



**Oceans 2025 Programme Advisory Board 28-29 May 2008, at NOCS**

**Annex 1 The Recommendations of the Oceans 2025 Programme Advisory Board from the May 2008 meeting to the Oceans 2025 Executive Board**

For the Executive Board:

- To address with NERC concerns regarding transition to NERC's FAB regime, including securing national marine capability and the desirability of maintaining sufficient budget and close coordination across the marine community of marine research programme activities within the new NERC themes.
- To establish a clearer understanding of how NERC expects to review the science undertaken in the Oceans 2025 programme and evaluate the programme's impact – and hence establish appropriate performance indicators and information gathering. The PAB noted that it was not the role for PAB to review the science.
- To give attention to risk management and the updating of the programme's risk register with particular attention to staff changes, ship reliability and availability, and the scope to direct spend according to programme developments.
- To clarify and highlight the international dimension of Oceans 2025, emphasizing links and leverage.
- To develop a coherent communications strategy for Oceans 2025 that clearly sets out the questions to be addressed, the key messages and the main audiences.
- To consider new outreach mechanisms and tools to communicate Oceans 2025 to the widest range of key audiences, in particular to explore the opportunity to develop tools based on Google Earth.
- To address the scope for further cross theme interactions and linkages – esp. coastal observatories and data interpretation and modeling.
- To consider options to access bathymetric data requirements where currently held in trading fund status organizations.

- To encourage theme meetings using SOFI funding where appropriate and to consider whether the criteria for the use of these funds might be made more flexible to facilitate cross programme and programme/NERC theme interactions.
- To consider holding a meeting between the NERC theme leaders and key Oceans 2025 leaders.

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