

**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 Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The 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.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 10:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 23, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the web page <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

*Place:* The meeting will be held both days at the Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, California 90802. Please check the SAB Web site <http://www.sab.noaa.gov> for confirmation of the venue and for directions.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on July 22 at 3 p.m. (check Web site to confirm 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 five (5) minutes. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by July 16, 2009 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after July

16, 2009, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Matters to be Considered:* The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Next Generation Strategic Plan for SAB comments; (2) National Weather Service Strategic Plan; (3) Marine Transportation in the U.S.; (4) NOAA's Marine Transportation Programs, Commerce and Transportation Goal; (5) Panel Discussion on NOAA's Transportation Services; and (6) Updates from the Ocean Exploration, Oceans and Health, and Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Groups.

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