54th Meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board Hamilton Hotel Hamilton Ballroom 1001 14th St. NW Washington, D.C. 29-30 October 2015

Thursday, 29 October

9:30 AM Sign in by all Participants and Audience; Registration for Public Comment

9:45 AM Opening Statement of the Chair and Self-Introductions by Science Advisory Board (SAB) Members

Lynn Scarlett, The Nature Conservancy and Chair, NOAA SAB

SAB Consent Calendar

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- August 2015 SAB Meeting Minutes
- ESMWG Membership Roster
- Working Group Status Reports

DECISIONAL: SAB approves items on the list

10:00 AM NOAA Update

Kathryn Sullivan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere **INFORMATIONAL**

10:45 AM NOAA Chief Scientist Update

Richard Spinrad, NOAA Chief Scientist

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11:15 AM NOAA Observing Systems Council: Current Status and Way Forward

Manson K. Brown, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Observation and Prediction INFORMATIONAL

12:00 PM Lunch

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1:30 PM Review Report for the Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR)

Susan Avery, President Emeritus, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, SAB Member and Chair, JIMAR Review Panel

(JIMAR Director, staff and review panel members invited to call in)

DECISIONAL: SAB decides whether to accept the report

Strategy Session

2:15 PM Opening Remarks for Strategy Session

Kathryn Sullivan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

2:30 PM Panel Discussion with Invited Speakers

Rowan Douglas, CEO Capital, Science & Policy Practice at Willis Group

Richard G. Baraniuk, Victor E. Cameron Professor of Engineering, Rice University

3:45 PM Break

4:00 PM Continuation of Panel Discussion with Invited Speakers

5:30 PM Public Comment

5:45 PM Adjourn

Friday, 30 October

8:00 AM Sign in by all Participants and Audience

8:15 AM Recap of Thursday Strategy Session

Lynn Scarlett, SAB Chair

Stephen Polasky, Chair SAB Strategy Synthesis Subcommittee (by phone)

Richard Spinrad, NOAA Chief Scientist

8:30 AM Continued Strategy Discussion with Invited Speaker

Marcia McNutt, Editor in Chief, Science, AAAS and Nominee for President, National

Academy of Sciences

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Review Report for the Cooperative Institute for Mesoscale Meteorological Studies

(CIMMS)

Jean May-Brett, SAB Member and Chair, CIMMS Review Panel (CIMMS Director, staff and review panel members invited to call in)

DECISIONAL: SAB decides whether to accept the report

11:00 AM Update on NOAA Cooperative Institute Review Process

Cynthia Decker, Acting Director, NOAA Cooperative Institute Program Office

(Cooperative Institute Committee and Cooperative Institute Directors invited to call in)

ADVISORY: SAB recommends factors to be included in the review process

11:45 AM Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Program Advisory Working Group (RSPAWG)

Report on the RESTORE Act Science Program's Performance Metrics Plan and

Coordination Plan

Robert Dickey, University of Texas at Austin and Co-Chair, RSPAWG (RSPAWG

members invited to call in)

DECISIONAL: SAB decides whether to accept the report

12:15 PM Working Group Issues for Discussion

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12:45 PM Review of Actions

Elizabeth Turner, Acting Executive Director, SAB

1:00 PM Adjourn