## NDSF Operator's Report UNOLS DeSSC Spring Meeting 2020

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## COVID-19 Risk Assessment Methodology

#### Clearly identify the risk to be assessed

- Science Cruise, Departing vessel, etc.
- Form a knowledgeable working group to discuss risks
  - Ensure good mix of people from various facets of Sci Mission and Vessel Ops

#### Discuss all potential risks and identify resources:

- Local, State, Federal, & Country Guidelines
- Regulatory Guidance: USCG, ABS
- Port Authorities: Domestic & Foreign
- Institutional Policies
- UNOLS COVID-19 Considerations, Updated 15 April 20
- UNOLS GW Medical Guidance
- Finalize risks and develop mitigation steps
- Present final determination





#### **Getting Science Back to Sea**

Preparing for Cruises & Questions to Ask 29 MAY 2020

## **R/V Atlantis Mid-Life Upgrade**





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#### Purpose

- Modernize
- Extend service life

#### Commercial

- Primary funding by ONR
- Managed by WHOI

#### Scope

- Repower
- New controls/power mgmt
- New bow thruster
- Upgrade key science systems

Timing: May 29, 2020-June 30, 2021 Budget: \$37+ million

# CWATER

# Complex for Waterfront Access to Exploration & Research



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#### Goal: Rebuild WHOI's waterfront research complex

- New dock and laboratory complex
- Accommodate activities requiring direct access to the sea (ships, AUV labs, test wells, small boats, shop, high bays)
- Resiliency a key design requirement
- Complex to serve WHOI and the greater community
- Feasibility study complete:
  \$75 million (2018) and 7 years
- Working Phase II planning, design, engagement and permitting

## NOAA OEAB

- Blue Economy Subcommittee
- Deep submergence recommendations

ACCELERATING GROWTH OF U.S. BLUE ECONOMY Initial Recommendations



sage Source: The Ocean Economy in 2030, OECD

An Interim Report Blue Economy Subcommittee Of NOAA Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

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# OceanXplorer<sup>1</sup>

- Owned by OceanX
- Ex-Volstad Surveyor
- Conversion at Damen Rotterdam
- WHOI technical support
- Science & Media
- BBC and Discovery Channel series
- Red Sea Q4 2020



