

## ***SAVE THE DATE!***

The Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology under the National Science Technology Council (NSTC) is hosting its first public webinar for the Upcoming 10-Year Ocean Research Plan (the Plan), tentatively titled, "Ocean Research in the Coming Decade." The Plan will describe the most pressing research questions and most promising areas of opportunity within the ocean science and technology (S&T) enterprise. It will set the stage for actions across Federal agencies and with non-Federal entities to address societal needs and issues of national importance. The overall purpose of the Plan is to provide up-to-date, cohesive, and strategic guidance for the Federal ocean S&T enterprise, informed by and in alignment with the ocean S&T community and science-based information needs of resource managers, policy-makers, educators, and stakeholders. This new Plan will supersede the NSTC's "Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States for the Next Decade," which was published in 2007 and updated in 2013.

***This public webinar is open to all interested parties who would like to learn more and provide any questions or input to the content and structure of the Plan.***

**Date: December 8, 2016**

**Time: 11a.m.-12p.m. EST**

A Public Information Period is now open through January 1, 2017. A publicly-available Prospectus outlines the purpose and intended uses of the Plan, the proposed structure and content of the Plan, how the Plan will be developed and reviewed, and opportunities for community and stakeholder engagement. The SOST is not seeking comments on the Prospectus itself, but is using it to stimulate public feedback on the overall framing and content of the Plan. More information on the Plan and the Prospectus are available at [www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/orp](http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/orp). A Federal Register Notice provides additional information on the Public Information Period: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/28/2016-26118/plan-for-ocean-research-in-the-coming-decade>.

Please look for a follow up announcement with the call-in information and circulate this announcement to anyone who may be interested.

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