

Joint Subcommittee on Ocean
Science and Technology

*Interagency Working Group on
Facilities*

2009 Update

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JSOST Tasking

- Conduct an inventory of infrastructure needed to achieve the 24 Ocean Research Priorities Plan goals
- Use the JSOST Terms of Reference
 - Focus on shared-use federal assets
 - Structured around a data call to agencies
 - Shared use assets include federally owned or operate facilities and infrastructure
 - Resolve ambiguities
 - Analyze results and develop a report
- Follow-up guidance was to focus initially on the 4 Near Term Priorities (NTP)
 - Forecasting the response of Coastal Ecosystems
 - Comparative analysis of Marine Ecosystem Organization
 - Sensors for Marine Ecosystems
 - Assessing Meridional Overturning Circulation Variability

Status Update

- Inventories received from NTP lead agencies
- Format of the data call was not ideal
- Data must provide answers to 2 questions:
 - Is infrastructure sufficient to achieve the NTPs
 - How best to address issues of aging equipment, level federal budgets, etc

Actions

- Leads requested to review/revise data submission to better answer the questions
- Report data using the categories of current assets, under construction, proposed, etc
- IWG-F to review new NTP data inventories
- If this revised process provides the data needed to answer the questions then IWG-F will decide how to proceed with the other 20 ORPP priorities which are more difficult since no lead agencies were identified

Actions

- IWG-F members agreed to re-focus on a broader spectrum of infrastructure issues
 - Ships, autonomous vehicles, specialized platforms, Arctic operations
- Returns the IWG-F to a Charter goal of improving agency coordination on infrastructure topics of mutual interest
- Bi-monthly meetings with a focused topic agenda, beginning with ships