

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board
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Dr. Neil Jacobs
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Dear Dr. Jacobs:

The Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB) is pleased to provide the interim report of the OEAB's Subcommittee on the Blue Economy for your information and consideration. Since the subcommittee met for the first time in Houston in February, it has consulted with a variety of subject matter experts and held four virtual meetings to develop the interim report. The subcommittee chair, John Kreider, briefed the OEAB on May 27, 2020, and outlined the subcommittee's interim recommendations.

We commend Mr. Kreider and the subcommittee members for their diligence in producing a thorough set of recommendations in such a short period of time. The OEAB looks forward to continuing to work with the subcommittee and stands ready to assist you and RDML Gallaudet in this area.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Cameron R. Hume
Interim Chair