



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER),
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities, in the areas of: the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf Project, current and future exploration priorities, NOAA's ocean exploration partnerships, the next National Forum on Ocean Exploration, and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB web site at <http://oeab.noaa.gov>.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. EDT, and Friday, October 2, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography Coastal Institute, Hazards Room 215, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. EDT (please check the agenda on the website to confirm the time). The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by September 23, 2015 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after September 23, 2015 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, at (206) 526-6950 by September 16, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie,
Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory
Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under
the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation
that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an
ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national
program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA
leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities,
competitive ocean exploration grant programs, and other
matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private
sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit
institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—
from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the
OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of
ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and
partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean
exploration.

Dated: September 1, 2015.

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Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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