

## Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal

---

**From:** Julie Roberts NOAA Federal  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:16 PM  
**To:** Chris Oliver NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** RE: Neil briefing President today

I wasn't able to actually be in the Oval Office but Neil said it went well. He had 30 minutes with the President, Vice President, Pete Gaynor Acting FEMA Administrator, and Admiral Brown NSC Director. They discussed the forecast and expected landfall (b) (5) the President made decision to cancel his trip to Poland this weekend to stay here to monitor and respond. On the way out we had to step into a room because the President and VP walked by. Taylor and I sat in the West Wing lobby to wait on Neil. Saw a few people I know and others like Stephen Miller and Secretary Perry. All in all a good day.

We have made significant progress the last 18 months in building trust with emergency managers and the WH for disaster planning. If I accomplish nothing else this first term, this will be my biggest one.

Kindest regards,  
Julie Kay Roberts, CEM  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

“You can tell a lot about a fellow’s character by his way of eating jelly beans.” President Ronald Reagan

**From:** Chris Oliver - NOAA Federal <[chris.w.oliver@noaa.gov](mailto:chris.w.oliver@noaa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal <[julie.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:julie.roberts@noaa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Lawler - NOAA Federal <[andrew.lawler@noaa.gov](mailto:andrew.lawler@noaa.gov)>; Brandon Elsner <[Brandon.N.Elsner@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:Brandon.N.Elsner@ceq.eop.gov)>; Erik Jacobs <[Erik.M.Jacobs@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:Erik.M.Jacobs@ostp.eop.gov)>; John Luce - NOAA Federal <[john.luce@noaa.gov](mailto:john.luce@noaa.gov)>; Kevin Oconnell - NOAA Federal <[kevin.oconnell@noaa.gov](mailto:kevin.oconnell@noaa.gov)>; Kevin Wheeler - NOAA Federal <[kevin.wheeler@noaa.gov](mailto:kevin.wheeler@noaa.gov)>; Neil Jacobs - NOAA Federal <[neil.jacobs@noaa.gov](mailto:neil.jacobs@noaa.gov)>; Nicholas Flocken - NOAA Federal <[nicholas.flocken@noaa.gov](mailto:nicholas.flocken@noaa.gov)>; Stuart Levenbach - NOAA Federal <[Stuart.Levenbach@noaa.gov](mailto:Stuart.Levenbach@noaa.gov)>; Taylor Jordan - NOAA Federal <[taylor.jordan@noaa.gov](mailto:taylor.jordan@noaa.gov)>; Timothy Gallaudet - NOAA Federal <[timothy.gallaudet@noaa.gov](mailto:timothy.gallaudet@noaa.gov)>; Wendy Lewis - NOAA Federal <[wendy.lewis@noaa.gov](mailto:wendy.lewis@noaa.gov)>; Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal <[benjamin.friedman@noaa.gov](mailto:benjamin.friedman@noaa.gov)>; Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Neil briefing President today

I'm super jealous!

On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 1:34 PM Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal <[julie.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:julie.roberts@noaa.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon

A quick update. Neil has been invited to brief the President today at 2:30pm in the Oval Office along with FEMA. After two years of working with the White House team NOAA will be in the room. I'll update everyone after the briefing.

Kindest regards,  
Julie Kay Roberts, CEM

Deputy Chief of Staff  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

“You can tell a lot about a fellow’s character by his way of eating jelly beans.” President Ronald Reagan

--

Chris Oliver  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service/NOAA  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
301-427-8000