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Crisis in the Funding of Basic Research in the Ocean Sciences: An Inside Perspective on NSF and the Role of the Community

A perfect storm of unfortunate circumstances has led to an unprecedented crisis in the allocation of funding to basic ocean science research. The Division of Ocean Sciences at NSF faces very difficult tradeoffs in the investment choices it makes in present and future years. To get input on these long range strategic decisions, NSF asked the National Academy to engage the community in a "Decadal Survey of Ocean Sciences" with the goal of making difficult choices on future priorities in a resource limited world. The NRC report was released in January 2015 and its recommendations are both transformative and controversial. I will describe the sequence of events that led to the study, its recommendations, and the important role of the community in providing continual strategic guidance to NSF. I will argue that going forward decadal surveys should become the standard process by which the community speaks with one voice about the priorities for ocean science research.

Host: Hannes Baumann

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