

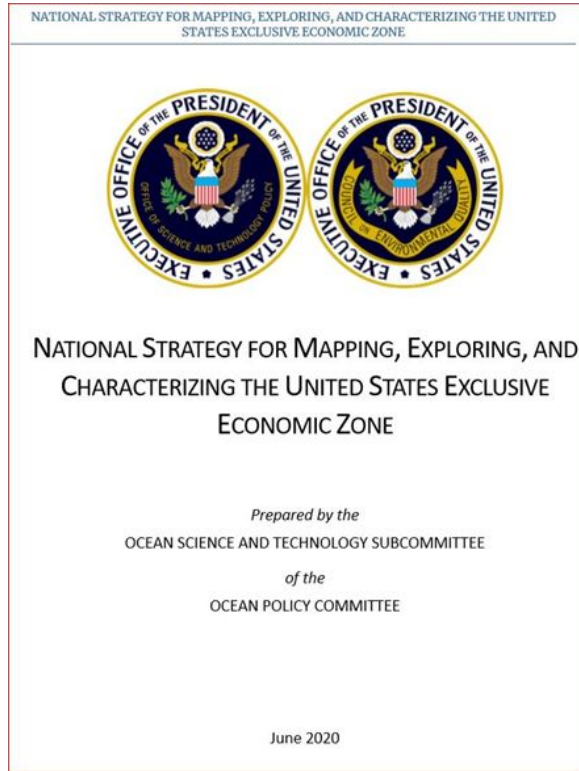
Ocean Exploration and Research

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- **Coordinator:** James Austin (UTIG/OER)
- **Co-conveners:** Admiral Jon White (COL), Alan Leonardi (OER)
- **Breakout Topic Co-leads:** Seafloor: Larry Mayer (CCOM/UNH), David Millar (Fugro); Biology: Amanda Demopoulos (USGS), Daniel Wagner (Conservation International); Marine Resources: Jeremy Potter (BOEM), Ruth Perry (Shell); Water Column: Mike Vecchione (NOAA/Smithsonian), Nicole Raineault (OET); Cultural Heritage: Jim Delgado (Search, Inc.), Cameron Hume (U.S. Ambassador, retired)
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Genene Fisher (OER), Catalina Martinez (OER), Dominique Rissolo (UCSD)
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Workshop Background



- Presidential Memorandum on Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska
- Publication of national strategy
- Workshop results will inform national strategy implementation plan and OER plans for the Pacific

An Opportunity and a Challenge

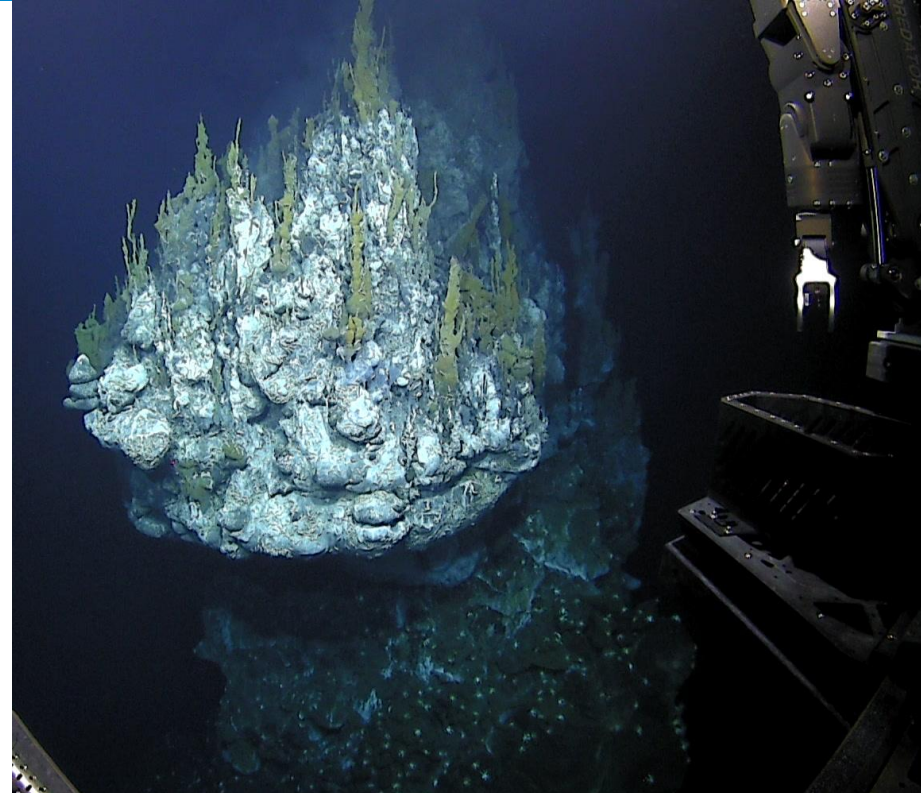
- After many years of sustained effort by OER, there is increased general interest and a new national imperative for ocean exploration
- OER's effort is but one piece of an increasingly complex national and multinational initiative to explore the oceans
- This exploration task, in the Pacific and beyond, is so vast that it will take a “full community” to get it done, likely over multiple decades
- This workshop, and others, helps set the stage for work OER (and others, both in partnership and independently) might conduct or support in the Pacific
- Such workshops will also be helpful in informing the broader effort to implement the national strategy

Virtual Workshop Timeline

- White papers submitted – end of February
- End March-early April – original in-person meeting cancelled in favor of extended set of virtual events
- Initial plenary – July 10
- Topical breakout discussions (seafloor, biology, marine resources, water column, cultural heritage) – July-August
- Breakout discussion reports submitted – by mid-September
- Final plenary – September 21-22 - included a panel discussion by indigenous leaders from Alaska, American Samoa, and Hawaii
- Final report – nominally the end of October 2020

Virtual Workshop Report Structure

- Introduction
- Outcomes and next steps
- Timeline
- Agendas of initial and final plenaries
- Breakout reports
- DE&I panel discussion summary
- Appendices:
 - White papers
 - DE&I panelists and short bios
 - Participant lists
 - Keynote talks (pdfs)



Questions?

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