Summary of 3-11-14 FIC Meeting and Action Items that Require Council Attention

Clare Reimers
FIC Chair
Review of Projected Service Life End Dates showed some incorrect assumptions for nominal vessel service life. FIC will assume 30 years for new vessels coming into operation.

Service Life Projection memos following regular NSF inspections would be useful for FIC to have for all UNOLS vessels to evaluate potential retirement dates and to keep the community informed.

✓ Council asked to support this request to agencies.
Item 2.

- Review of future projections for Coastal/Local class vessels led to the motion that "UNOLS only consider the addition of a Coastal/Local vessel to the UNOLS fleet when it meets federal mission scenarios and safety standards." Basically, FIC proposes no change in the UNOLS Charter and no push for federally supported renewal efforts of this class.

✓ Council is asked if they concur with FIC and expression of this view in future planning documents.
Item 3

• Review of ship operator responses to vessel optimal use definitions has led us closer to the definition of Optimal Ranges (sweet spots) for each individual vessel.

• FIC will send forward proposed ranges to Operators for review including ranges for new vessels coming into service.

✓ After operator review and refinement, FIC will send a proposal to Council to adopt these new metrics for gaging fleet utilization.
Final Item

• FIC has established deadlines for drafting sections of a new web-based Fleet Improvement Plan (FIP).
• The FIP will include a new table that lists the design characteristics of each vessel and this information will be compared to projected SMRs.
• FIC will spend ~half day during the 2014 Fall meeting in Executive Session working on final FIP recommendations.

✓ Council will be asked to review the FIP after the Fall meeting when a draft is complete.