

Summary of Telephone Interview of [REDACTED]  
Coast Guard Personnel Command, Washington D.C. by [REDACTED] conducted on  
03 October 2006.

[REDACTED] is the Assignment Officer for all officer afloat assignments. He did not assign LT Hill to HEALY, but did approve her one-year extension last year. She was extended for a year at her and the command's request, which was a good fit at the time, since the billet was slated to be filled by a NOAA officer in the next assignment cycle. That program is on hold at the moment.

The ice breaker fleet (both Polars and the HEALY) have collateral duty dive officers; only the D14 WLBs have primary duty dive officers. Thus, anyone can fill the dive collateral aboard HEALY, though it is often filled by the Marine Science Officer, a second tour officer.

Typically, the Dive Program Manager, currently [REDACTED], sends a solicitation message to the fleet seeking interested officers willing to apply to the dive program. The dive program manages the dive officer billets for the MSST's, D14 WLBs and all three ice breakers. Officers interested in any of those billets, whether primary duty or collateral, begin the process by contacting [REDACTED] and completing the prescreening process. The solicitation message details the requirements of pre-screening. The entire pre-screening process is managed by [REDACTED] who collects a list of candidates, and oversees the screening per the Coast Guard dive manual. Once a list of successfully screened candidates is compiled, it is forwarded to CGPC. [REDACTED] uses the list of successful candidates to coordinate assignments to dive units. The process from this point is essentially the same as with any assignment. [REDACTED] works with the dive commands, the members and the dive program to match officers to billets based on skill sets, experience, time in grade, etc. The list is maintained throughout the season as there are frequently cases where officers assigned to dive billets later fail out of dive school. When that happens, another prescreened officer is selected, and the billet is reassigned.

There is no written guidance in CGPC for dive officer assignments, since the program is maintained by G-RPC (the Dive Program Coordinator).