



# 2026 Spring DeSSC Meeting

## Agenda

The Carriage House  
 Quissett Campus  
 Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
 Woods Hole, MA

| Date         | Start Time | End Time |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| May 20, 2026 | 8:30 AM    | 5:00 PM  |
| May 21, 2026 | 8:30 AM    | 12:00 PM |

### RSVP

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKm4ibyurlSqdlkSZDjdWqVPHML6emMyaQagi6zleeRGhBg/viewform>

### Zoom Link:

<https://washington.zoom.us/meeting/register/zfdMLtCvR6u7Y4XRP1MUKg>

All times are in Eastern Standard Time

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

| Time     | Minutes | Topic                                                       | Facilitator                  |
|----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8:30:00  | 30      | <b>Coffee &amp; Arrival</b>                                 |                              |
| 9:00 AM  |         | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>                          | Andrew Thurber/UCSB          |
| 9:05 AM  | 10      | Welcome to WHOI and NDSF                                    | Rob Munier/ WHOI             |
|          | 5       | • Code of Conduct                                           | Andrew Thurber/UCSB          |
|          | 5       | • Participant Introductions                                 |                              |
| 9:25 AM  |         | <b>Federal Agency Reports</b>                               |                              |
|          | 15      | • NSF                                                       | Brian Midson / NSF           |
|          | 15      | • Navy/ONR                                                  | Rob Sparrock / ONR           |
|          | 15      | • NOAA                                                      | Mashkoor Malik / NOAA        |
| 10:20 AM | 10      | <b>UNOLS Update</b>                                         | Alice Doyle / UNOLS          |
| 10:30 AM | 20      | <b>Break</b>                                                |                              |
| 10:50 AM | 10      | <b>Vehicle Scheduling</b>                                   | Alice Doyle / UNOLS          |
| 11:00 AM |         | <b>NDSF Vehicle Updates</b>                                 |                              |
|          | 15      | • Sentry NDSF Update                                        | Sean Kelley / WHOI NDSF      |
|          | 15      | • Jason NDSF Update                                         | Chris Taylor / WHOI NDSF     |
|          | 15      | • Alvin NDSF Updates                                        | Bruce Strickrott / WHOI NDSF |
| 11:45 AM | 30      | <b>What DeSSC can do for NDSF?</b>                          | Andrew Thurber / UCSB        |
| 12:15 PM | 60      | <b>Lunch</b>                                                |                              |
| 1:15 PM  | 25      | <b>mROV Updates</b>                                         | Andy Bowen / WHOI NDSF       |
| 1:40 PM  | 15      | <b>NDSF Data Plan Update &amp; Discussion</b>               | Tina Haskins / WHOI NDSF     |
| 1:55 PM  | 20      | <b>NDSF Imaging</b>                                         | Dwight Coleman/ WHOI         |
| 2:15 PM  | 45      | <b>Early Career Training Programs for future NDSF Users</b> | Andrew Thurber / UCSB        |
|          |         | • Re-cap of 2025 New User Program at AGU                    |                              |
|          |         | • Early Career Progressive Programs                         |                              |
|          |         | • 2026 Opportunities (AGU)                                  |                              |
|          |         | • Alvin Boot-Camp in 2027?                                  |                              |
| 3:00 PM  | 20      | <b>Break</b>                                                |                              |

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| 3:20 PM | 15 | Incentivizing existing NSF assets for proposals                           | Jason Sylvan/TAMU          |
| 3:35 PM | 25 | DeSSCEND or next year's Goal                                              | Discussion                 |
| 4:00 PM | 20 | Deep Venture                                                              | Robin Littlefield/WHOI     |
| 4:20 PM |    | <b>Advocacy for Ocean Science Funding</b>                                 |                            |
|         | 15 | • Insights from the Hill                                                  | Dennis McGillicuddy / WHOI |
|         | 15 | • Discussion                                                              |                            |
| 4:50 PM | 10 | New Book: <u>The Dark Frontier: Unlocking the Secrets of the Deep Sea</u> | Jeff Marlow / BU           |
| 5:00 PM |    | <b>Day 1 Meeting Adjourned</b>                                            |                            |
| 5:30 AM |    | Happy Hour<br>Aquatic Brewing<br>661 MAIN ST. Falmouth                    |                            |

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

Working Session for DeSSC, NDSF Chi Sci and funding agencies

| Time     |    | Topic                                       | Facilitator           |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8:30:00  | 30 | Coffee & Arrival                            |                       |
| 9:00 AM  |    | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>          |                       |
|          | 5  | • Code of Conduct                           | Andrew Thurber / UCSB |
| 9:05 AM  | 20 | <b>DeSSC Membership</b>                     | Andrew Thurber / UCSB |
| 9:25 AM  | 40 | <b>DeSSC Action Items from Day 1</b>        |                       |
| 10:05 AM | 20 | Break                                       |                       |
| 10:25 AM | 50 | <b>DeSSC Action Items from Day 1 (cont)</b> |                       |
| 11:15 AM | 20 | <b>2026 Fall Meeting Plans</b>              |                       |
| NOON     |    | <b>Day 2 Meeting Adjourned</b>              |                       |