HISEASNET AND THE SECONDARY SATELLITE NETWORK
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Information about the transition of both satellite systems HiSeasNet (HSN) and the Secondary Satellite Network (SSN)
WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Names as we’ve known them...


- **Secondary Satellite Network (“SSN”)**: commercial-only Inmarsat IEEE L-band (Fleet Broadband aka FBB) and Ka-band (Global Xpress aka Gx). FBB and Gx, together, are Fleet Xpress (“Fx”). In service since 2010.
### FREQUENCIES

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<th>IEEE Frequency Designation</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
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<td>L-band</td>
<td>1-2 GHz</td>
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<td>C-band</td>
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<td>7.5-3.75 cm</td>
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<td>Ku-band</td>
<td>12-18 GHz</td>
<td>2.5-1.67 cm</td>
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<td>Ka-band</td>
<td>26.5-40 GHz</td>
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- **L-band**: Inmarsat Fleet Broadband
- **C-band and Ku-band**: HiSeasNet
- **Ka-band**: Global Xpress
History

- **2002:** HiSeasNet begins putting radomes on UNOLS vessels
- **2010:** Fleet Broadband (FBB) added to the fleet
- **2011-2012:** overages in FBB cause more bytes/mo to be bought
- **2014:** HSN bandwidth increased 400%
- **2015:** Fleet Xpress systems started to be used, but system not yet useful worldwide
- **2018:** Fleet Xpress working worldwide
TRANSITION OF SECONDARY SATELLITE NETWORK
Transition Timeline

- **February 2019**: Scripps/UC San Diego selected for NSF solicitation 18-562

- **Summer 2019**: phase 1 of hiring and onboarding additional personnel

- **Fall 2019**: University of California competitive bid process with vendors

- **November 2019**: contract selected for UNOLS et al

- **January 2020**: new five-year contract expected to begin
Five-year goals (general)

- Financial solvency and efficiencies
- Eliminate standalone Fleet Broadband systems from UNOLS
- Design bandwidth that accounts for ships’ berthing and ships’ Full Operational Year (FOY), as practicable
- Work with our program on moving toward 21st century levels Internet while at sea
- Establish support hours
Five-year goals (technical)

- Use network engineering on SSN to provide similar “remote campus” behavior to HSN
- As a network bastion point, align with program cybersecurity goals
- Geographic diversity for network bastion points
- Establish installation requirements such as planned lifecycle and 99% uptime
- Have secure, out-of-band access to satcoms gear for our support team
Goals for 2020

• No budgetary changes for 2020, but be ready for 2021

• Smooth contract transition on Fx

• Migrate Ku ships to commercial service

• Upgrade several FBB systems to Fx and reduce FBB GB/mo based on expected Fx rollout

• Establish new network paths and metrics collection
SUPPORT HOURS
Discussion of issues with supporting UNOLS
SUPPORT HOURS IN 2020 AND BEYOND

• HiSeasNet personnel are growing; it will become important to communicate through shared messaging mechanisms

• We also need to define expected working hours as a result of scaling. We are not funded for 24/7 support

• Expected working hours will start at 8 hours per day x 7 days per week: Tu-M 0800-1630 Pacific

• There are options for for 24/7/365 support, but they will inevitably involve a process where we have tiered support, escalating to HiSeasNet personnel when emergencies happen
DAY RATE CHANGES FOR 2021
Discussion of issues of solvency and our Internet purchasing
We aim to convert Ku ships to a commercial link

- Proved out on Oceanus, using Marlink
- Running our own ground station at the throughput we buy costs more
- While commercial services cost less, there may be more logistical challenges in getting expansions
## 2021 Proposed Rate Changes

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<th>Berth Range</th>
<th>HSN Day Rate Estimate</th>
<th>Fx Day Rate Estimate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Global/Ocean (HSN+Fx, higher FOY)</td>
<td>40-60</td>
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<td>Intermediate (Fx only?, moderate FOY)</td>
<td>25-35</td>
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<td>Regional (Fx only? Mixed FOY)</td>
<td>10-24</td>
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- Rates are preliminary **estimates only**; we are finalizing a financial plan with NSF.
- Rates factor in berthing count as a factor.
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?