

Charter of OEAB

Objectives & Scope

- Advise the Under Secretary on matters pertaining to ocean exploration including:
 - Identification of priority areas that warrant exploration
 - Development and enhancement of technologies for:
 - Exploring the oceans
 - Managing the data and information
 - Disseminating the results
 - Relevance of the program with regard to the NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan and other guiding documents

Description of Duties

- Advise the Under Secretary on priority areas for survey and discovery
- Assist the program in the development of a 5-yr strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery
- Annually review the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process
- Provide other assistance and advice as requested by the Under Secretary

Long Term Results

Goal: National Ocean Exploration Leadership

- High public awareness of importance of global oceans
 - Global oceans is topic of mainstream conversation

- Proven intelligent/adaptive technologies exist and are used to conduct next gen ocean exploration

- Cost effective leveraging of ocean exploration funding
 - Federal ocean exploration \$
 - Private foundation \$
 - Other (opportunistic?)

- Healthy US Blue Economy established
 - Fostered new businesses based on sustainable economic development/understanding of oceans

Purpose/Areas of Advice

1. Identify priority areas that warrant exploration

- A
- B
- C

2. Development and enhancement of technologies for exploration

- A
- B
- C

3. Managing data and information

- A
- B
- C

4. Disseminating results

- A
- B
- C

Within these areas:

- What are topics for focus for which OEAB adds high value/differentiator?
- What is OEAB role:
 - Review?
 - Facilitate?
 - Create subcommittee to study and create recommendation?
 - Other?
- Recommended Core: NOAA-led Partnerships