

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Notice of Solicitation for Members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: NOAA is soliciting nominations for members of the SAB. The NOAA Science Advisory Board is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB consists of 15 members reflecting the full breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility and assists NOAA in maintaining a complete and accurate understanding of scientific issues critical to the agency's missions. As a Federal Advisory Committee the SAB's membership is required to be balanced in terms of viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed as well as including the interests of geographic regions of the country and the diverse sectors of our society (business and industry, science, academia, and the public at large).

DATES: Nominations should be sent to the address specified and must be received by thirty calendar days from publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted electronically to noaa.sab.2008members@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1156, Fax: 301-713-1459, E-mail: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that NOAA science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to NOAA's

Mission Goals

- Protect, Restore, and Manage the Use of Coastal and Ocean Resources

Through an Ecosystem Approach to Management

- Understand Climate Variability and Change to Enhance Society's Ability to Plan and Respond
- Serve Society's Needs for Weather and Water Information
- Support the Nation's Commerce with Information for Safe, Efficient, and Environmentally Sound Transportation
- Provide Critical Support for NOAA's Mission

The SAB meets at least twice each year, exclusive of subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings. Board members must be willing to participate in periodic reviews of the conduct, support, and use of science in NOAA laboratories and programs. Board members are appointed for a 3-year term.

Nominations

Nominations should provide: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; and (3) a short description of their qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited. Inclusion of a resume is desirable.

Dated: January 24, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Notice of Availability for Public Comment on Proposed Data Management and Communications Standards for U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice of availability is hereby given for a 45-day public comment period on "proposed" Data Management and Communications (DMAC) standards for implementation of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). A description and references for currently "proposed" standards are posted at the following URL: <https://ioosdmac.fedworx.org>. At

that Web site, standards are categorized in a three level sequence as either "submitted", "proposed" or "recommended". This announcement seeks public comments on those categorized as "proposed". The public may view any standard using the anonymous guest login provided; however, submission of comments on the "proposed" standards using the website requires registration as provided by the website interface. Public comments are sought as part of the ongoing DMAC standards process adopted by the DMAC Steering Team in May 2006 to manage the review and adoption of standards (including guidance and best practices) in an open, objective, and balanced manner. Suggested standards may be submitted at anytime as this process will run continuously for submission of suggested standards and for public comment on those elevated to "proposed" status. Subsequent comment periods will be announced at approximately six-month intervals. The Web site will remain open continuously and display information about the schedule for future comment periods. All substantive comments received during a review period will be considered by a broadly based, expert panel convened by Ocean.US for that purpose. Possible decisions are to: (1) Advance the standard to "recommended" status; (2) defer for technical modifications, additional testing or comments; or (3) reject as not appropriate for IOOS implementation. Decisions will be posted to that Web site. Any subsequently modifications or additions to the developing set of IOOS standards shall be subjected to public review and comment through this same process.

DATES: Comments on the proposed standards must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time, on February 29, 2008. For the public unable to access the internet, printed copies of the currently proposed standards can be requested by contacting Ocean.us at the address given below. Written comments in lieu of using the website facility may be submitted via regular mail, e-mail, or FAX to Ocean.US, Attention: DMAC Standards; 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1210; Silver Spring, MD 20910, U.S.A. The FAX number is 301-427-2131. E-mail should be addressed to DMACStandards@ocean.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this notice, please contact the Office of Ocean.US, telephone: 843-740-1229 E-mail: DMACStandards@ocean.us.