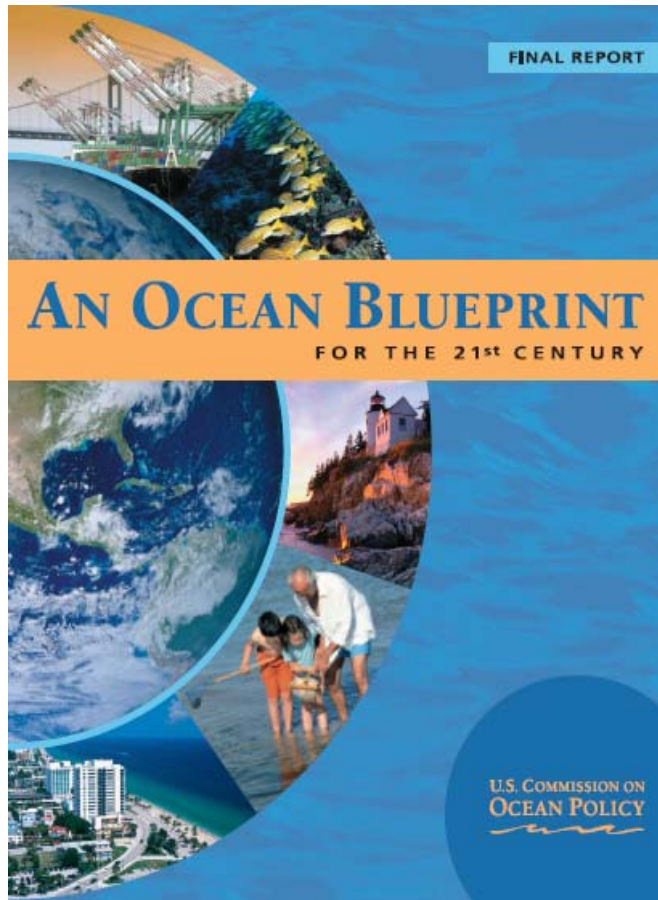


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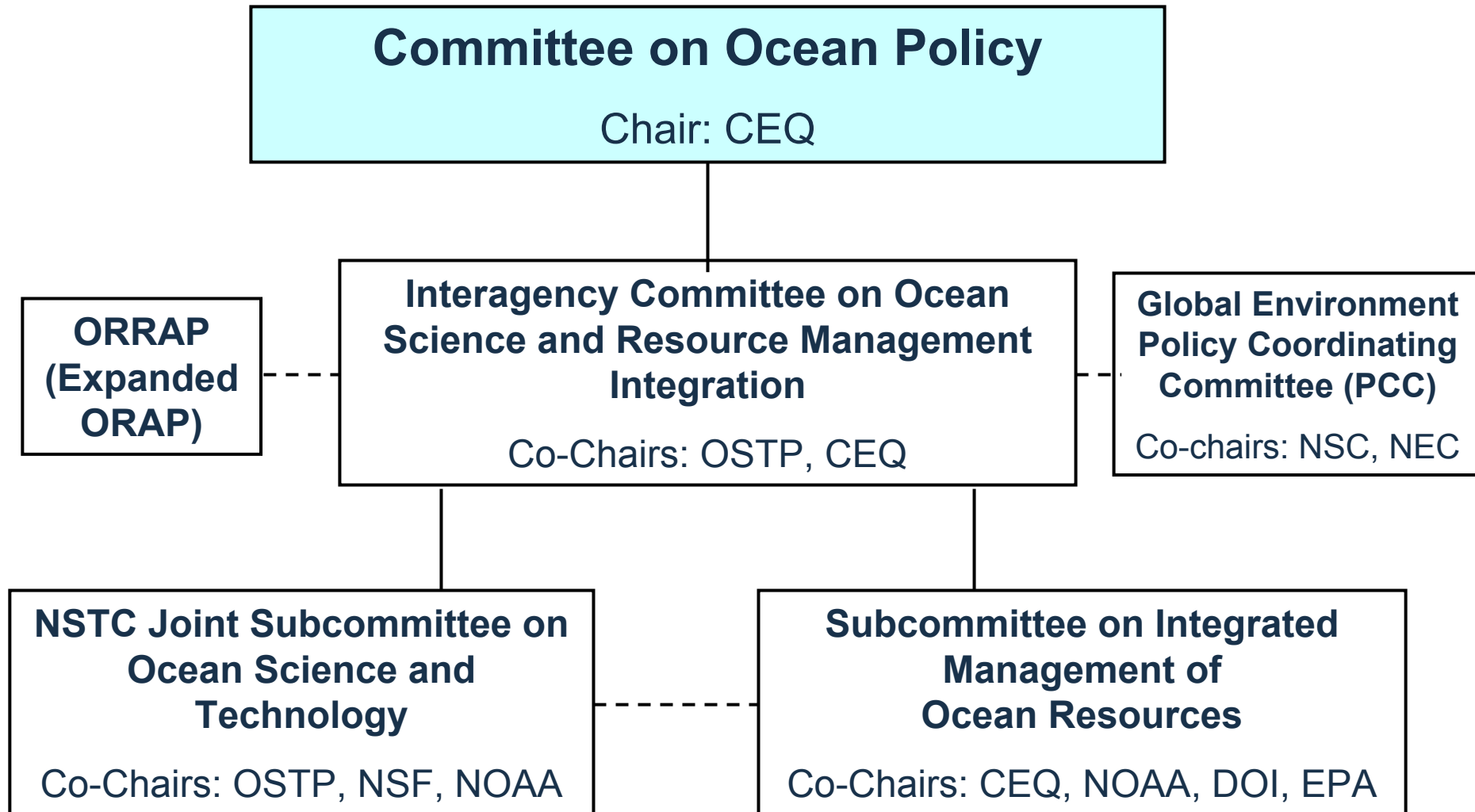


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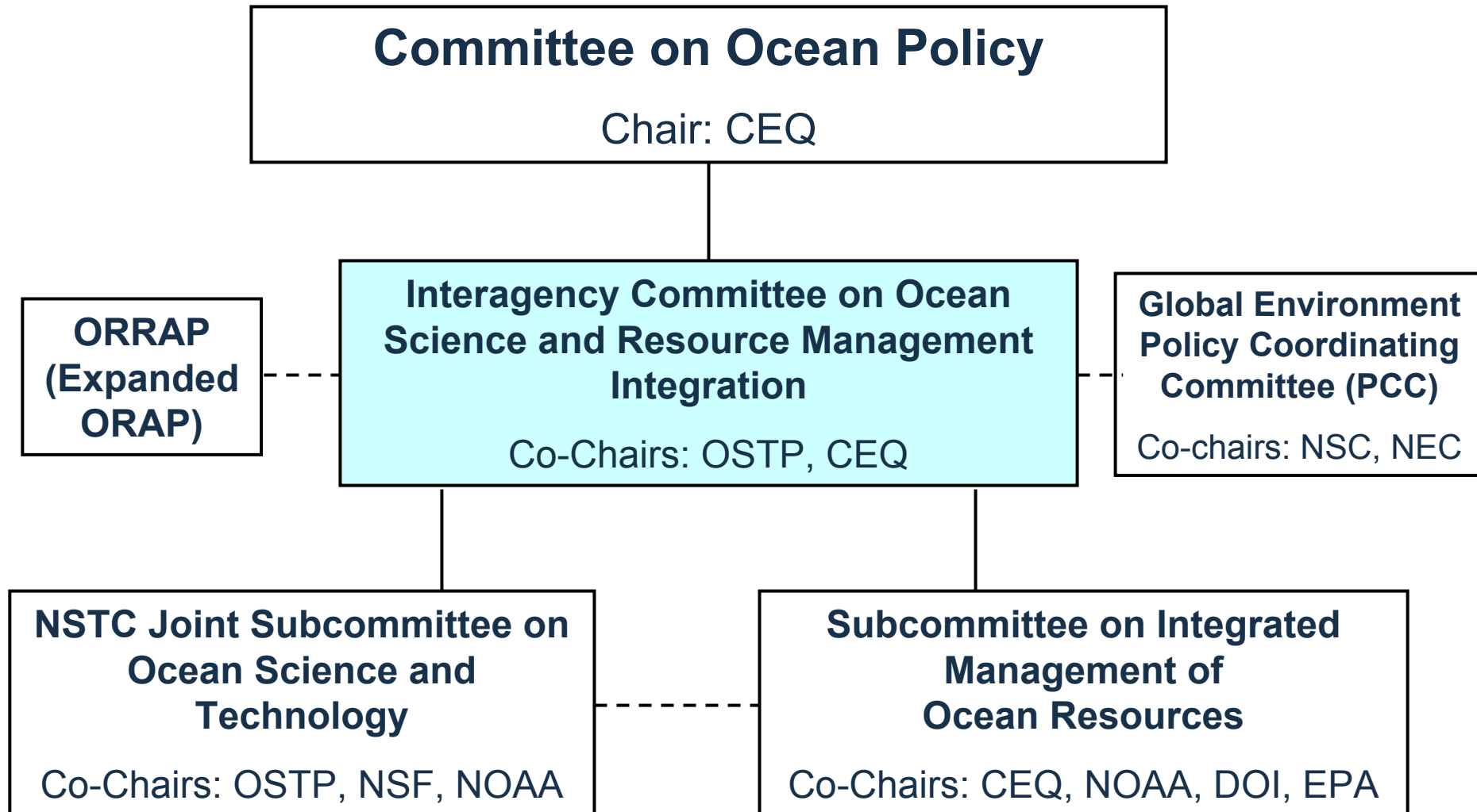
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  - seek enhanced coordination, collaboration, and synergies
  - identify gaps and deficiencies
  - link S&T development for a range of societal applications
  - address challenges through integration of capabilities
  - identify how ocean sectors should be engaged
  - develop in an open and transparent manner
- Ocean Research Implementation Strategy
  - evaluate performance and research needs
  - identify areas of highest priority and opportunity

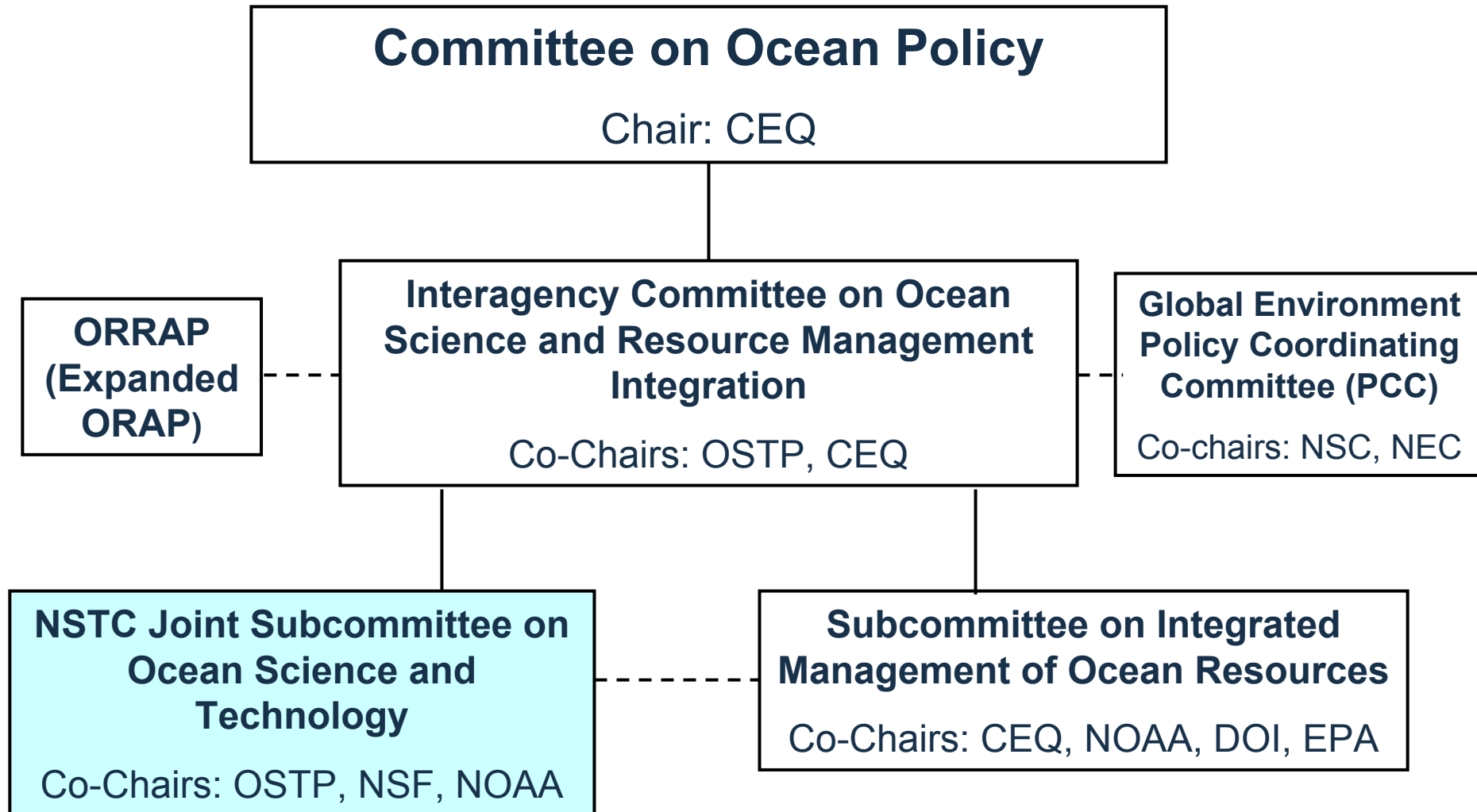
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