



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Ambassador Cameron Hume
Interim Chair
Ocean Exploration Advisory Board
5902 Mt. Eagle Drive #1606
Alexandria, VA 22303

Dear Ambassador Hume:

Thank you again for forwarding the advice from the last Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB) meeting held October 1-2, 2020. As always, RDML Gallaudet and I found the OEAB comments valuable in helping us to think about NOAA and National ocean exploration priorities, whether in the context of the National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone or with respect to the Blue Economy.

I agree that there is value in extending the OEAB's Blue Economy Subcommittee. With this letter I request that Blue Economy Subcommittee Chair John Kreider and the subcommittee members continue their work in support of NOAA leadership and in reference to the work of the NOAA Blue Economy Executive Committee until December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil Jacobs".

Neil Jacobs, PhD
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

