

Appendix VII

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HURL Operations History 1995-1997

1995: Awarded 3.8 million to complete conversion to operations from R/V Ka'imikai-o-Kanaloa. Lost 1.54 million by rescission after year was planned.

1996: Awarded 1,883 million; shortened year to 9 months by shifting anniversary date. Complete 49/50 planned dives.

1997: Awarded 2.14 million. 12 month year. Completed 22/27 planned dives.

1998: Drydocking required to maintain ABS class. Cost: 200,000.

Appendix IX

E-mail to Mike Perfit from Gene Smith
NOAA/NURP statement to the DESSC Meeting
4 December 1997

Mike,

Please give my regrets to the attendees, as I would have preferred to attend the meeting. However, the late receipt of our appropriation, and its accompanying language, has forced us to delay our competitive panel and this has made it impossible for anyone from NURP to attend.

Support of deep submergence science utilizing the National Deep Submergence Facility and other Navy deep submergence assets is a NURP priority. Proposals were solicited this year for ALVIN time in 1999, and while the selection process is not complete, enough quality science proposals have survived this year's competition to ensure that the \$500,000 reserved by NURP for ALVIN support in 1999 will be well spent.

I would like to reiterate that all proposals for deep submergence science are solicited through the six NURP centers and that proposals to use ALVIN or Jason in 2000 must be submitted to the centers in 1998 in accordance with their respective announcements. The quality of the science proposed will be reviewed at the center science panels along with proposals to use other facilities in 1999 including the remaining US Navy deep submergence assets. NURP will continue to liaise with the Navy and other agencies to facilitate the use of Navy assets by civilian scientists.

I am happy to see that the Third Party Tools agreement is finally going public and would like to recognize the hard work that went into the drafting of that document.

The final point that I would like to make is that NURP now includes in its peer review process the mechanisms to continue to support the highest quality science, while ensuring that NOAA's research needs are factored into the selection of research projects. This integration of NURP's research priorities with NOAA's research and management needs also emphasizes interagency cooperation to achieve national benefit in overlapping areas of responsibility.

Best regards to all and Happy Holidays from NOAA.