



# Overview for WOA Reviewers

## “Ports” and “Shipping” Chapters

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Thank you upfront!

# About the World Ocean Assessment (WOA)

- The WOA is an international United Nations effort
  - *It began as a directive from the U.N. General Assembly*
  - *Intended to occur every five years*
  - *This year is the first year*
- The WOA is written by an international writing team and includes 50+ chapters under four main subject themes:
  - *(a) marine environment and understanding of the ocean's role in the global integrated Earth system; (b) food security and food safety; (c) **human activities that influence the ocean or are influenced by the ocean**; (d) and marine biological diversity.*



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- The U.S. Department of State has been tasked to oversee the U.S. Review of the WOA – *and the CMTS has been tasked by DOS to promote and coordinate the review of TWO Chapters: Ports; Shipping.*
- The U.S. review period is now open! Reviews are due by Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> (~3 weeks!)
- Anyone can review the chapters – feel free to share this information with your colleagues far and wide!



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- The Ports chapter (9 pages) covers:
  - *The significance of port activities*
  - *Impacts of port creation/maintenance*
  - *Significant environmental/economic/social aspects*
- The Shipping chapter (33 pages) covers:
  - *World trade routes and patterns*
  - *Environmental impacts of shipping*
  - *Key links to other industries (i.e. navigation services)*
- Both chapters identify gaps in capacity to assess the environmental/social/economic aspects of shipping and ports.



