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Charly Alexander joined NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations in 2014 as Chief of their Planning and Performance Management Division where he leads strategic and operational planning and provides governance and support for enterprise-level performance measures. He represents OMAO on the NOAA Observing System Council, the Interagency Working Group on Facilities and Infrastructure, and on all NOAA-level strategic and operational planning. He is also deeply involved in the recapitalization of the NOAA fleet of ships.

His 30+ year career at NOAA has covered a wide range of assignments as an analyst and program manager that has included strategic analyses of ocean resources, estuaries, wetlands, nutrients and shellfish, seven years with NOAA's U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing Systems Program leading a technical portfolio of in ocean observations, data management, and modeling, and 10 years with NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries managing the execution of an interdisciplinary science support program that included a six-month detail in Hawai'i focused on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

He has a B.A. in Biology/Geology from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and an M.S. in Marine Science and a Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University (LSU). He received a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for post-graduate independent study his senior year of college (1978), a Sea Grant Fellowship while at LSU (1983) that took him to Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant, and a Presidential Management Fellowship (1985) that brought him to NOAA.