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**41st Meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board
Ann Arbor, MI
20-21 July 2011**

Summary of Meeting Actions

Action 1: The Science Advisory Board accepts NOAA's proposal for a way to move forward on re-alignment of its working groups along the enterprise objectives and will work with NOAA to further develop and implement this re-alignment.

Action 2: NOAA will do a Needs Assessment to support the re-alignment of the Science Advisory Board working groups and present the results of this at the Fall 2011 SAB meeting. This Assessment will include consideration of Arctic issues.

Action 3: The Science Advisory Board agrees to work with NOAA to form a task force on satellites that will be chaired by W. Townsend.

Action 4: W. Townsend will work with NOAA NESDIS to develop draft terms of reference and a proposed slate of members for the Satellites Task Force for consideration by the Science Advisory Board.

Action 5: NOAA NESDIS will provide support for the Science Advisory Board Satellites Task Force and will work with SAB on the process for doing so.

Action 6: NOAA will provide thoughts to the Science Advisory Board on how the SAB can assist NOAA in developing a quantitative process for evaluating the effectiveness of NOAA Research.

Action 7: NOAA will provide a statement with its thoughts on the complete review of the NOAA Research Enterprise.

Action 8: Members of the Science Advisory Board will indicate interest to the SAB Office in participating in any SAB activities arising out of action 7 regarding the NOAA Research Enterprise.

Action 9: NOAA will provide to the Science Advisory Board a link to or copy of a statement from Union of Concerned Scientists on the NOAA Scientific Integrity Policy.

Action 10: The Science Advisory Board will provide comments on the draft NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) and Handbook on Scientific Integrity to NOAA along with WG comments.

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Action 11: The Science Advisory Board and Office will incorporate into a final version comments on the Working Group Concept of Operations from the working groups and the SAB discussion of the NOAA responses at this meeting.

Action12: The Science Advisory Board will work with the Climate and Environmental Information Services Working Groups to determine if the final report on the Climate Partnership Task Force's recommendations can be completed within two weeks. If the timeline is not possible, the SAB will craft a letter to NOAA Administrator on this topic with its sense of the context and priority for the CPTF interim recommendations. The final report will then be due by mid-September 2011.

Action 13: NOAA will give a presentation on NOAA and US plans for the Rio+20 2012 conference.

Action 14: The Science Advisory Board will ask the Ocean Exploration Advisory Working group that this group to consider how to do a program review of the NOAA OAR Office of Exploration and Research.

Action 15: The Science Advisory Board Office will work with the Department of Commerce Ethics Office to identify any restrictions on SAB members as special government employees in providing their views to Congress. This information will be communicated with SAB members.