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## Appendix VI

September 18, 2000

Dr. Larry Atkinson

Chair, UNOLS Fleet Improvement Committee

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Dear Dr. Atkinson:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on where the University of Delaware stands in the design effort to replace the R/V CAPE HENLOPEN.

The comments on the Preliminary Science Mission Requirements (SMR's) have been received from the Fleet Improvement Committee. FIC's comments were extremely valuable and most will be able to be incorporated in the final SMR's without difficulty. We felt it necessary to forward several topics back to the Delaware Research Vessel Committee (DRVC) for final review, particularly on the critical issues of deck and lab space. We have since received final comments from the DRVC on these topics.

We intend to finalize the SMR's and begin development of the "Concept" design in October 2000. It is still our goal to have the "Concept" design completed by late spring 2001 (April-May), at which time the Delaware Research Vessel Committee will again convene to continue the review process.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Hawkins

Director, Marine Operations

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## Appendix VII

From - Mon Sep 18 10:17:41 2000

From: Braxton Tesh <braxton@skio.peachnet.edu>

To: Mike Prince <office@unols.org>

Subject: R/V Savannah Update

Mike,

Here is an update on the R/V Savannah : The ship was designed by Rodney E. Lay & Assoc. of Jacksonville, Florida and is now under construction at the Washburn & Doughty Shipyard of East Booth Bay, Maine. The yard is expected to complete their contract by July 1, 2001 at which time the ship will be sailed to Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in Savannah. The science labs will then be finished out and much equipment and electronics will be moved over from the R/V Blue Fin. This work will be completed by SkIO staff with hopes of having the ship up and operational by the Fall of 2001. Presently the Washburn & Doughty Shipyard is working a double crew on the R/V Savannah and is ahead of schedule with much of the steel work completed, the engines are set on their beds and the generators also set in place. If this pace continues we may shave a couple of months off the schedule. The estimated cost of the ship now stands at \$ 3.4 million.