Proposed Language for the CIMEC Review Report Transmittal Letter

A Presentation to the
NOAA Science Advisory Board

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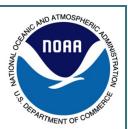(CIMEC Review Committee Chair)

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Purpose

- Present proposed language in the transmittal letter for the Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate (CIMEC) Review Report

- If the SAB approves the transmittal letter language, request that the letter be sent to NOAA.

Highlights from CIMEC Review

- Review occurred 6-7 February 2014 in La Jolla, CA
- CIMEC is a 7-member consortium and is a valuable member of the NOAA CI community.
- CIMEC received an "Outstanding" rating based mainly on the excellence of its scientific research and education/outreach projects.
- The Review Panel was most concerned by the fact that CIMEC does not have a formal strategic plan.
- At the April 2014 SAB meeting, it was decided that the CIMEC Review Report transmittal letter should include language suggesting the development of a strategic plan and explaining the "Outstanding" rating.

Highlights of Transmittal Letter Language

- *"The review panel concluded that CIMEC, as a consortium of seven geographically distributed institutes and universities in California, is a very valuable member of the NOAA CI community. It therefore assigned an overall rating of Outstanding, based mainly on the excellence of CIMEC's scientific research and education/outreach projects across all themes."*

- "A major concern of both the review panel and the SAB is that a formal strategic plan for CIMEC does not yet exist."

- "CIMEC is clearly beneficial to implementation of NOAA's strategic plan, and the review panel encourages NOAA to continue supporting CIMEC. However, the SAB strongly suggests that CIMEC convene its council of fellows and partners in order to produce a viable strategic plan within the next 6 months, before receiving that continued support."

Desired Outcome

- Approve the transmittal letter language

Questions

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