

National Association of Marine Laboratories

Winter Meeting

One Washington Circle Hotel

Washington, D.C.

March 7-9, 2013

The NAML Winter meeting will be held at the [One Washington Circle Hotel](#), located at One Washington Circle, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 | (202) 872-1680 | (800) 424-9671. All events will be held in the “Crescent Room” located on the lobby level of the Hotel.

This document contains the schedule for the meeting including the list of speakers linked to their on-line bios.

We have also sketched a series of suggested questions or issues NAML members may consider discussing with the Congressional visitors and the Federal agency speakers who will be meeting with NAML on Friday March 8. These issues are provided merely as suggestions. NAML members are free and encouraged to raise whatever issues they believe are important for the future health and well-being of marine laboratories.

Following the suggested questions/issues are a series of links to various documents NAML members may wish to review and/or download to serve as background information for the meeting.

We have also included links to the Congressional committees that oversee ocean, coastal and Great Lakes issues.

Thursday, March 7, 2013

6:00PM: Reception

Buffet Dinner

Dinner Speaker – [Dr. Kathy Jacobs](#), Assistant Director, Climate Adaptation and Assessment, Office of Science and Technology
(Accepted)

8:00PM: Dinner Ends

Friday, March 8, 2013

8:00AM: Welcome/Meeting Objectives: Jo-Ann Leong, President, NAML

8:15AM: Public Policy Committee Update: Nancy Rabalais, Chair PPC

8:30AM: Update on the Federal Budget and Policy Environment – Impact on Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes Research and Education Programs: Joel Widder and Meg Thompson

9:00AM: [Dr. Libby Jewett](#), Director, NOAA's Ocean Acidification Program
(Accepted)

9:30AM: [Dr. Ann Zulkosky](#) and [Ms. Catherine Barrett](#), Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee **(Accepted)**

10:30AM: Break

10:45AM: [Ms. Jean Toal-Eisen](#) and [Mr. Allen Cutler](#), Professional Staff Members, Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Committee (**Accepted**)

11:45AM: [Dr. David Conover](#), Division Director, Ocean Sciences, NSF (**Accepted**)

12:45PM: Break

1:00PM Brown Bag Lunch Speaker: [Ms. Margaret Spring](#), Deputy Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA (**Accepted**)

2:30PM: Break

2:45PM: [Dr. Christopher Meyer](#), Research Zoologist and Curator, Director, Moorea Biocode Project, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution – Genomic Observatories. Ocean Sampling Day, and Marine GEO (**Accepted**)

3:45PM: [Dr. Ruth Gates](#), Researcher, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, University of Hawaii – Development of Coordinated Networks to Facilitate Research on Issues Important to Marine Laboratories (**Accepted**)

4:30PM: Break

4:45PM: [Dr. Ian Billick](#) – FSML/OBSF Workshop Report (**Accepted**)

5:30PM: Adjourn for Day – Dinner on your own

Saturday, March 9, 2013

8:00AM: NAML Business/Board Meeting

9:00AM: Regional Meetings

10:00AM: Take Home Messages/Next Steps on the NAML Policy Front – Nancy Rabalais, Chair NAML Public Policy Committee

10:45AM: Closing Remarks – Jo Ann Leong, NAML President

11:00AM: Meeting Ends

Suggested Questions/Issues to Raise with Congressional Officials

- ⑤ What can you tell us about how the sequester will be administered within NSF, NOAA, NASA and the other agencies with important ocean and coastal research and education programs. What oversight role will the Committee play with respect to the sequester?
- ⑤ How can NAML become more involved and more effective as a voice for ocean and coastal research and education? What arguments do you see as important for us to make that will resonate with Members of Congress?
- ⑤ NAML is a network of some 100 marine labs located all over the country. What advice do you have for us as to how we might use that network to effectively advocate for our ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes issues?

- ⑤ Discuss the ocean and coastal legislative agenda you expect the Senate to pursue over the next 12 to 24 months? What legislation related to NSF will the Committee likely consider and is there a role for NAML in that process?
- ⑤ What legislation related to NOAA is likely to be on the agenda and how can NAML assist in that process as well?
- ⑤ What is the Committee's view with respect to maintaining a balance between NOAA's extramural programs vs NOAA's intramural activities – particularly in these difficult budgetary circumstances?
- ⑤ With NSF, NAML is concerned about the balance between support for core research and education activities vs the support for large scale infrastructure and their operating costs. What view does the Committee have regarding this perennial NSF balance issue?
- ⑤ We are hearing the Administration is likely to propose the consolidation of STEM education programs – which sounds like they are getting ready to either transfer or cut NOAA education programming. What is the Committee's view with respect to the role of NOAA in science education?
- ⑤ How do you see the RESTORE Act and the ongoing legal issues related to the BP oil spill impacting support for ocean and coastal research and education activities?