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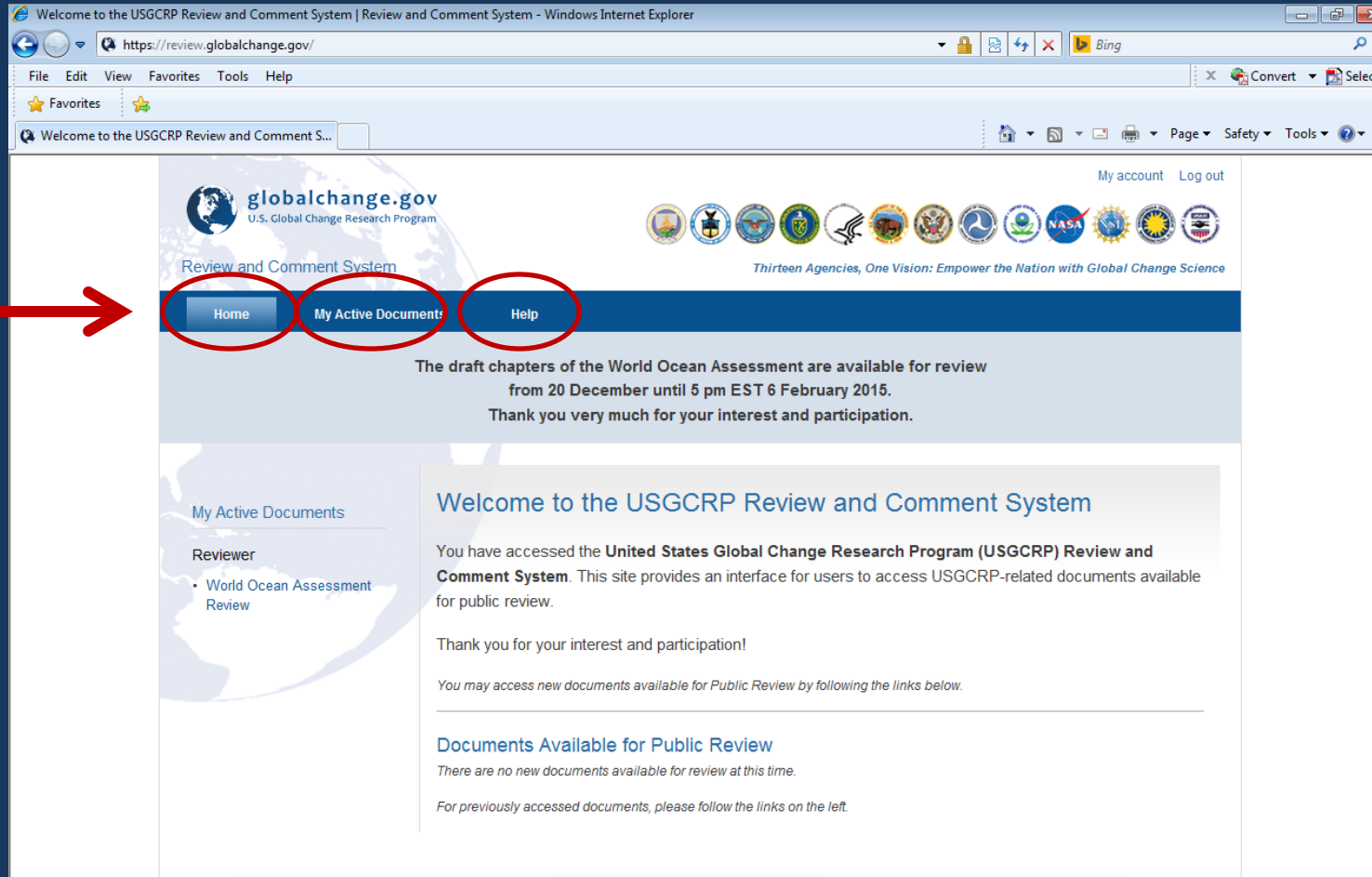
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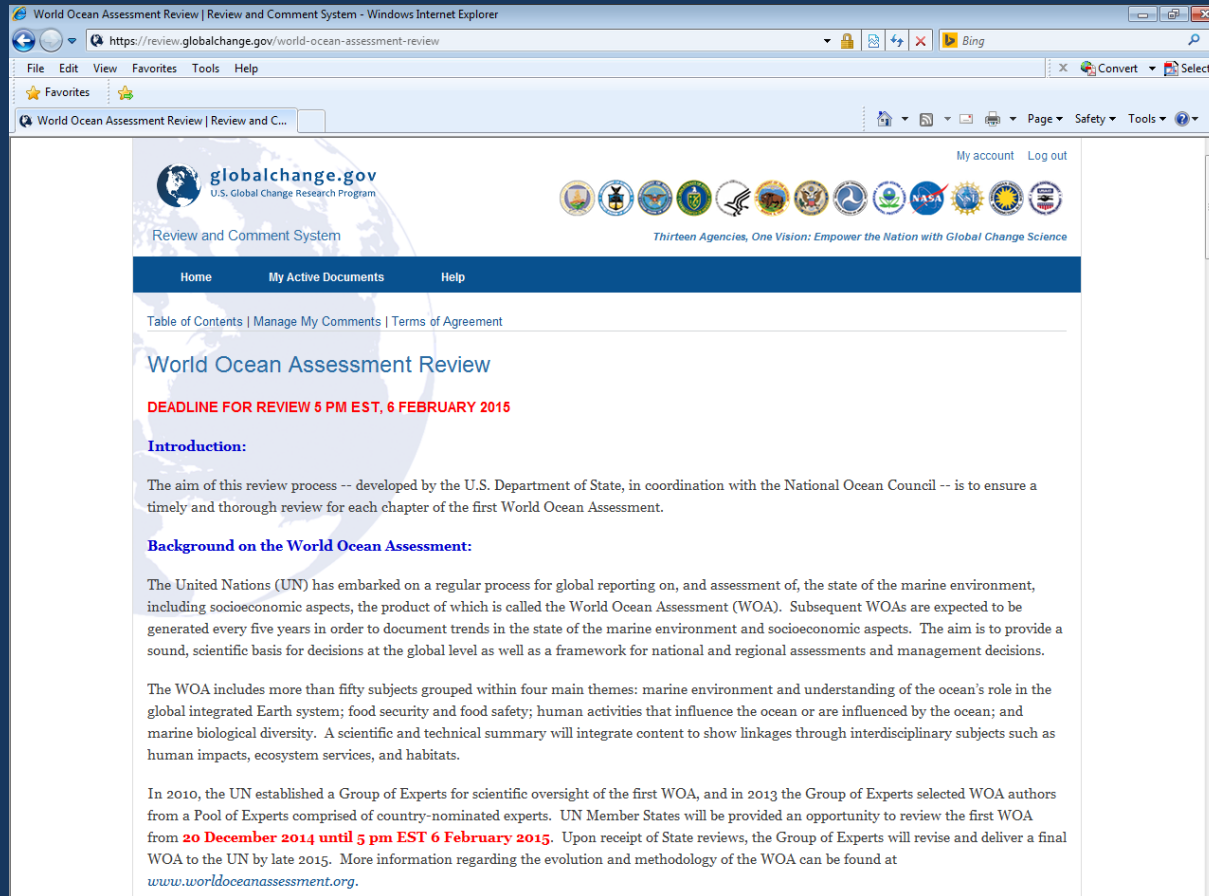
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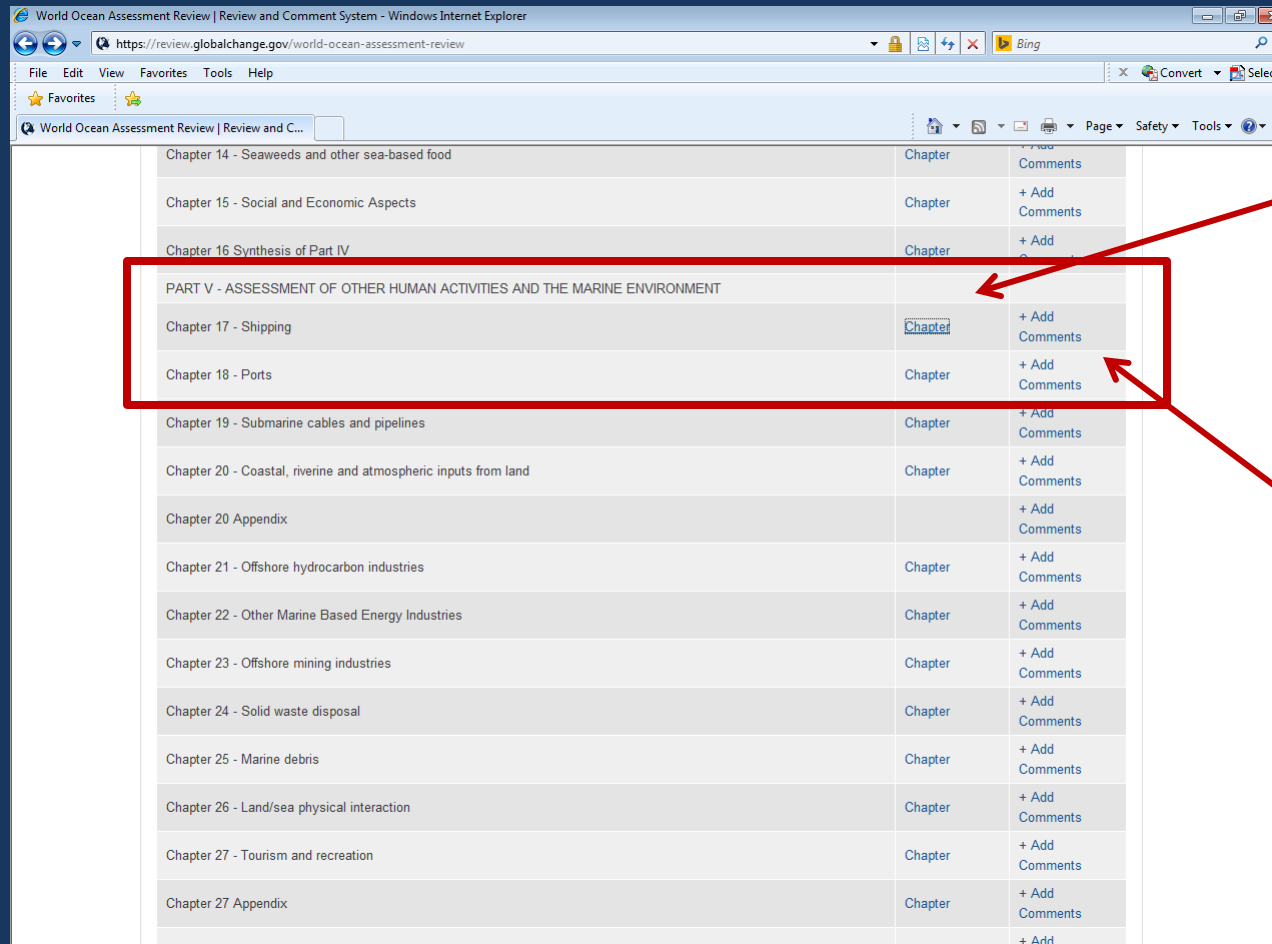
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- All comments will be transmitted to the U.N. via the DOS. *The Federal Government has the right to “reject, modify, or combine comments received for the U.S. Government Review”*
- WOA Chapters will not be published until they are final. Reviewers are required to respect this.



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**U.S. Federal Register notice requesting reviewers:**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-06/pdf/2014-13224.pdf>

**Outline of the WOA:**

[http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/Final%20Outline%20First%20Global%20Integrated%20Marine%20Assessment.pdf](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/Final%20Outline%20First%20Global%20Integrated%20Marine%20Assessment.pdf)

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**\*\*Strongly recommended reading**



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