



## UNOLS Research Vessel Designation/Discussion regarding the *R/V Seward Johnson*

### Council Meeting-July 2009 Action Item

UNOLS Office prepare an information package that includes:

- Documentation on the Requirements for being a UNOLS Vessel
- Definition from CFR: Title 46
- Copy of the Cooperative Agreement



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### Code of Federal Regulations- Title 46: Shipping

#### PART 188—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Subpart 188.10—Definition of Terms Used in This Subchapter

- **§ 188.10-53 Oceanographic research vessel.**
- The term *oceanographic research vessel* means a vessel that the Secretary finds is being employed only in instruction in oceanography or limnology, or both, or only in oceanographic or limnological research, including those studies about the sea such as seismic, gravity meter, and magnetic exploration and other marine geophysical or geological surveys, atmospheric research, and biological research.





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### UNOLS Research Vessel Safety Standards- Edition 9- Chapter 3- page 9

- *OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL*: A vessel, which the USCG determines is being employed only in instruction in oceanography or limnology, or both, or only in oceanographic or limnological research, including those studies about the sea such as seismic, gravity meter, and magnetic exploration and other marine geophysical or geological surveys, atmospheric research, and biological research. This is a formal designation in writing by the cognizant Coast Guard Marine Safety Office (MSO). (46CFR 188.10-53, 46 USC 2101(18) and 2113)



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### BACKGROUND

- June 2009 - Local newspaper articles and request to sign a petition to "Save Harbor Branch"
- June 2009 - Commercial company called UNOLS concerned that *Seward Johnson* was competing in commercial sector
- June 16 - NSF & UNOLS call with HBOI's Director of Center of Ocean Engineering and Director of Tech Ops. Informed that HBOI was bidding on commercial work but would like to continue as UNOLS member until a decision was reached.





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### July 4 - Letter from Peter Tatro to Council

- Waite Institute of Discovery cruises were scientific research
- Aggressively Pursue working to join the Cepemar consortium for work in Brazil for Petrobras
- Tatro stated: If selected, we anticipate having to withdraw the *Seward Johnson* from UNOLS.

**Sept 15 -** Bill Baxley informed UNOLS that HBOI had been selected. Some procedural issues had to be addressed, and it was “looking good” that the *Seward Johnson* would be working in Brazil.