



**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB)**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on the topics identified in the section on Matters to Be Considered.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 2021, and Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: This will be a virtual meeting. Information about how to participate will be posted to the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie,
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Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under
the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation
that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an
ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national
program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA
leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities,
competitive ocean exploration grant programs, and other
matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private
sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit
institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration –
from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the
OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of
ocean exploration – a network of stakeholders and
partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean
exploration.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The OEAB will discuss the following topics: (1) Ocean exploration in the context of administration priorities, (2) Annual review of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research competitive grants program, (3) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research updates, and (4) other matters as described in the agenda. The agenda and other meeting materials will be made available on the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public with a 15-minute public comment period on the second day of the meeting, Thursday, April 8, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT (please check the final agenda on the OEAB website to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Participation information will be on the meeting agenda on the OEAB website.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by April 2, 2021, to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after

April 2, 2021, will be distributed to the OEAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS: Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer by April 2, 2021.

Dated: February 3, 2021.

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