



UNOLS Process on Recommending Non-Operational Periods

- July 2006 the UNOLS Council was asked to define the criteria and a process for helping the Agencies with these decisions.
- **Charge:** Develop a white paper to focus UNOLS Council discussion and agreement upon an equitable and defensible process to be followed by UNOLS to arrive upon a recommendation by July 2006 as to which UNOLS vessels would be laid up in 2007 or beyond or retired.
- http://www.unols.org/publications/reports/budget_impacts/NonOp_Process_Recmd.pdf



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Criteria & Priority used

- Meeting Science Needs
- Geographic Availability
- Cost of Operations
- Quality of Operations
- Sharing the Pain
- Diversity of Operations.



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Submitted to Council and Council Subcommittee

Charge to Subcommittee:

Based on input from those affected groups, the subcommittee will provide balanced, fair, and un-conflicted feedback to the Agencies on the adequacy of the recommendations and possible alternative scenarios to consider. Within 30 days.

Make Up of Subcommittee:

- Appointed by UNOLS Council Chair
- Comprised of at least three members from non-operating institutions.
- UNOLS Chair may appoint past Council members or other UNOLS committee members



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Non-Op Committee Members- June 2012

- Debbie Steinberg (VIMS)
- Wilf Gardner (TAMU)
- Robin Muench(ESR)
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Agency Recommendations (June 1, 2012)



UNOLS Council Chair



Subcommittee



Share the draft recommendations with UNOLS ship operators, the Council, UNOLS Office and any other interested parties.



Feedback to Agencies



Summary of Agency Recommendations for 2013 Fleet Operations

- In CY 2012, NSF approved transfer of *R/V Oceanus* to OSU and retirement of *R/V Wecoma*
- NSF plans to retire *R/V Cape Hatteras* in 2013 & *R/V Point Sur* will be considered in 2014
- ONR plans to retire *R/V Knorr* & *R/V Melville* to prepare for crew training prior to deliveries of AGORs 27 and 28. *Knorr* to be retired in April 2014 & *Melville* to be retired in December 2014
- ONR has initiated scoping studies for mid-life refit of Global AGOR 23 class to include *R/V Thompson*, *R/V Revelle*, and *R/V Atlantis*.



Summary of Agency Recommendations for 2013 Fleet Operations (continued)

- NSF and ONR recommend the operators of all ships find ways to reduce costs and seek appropriate opportunities to support research and education programs by other funding sources, including institutional funds