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ANNEX 3-04 COUNTERSEA OPERATIONS

THE JOINT FORCE MARITIME COMPONENT COMMANDER

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Normally, commander, Navy Forces will serve as the joint force maritime component commander (JFMCC), exercising operational authority over assigned and attached maritime assets and forces. The JFMCC role is to provide a central authority over all maritime assets operating within a given region. These forces are generally centrally controlled and tasked from the command ship within a task force. Maritime tasking occurs through publication of the maritime tasking order. Air assets conducting countersea operations could fall under the tasking of the joint force air component commander (JFACC) in serving maritime objectives within an area of responsibility (AOR) (JFACC supporting/JFMCC supported). Organic naval and marine air assets will most likely be retained for direction by the JFMCC. Detailed coordination with air tasking order tasked air assets operating within or adjacent to the JFMCC's AOR is necessary for ensuring safe, effective operations.

The JFMCC is also responsible for advising the joint force commander on the proper employment of maritime forces, and in some situations, may plan and direct limited Air Force support operations in coordination with the commander, Air Force forces. For instance, a communications support unit operating in the maritime domain may fall under the guidance of the JFMCC.