



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Research and Development Enterprise Committee (RDEC); Public Comment for the NOAA Research and Development Plan

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth a public comment for NOAA's Research and Development (R&D) Plan set for release in 2019. NOAA R&D is an investment in the scientific knowledge and technology that will allow the United States to protect lives and property, adapt to challenges, sustain a strong economy, and manage natural resources. The R&D strategic plan will provide a common understanding among NOAA's leadership, workforce, partners, and constituents on the value and direction of NOAA R&D activities.

DATES: Comments are due by **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit public comments via email to noaa.rdplan@noaa.gov. Include "NOAA R&D Plan Public Comment on Draft Plan" in the subject line of the message.

All comments received are part of the public record. Please refer to the web page <https://nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans.aspx> for the most up-to-date R&D plan draft document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Key vision statement areas of the plan include: 1) Reduced societal impacts from severe weather and other environmental phenomena; 2) Sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources; and 3) A robust and effective research, development, and transition enterprise. Comments may address the proposed vision statements, key questions, objectives, document structure, and other content and formatting aspects of the draft R&D Plan.

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