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Dr. William Y. Brown to be next President and Director of the Woods Hole Research Center

Falmouth, Massachusetts – The Woods Hole Research Center today announced that it has selected Dr. William Y. Brown as its next President and Director. Brown will begin his appointment at the Center on February 1, 2010.

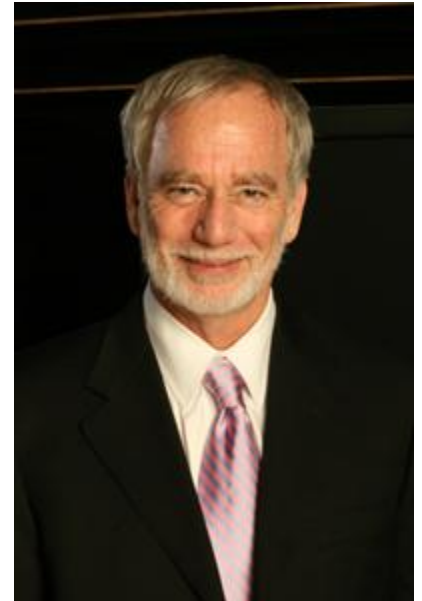
Dr. Brown is currently the President and CEO of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, the nation's oldest natural history museum. His previous positions include service as President and CEO of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Science Advisor to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt during the Clinton Administration.

"I am thrilled that the Woods Hole Research Center has asked me to be its next Director," said Brown. "The Center is positioned at the cutting edge of ecological research, addressing key issues fundamental to the advancement of global environmental quality. It is a world leader in understanding the circulation of carbon, nitrogen and water in the global environment and in the use of remote sensing

combined with investigation on the ground to assess and monitor large-scale landscape change. These activities combined have put the Center at the forefront of science and policy concerning ecology and climate change. I greatly look forward to helping the Center's research staff advance their work. I also look forward to drawing from my own background in science and law in securing science-based policies for a world whose environment sustains and enhances the lives of our species and the others who live here with us."

George M. Woodwell, the founder of the Center, commented, "Bill brings to us a rich background of experience in intellectual and institutional leadership in science and public affairs. We are more than pleased to have attracted the attention of this talented, scholarly leader at this moment, so critical in both the further development of the institution and in the transition of the world away from the destructive influences of fossil fuels and into a new phase of reliance on renewable energy. I speak for all of my colleagues in extending an enthusiastic welcome to this brilliant new talent as he joins us in the continuing challenges of defining and resolving the great issues of environment." Lawrence Huntington, chairman of the Center's Board of Directors, added, "The Center is turning to an exceptional leader to carry on the work of our recent President, John Holdren, who left the Center to become President Obama's science advisor, and our founder, George Woodwell. Dr. Brown's accomplished background in science, business, and government impressively equips him to lead a talented group of scientists in addressing the most critical issues ever facing our world."

Brown was born in Artesia, California. He graduated from high school in Brazil at the Escola Americana do Recife. He later graduated from the University of Virginia (BA, Biology, with highest distinction), Johns Hopkins University (MAT), the University of Hawaii where he was an NSF Graduate Fellow (PhD, Zoology), and Harvard Law School (JD). Brown is a member of several honorary societies and the District of Columbia Bar. He is a member of the Division on Earth and Life Studies advisory committee of the National Academies. He is Chairman of the Global Heritage Fund, President of the





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Natural Science Collections Alliance, a director of the Wistar Institute, and a trustee of the Academy of Natural Sciences. He is a former Chairman of the Ocean Conservancy, and a former director of various boards, including the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, Environmental Law Institute, U.S. Environmental Training Institute, and the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Environment Programme. Dr. Brown is married to Mary E. McLeod, who is the Legal Advisor to the United States Mission to the United Nations. They have two daughters, Julia and Emma Brown.

The Woods Hole Research Center is an independent, nonprofit institute focused on environmental science, education, and public policy. The Center has projects in the Amazon, the Arctic, Africa, the Mid-Atlantic, and New England, as well as integrative efforts at continental to global scales. Center staff work in collaboration with partners ranging from local organizations, non-governmental institutions, national governments and the United Nations.

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