Chair’s Introduction
Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

October 1-2, 2015
GSO
University of Rhode Island
OEAB Boundaries

• Advise the Administrator on **priority areas for survey/discovery**
  – Understand FY15-16
  – Advise on FY17 +

• Assist the OER in development of a 5 year plan

• Review (annually): **proposal review process**

• Other assistance as Administrator requests

• Comply with FACA rules
Focus first on the NOAA OER areas for discovery
  – OER = OKEANOS + OET + ECS + Competitive Grants

Consider Administrator’s priorities:
  – OE must support NOAA mission requirements
  – Exploration results must lead to “actionable environmental information” for NOAA clients

Note: We will get to other agencies and institutes in due course
NOAA OE Program Funding

• Approximate Funding:
  – FY 13: $23.688 million
  – FY 14: $26.0 million
  – FY15: $28.0 million
  – FY16: $19.334 million (President’s Budget Request)
    • House: $32 million
    • Senate: $22.34 million
    • If CR ... then $28 million
  – FY17: in formulation now
October 2015 Meeting

- Hear about OET and then especially how OET prioritizes exploration campaigns ... our generous host
- Hear about ECS (Larry Mayer)
- Hear from GFOE (Dave Lovalvo)
- Hear from Chris German re Students and Telepresence
- Dr. Leonardi responds to us re: future planning
- Discuss National Forum III in Baltimore ... briefly
  - Hear OER’s view of status of Forum I & II recommendations
- Discussion among Board ... craft short report to NOAA
- Next meeting ... St Pete in Winter ... Jackie
- Then in LA area in Spring/Summer ... Lance

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Backup
Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (PL 111-11)

- Establishes a national OE program within NOAA
  - in collaboration with others
- Directs NOAA to explore
  - in collaboration with others
- Directs NOAA to develop an OE Strategic Plan
  - in collaboration with others
- Establishes an OEAB
NOAA OER Organization

- Under Secretary of Commerce/NOAA Administrator
  - *Dr. Kathryn Sullivan*
- Chief Scientist
  - *Dr. Rick Spinrad*
- Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research (OAR)
  - *Mr. Craig McLean*
- Director, Ocean Exploration and Research (OER)
  - *Dr. Alan Leonardi*
- Deputy Director, OER
  - *Mr. John McDonough*
- OEAB DFO
  - *Mr. David McKinnie*