

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Research (OAR), National  
Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration (NOAA), Department of  
Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the  
schedule and proposed agenda of a  
forthcoming meeting of the NOAA  
Science Advisory Board. The members  
will discuss and provide advice on  
issues outlined in the section on Matters  
to be considered.

DATES: Time and Date: The meeting is  
scheduled for January 28, 2016 from  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard  
Time.

ADDRESSES: Conference call. Public  
access is available at: NOAA, SSMC 3,  
Room 11836, 1315 East-West Highway,  
Silver Spring, MD. Members of the  
public will not be able to dial in to this  
meeting.

Status: The meeting will be open to  
public participation with a 5-minute  
public comment period from 3:50 p.m.  
Eastern Standard 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 one  
minute. Written comments should be  
received in the SAB Executive Director's  
Office by January 21 to provide  
sufficient time for SAB review. Written  
comments received by the SAB  
Executive Director after January 21, will  
be distributed to the SAB, but may not

be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12 p.m. on January 21, to Dr. Elizabeth Turner, Acting SAB Executive Director, NOAA, Room 146 Gregg Hall, 35 Colovos Road, Durham, NH 03824; email: Elizabeth.Turner@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA 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.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Report from the Environmental Information Services Working Group on a Review of the NOAA Partnership Policy; (2) Discussion of Ways to Optimize SAB and Working Group Operations and Working Group staff support from the Line Offices and (3) Continued Discussion of Strategic Advice to NOAA and Impact on SAB Operations. For the latest agenda, please visit the SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Elizabeth Turner Acting Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Room 146 Gregg Hall, 35

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Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration.

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