

dated March 1989 are included as enclosure (4). FIC should be prepared to discuss these SMRS.

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Coastal Research Vessel Planning - Discussion on FIC's role in development of a conceptual design for a coastal vessel.

11:00am AGOR-26 Report-The Navy will be selecting an operator for the new Central Pacific Swath, AGOR 26. FIC has been asked to represent the academic user community during the Science Mission Requirement development and construction phase in cooperation with the operator. Discussion on a proposed way for FIC to do this.

12:00 pm Lunch and Tour of NOAA Pacific Marine Center

1:15 pm Replacement Plans for Skidaway's vessel, BLUE FIN - Skidaway has provided a set of plans and drawings for their new research vessel, SAVANNAH, for FIC review. See enclosure (5).

1:45 pm 1998 Fleet Improvement Plan (FIP98) - Larry Atkinson will discuss plans for completing the FIP98.

2:15 pm Interim Fleet Improvement Plan (IFIP) - Ken Johnson will provide an update on the status of the IFIP.

2:45 pm General Business

- Nominations for a New FIC Member
- Schedule of Next Meeting
- Recap of FIC Action Items

Adjourn

Appendix II. Meeting Participants

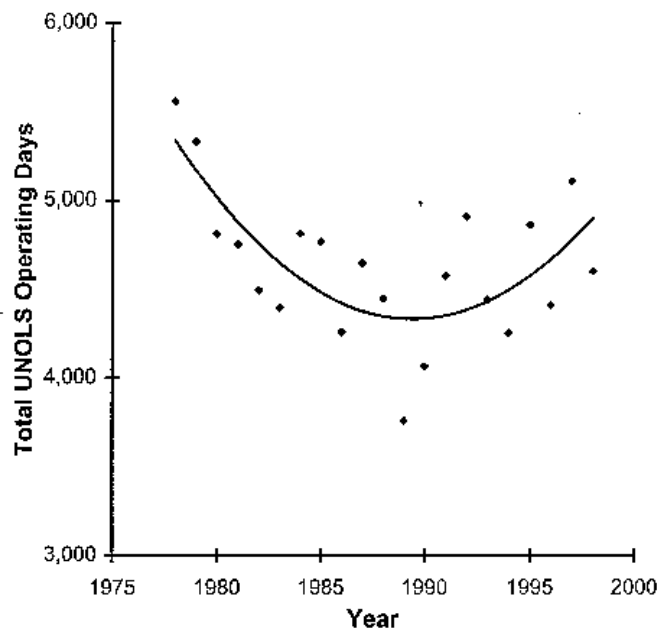
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Appendix III. Ship Funding Statistics 1987 and 1996

	1987	1996	96/87
Ocean Science Research Support	\$57.8M	104.9	1.81
Ship Operations	28.0	31.1	1.11
Operating Days	~4500	~4500	1.0



BY CLASS

SHIP	1995	1996	1997	1998
Atlantis	319	93	185	272
Ewing	310	315	273	91
Knorr	350	279	293	257
Melville	297	297	308	179
Revelle		80	287	280
Thompson	333	246	260	290
CLASS I/II	1609	1310	1606	1369
AVERAGE	322	218	268	228
Edwin Link	175	186	212	238