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**Department of Marine Sciences
Presents a Special Seminar By**

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**Producing a Decadal Plan for NSF's Division of
Ocean Sciences, and Its Implications**

Voicing concerns about the rising costs of operating major ocean infrastructure such as the oceanographic fleet, the Joides Resolution (US drill ship supporting IODP), as well as the moorings, cables and other hardware associated with new Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), the Director, Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE) contracted with the National Resource Council's Ocean Studies Board (OSB) for a decadal (2015-2025) plan for OCE. For this task, OSB formed a committee of senior people, including 5 members of the National Academies, with co-chairs, Shirley Pomponi and David Titley. The committee was charged to write a report that would: summarize ocean science accomplishments of the past decade, identify no more than 10 compelling, high-level research priorities for the next decade; analyze the research infrastructure to address the research priorities, recommend the alignment of resources to address those priorities and discuss possible partnerships between OCE and other agencies. The committee was to make recommendations in the context of resources available, i.e. within realistic OCE budget projections (level-funding or small increases).

I will discuss the process used by the committee, results and recommendations, and the implications of the recommendations. I will conclude with some personal remarks (not necessarily the view of the committee and the NRC-OSB) based on my experience, including as Director of OCE during the bygone era of the early 2000s during which the NSF budget was to double in 5 years (and it didn't).

Host: Heidi Dierssen

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