

***DRAFT*****The Role of FIC in Fleet Planning**

- Periodically evaluate the state of the UNOLS Fleet as well as science research directions to determine future facility needs:
  - Develop/Update SMRs to address these needs.
  - Initiate the Conceptual Design Process.

Or

- When appropriate, request that institutions and/or consortium initiate ship refits/replacement efforts. FIC will work with these groups to assure that science mission needs are adequately addressed.
- FIC will work with institutions to review and advise on plans for vessel refit, replacement, or acquisition.
- FIC will keep abreast of non-UNOLS facilities to determine if these assets would offer an added capability to the UNOLS Fleet. When appropriate, FIC will recommend to institutions owning these facilities that they consider applying for UNOLS vessel status.