Suggested Questions/Issues to Raise with Agency Officials

- ⑤ The NOAA Science Advisory Board has just completed its review and provided recommendations on NOAA's R&D portfolio. This review was requested by Administrator Lubchenco. Now that Dr. Lubchenco is leaving, what happens to the recommendations contained in this review? How likely is that the next Administrator will give it much attention?
- ⑤ NOAA talks a lot about working closely with its partners. And time and again, one outside body after another has called on NOAA to rely more on supporting outside or extramural organizations and less on building up intramural resources. Yet when the FY 2013 NOAA budget plan was released last year, the biggest cuts proposed by NOAA and the Administration were in the extramural programs. What can you tell us

about NOAA's plans for extramural programs in light of the FY13 sequester and the forthcoming FY14 budget request?

- ⑤ NOAA is in the midst of absorbing the sequester. What can you tell us about the impact of the sequester in NOAA on ocean and coastal research and education activities?
- ⑤ NOAA has begun to circulate a draft 5 year R&D budget plan that will formally be released for public comment later this spring. What can you tell us NOAA's direction with respect to R&D and how does this draft 5 year plan related to the NOAA SAB R&D report?
- ⑤ NSF (as well as NOAA) is one of many agencies that has been involved in the recently updated NSTC report updating interagency ocean science and technology priorities. What can you tell us about NSF's own priorities with respect to ocean sciences and education given the Administration's overarching priorities?
- ⑤ NSF is in the midst of absorbing the sequester. What can you tell us about how the sequester will impact support for ocean and coastal research and education in FY13?
- ⑤ Within NSF's ocean sciences division – you have a very difficult job to balance support for core research while also supporting the acquisition and operating costs of major facilities to support that research. How do you do that? What are your guiding principles? Is there a role NAML can play that would be helpful in supporting you in this difficult balancing act?

Links to Important Public Policy Documents and Resources for NAML Members

[OMB Sequester Memorandum](#), February 2013

[NSF Sequester Memorandum](#), February 2013

[National Ocean Council](#), Executive Office of the President

[National Ocean Policy, Executive Order](#), The White House

[Science for an Ocean Nation: Update on the Ocean Research Priorities Plan](#), Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, National Science and Technology Council, February 2013;

[Final Report of the Research and Development Portfolio Review Task Force](#), NOAA Science Advisory Board, February 2013;

[Draft NOAA 5 Year Research and Development Plan](#), NOAA Research Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, February 2013

[Field Stations and Marine Laboratories of the Future: A Strategic Vision](#), Final Draft January 31, 2013

[NAML FY14 Public Policy Agenda](#) (February 2013)

[NAML Letter on NOAA SAB R&D Portfolio Review \(January 2013\)](#)

[NAML Testimony on FY 2013 NOAA and NSF Budgets](#) (March 2012)

[“Green Budget” for NOAA](#) (February 2013)

[Sea Grant Association “One Pager” for FY14 Sea Grant Program](#) (March 2013)

[National Sea Grant Advisory Board, State of Sea Grant 2012](#) (January 2013)

[Joint Ocean Leadership – UCAR Letter in re Sandy Supplemental](#) (Feb 2013)

Key Congressional Committees for the Ocean, Coastal and Great Lakes

Research and Education Community

[House Science, Space and Technology Committee](#)

[House Subcommittee on Research](#) (NSF)

[House Subcommittee on Environment](#) (NOAA, EPA, NASA earth science)

[House Subcommittee on Space](#) (NASA, NASA R&D)

[House Natural Resources Committee](#)

[House Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans & Insular Affairs](#) (NOAA)

[House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee](#) (NASA, NSF, NOAA)

[House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee](#)
(EPA)

[Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee](#) (NASA, NSF, NOAA, NIST)

[Subcommittee on Science and Space](#) (NASA, NSF)

[Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard](#) (NOAA)

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