \$50 million.

In a letter to Administrator Schwaab, Congressmen Jones, Frank and Tierney asked for the agency to produce the following information:

- a status report on the search for a new Director;
- an analysis of whether Directors of Law Enforcement at other federal agencies are required to have degrees; and,
- the educational credentials of the last three NOAA Fisheries OLE Directors.

A copy of the Congressmen's letter can be found [here](#).

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