

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

**Science Advisory Board (SAB)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), 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 of a forthcoming meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board. The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined in the section on Matters To Be Considered.

*Time and Date:* The meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 23, 2014 from 4:00–5:35 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Conference call. Public access is available at: NOAA, SSMC 3, Room 10836, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Md. Members of the public will not be able to dial in to this meeting.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to public participation with a 5-minute public comment period from 5:30–5:35 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The SAB expects that public statements presented

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 a total time of one minute. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by January 16, 2014 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after January 16, 2014, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

*Special Accommodations:* These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12 p.m. on January 16, 2014, to Dr. Cynthia Decker, SAB Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision

Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

*Matters To Be Considered:* The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Proposed New Members and Renewal of Member Terms for the Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group; (2) NOAA Response to the SAB External Review of the Ocean Exploration Program; and (3) Proposed Members for the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science Program Advisory Working Group. For the latest agenda, please visit the SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

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