

# APPENDIX V

## STATUS OF NAVY OCEANOGRAPHIC FLEET

Report to UNOLS FIC  
20 June 1996

AGOR (Auxiliary General Oceanographic Research) Ships:

- Navy-owned, University-operated.
- Four ships in service:

Hull No.	Name	Operator	Remarks
AGOR 14	MELVILLE	SIO	Upgraded '92
AGOR 15	KNORR	WHOI	Upgraded '92
AGOR 22	MOANA WAVE	U Hawaii	Deactivate FY '98
AGOR 23	THOMPSON	U Washington	Operational '92

- Two ships under construction:

AGOR 24	REVELLE	SIO	Delivered 11 Jun '96
AGOR 25	ATLANTIS	WHOI	Delivery sked Apr '97

TAGS (T-MSC operated Auxiliary General Survey) Ship:

- Navy-owned, Navy-operated.
- Seven ships in service:

Hull No.	Name	Remarks
TAGS 26	BENT	Deactivate 2000; replaced by TAGS 64
TAGS 27	KANE	Deactivate Sep '97; foreign transfer; replaced by TAGS 62
TAGS 34	WYMAN	Deactivate Sep '98; scrap; replaced by TAGS 63
TAGS 51	MCDONNELL	Operational '91
TAGS 52	LITTLEHALES	Operational '92
TAGS 60	PATHFINDER	Operational '95
TAGS 61	SUMNER	Operational '95

- One ship under conversion:

TAGS 45	WATERS	Intra-Navy transfer Oct '95; ready for ops Feb '97
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- Two ships under construction:

TAGS 62	BOWDITCH	Delivery sked Jul '96; Replace KANE
TAGS 63	HENSON	Launch sked Jan '97; delivery sked Feb '98; Replace WYMAN

- One ship in FY '97 Congressional actions:

TAGS 64      (unnamed)      Replace BENT

OTHER (Other Things Heard & Expeditiously Reported) Activities:

- Congressional Actions.

Authorization Bills:

- Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) authorization language supports acquisition of one new oceanographic research ship, based on a SWATH TAGOS 23 Class, for operation by an unspecified university. SASC increased budget by \$45 million for this ship.
- SASC also authorized \$54 million for the acquisition of TAGS 64.
- House authorized \$54 million for TAGS 64. No mention of additional university ship.
- It is expected that the House-Senate Authorization conference will modify the Senate language regarding the \$45 million acquisition but retain the intention to buy.

Appropriations Bills:

- House Appropriations Committee (HAC) is now in session.
- Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC) will convene shortly.

- Navy Activity:

AGOR 24 & 25 construction progress on track and nearing completion.

TAGS 63 delivery may occur early (Oct '96 vice Jan '97).

TAGS 64 FY '97 congressional funding very likely.

Deep submersibles, SEA CLIFF and TURTLE, scheduled to be deactivated in early FY '97 and early FY '98 respectively. Future uncertain. FOFCC advised.