
APPENDIX D:
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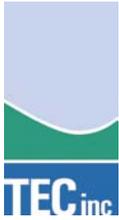
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SUBJECT: Site Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)

Dear Dr. Sudol,

On behalf of NSF, TEC Inc. (TEC), a subcontractor for The Consortium for Ocean Leadership (Ocean Leadership), is preparing a site-specific EA for the installation and operation of the OOI. The site-specific EA will be tiered off of previously developed documents including a Final Programmatic EA (PEA) (June 2008). TEC requested comments on the PEA from the USACE in January 2008; we did not receive any comments from USACE at that time. The Notice of Availability of the Draft PEA was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2008 announcing the opening of a 30-day public comment period. The Final PEA was followed by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (February 2009) and a Supplemental Environmental Report (SER) (April 2009). TEC requested comments on the SER from the USACE in April 2009; we did not receive any comments from the USACE at that time. The Final PEA, FONSI, and SER for the OOI can be viewed on NSF's website at: <http://www.nsf.gov/geo/occe/envcomp/> under "Ocean Observatories Initiative".

As part of the NEPA process, the environmental analysis of the installation and operation of the OOI now moves from the programmatic to the site-specific stage. The site-specific EA will update information previously described in the PEA and SER with more detailed descriptions of the proposed infrastructure, noting any changes to the location of the infrastructure and the technology to be deployed, as well as addressing any new findings regarding potential impacts. The purpose of this letter is to invite the USACE to act as a Cooperating Agency to provide input early in the site-specific development process, and to assist NSF in identifying potential issues during the preparation of the site-specific EA.

Overview of the OOI

To provide the U.S. ocean sciences research community with the basic sensors and infrastructure required to make sustained, long-term, and adaptive measurements in the oceans, NSF's Division of Ocean Sciences is funding the construction and operation of the OOI using input from community-wide, national, and international scientific planning efforts. The OOI is building upon recent technological advances, experience with existing ocean observatories, and lessons learned from several successful pilot and test bed projects. When completed, the OOI will be an interactive, globally distributed, integrated network of cutting-edge ocean observing capabilities. The network will enable the next generation of

complex ocean studies at coastal, regional, and global scales. The OOI is a key NSF contribution to the broader effort to establish the operationally focused Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). As these efforts mature, the research-focused observatories envisioned by the OOI will be networked to become an integral part of the IOOS and in turn will be a key and enabling U.S. contribution to the international Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

The OOI infrastructure includes cables, buoys, underwater vehicles, moorings, junction boxes, power generators (solar, wind, and fuel cell), and two-way communications systems. This large-scale infrastructure will support sensors located at the sea surface, in the water column, and at or beneath the seafloor. The OOI will also support data dissemination and archiving, oceanographic process modeling, and education and outreach activities essential to the long-term success of ocean science.

The OOI represents a significant departure from traditional approaches in oceanography and a shift from expeditionary to observatory-based research. It will include the first U.S. multi-node cabled observatory; fixed and relocatable coastal arrays coupled with mobile assets; and advanced buoys for interdisciplinary measurements, especially for data-limited areas of the Southern Ocean and other high-latitude locations.

The OOI Project is funded in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) via a cooperative agreement with NSF. Three academic-based Implementing Organizations manage the construction, installation, and operation of the Coastal, Global, Regional, and Cyberinfrastructure components of the OOI. The OOI Program Office, located within Ocean Leadership, provides overall project management, integration, and oversight for the construction and operation of OOI infrastructure. Ocean Leadership is responsible to NSF for delivering the operational OOI network and will be the designated owner/operator of the OOI network.

Global-, Regional-, and Coastal-Scale Nodes

The OOI design includes several moored sensor arrays representing global, regional, and coastal scales. At the global and coastal scales, moored observatories will provide locally generated power to instruments for data collection, and use a satellite link to transmit data. Figures 1, 2a, and 3a represent the OOI infrastructure design at the time the PEA and the SER were completed. Figures 1, 2b, and 3b represent the infrastructure to be deployed in the next 5 years showing the reduction in infrastructure since the PEA and SER.

Four global-scale Nodes (GSN) or buoy sites will be located in the Northern and Southern hemispheres in the Eastern Pacific and Atlantic oceans (Figure 1). The Regional-scale Nodes (RSN) spanning the seafloor of the Juan de Fuca tectonic plate will consist of seafloor observatories with various chemical, biological, physical, and geological sensors linked to shore by submarine cables that provide power and Internet connectivity (Figure 2b). The Endurance Array off the coast of Washington and Oregon (Figure 2b) and the relocatable Pioneer Array off the coast of Massachusetts (Figure 3b) are Coastal-scale Nodes (CSN). Mobile assets - autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) and gliders - will be integrated with the GSN, RSN, and CSN observatories.

Environmental Compliance and Interagency Coordination

On behalf of the NSF and in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 640, TEC is preparing a site-specific EA pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code §4321, *et seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 CFR §§1500-1508); and Executive Order (EO) 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*.

NSF is moving from the programmatic to the site-specific stage of compliance with the associated regulatory requirements. As explained above, the site-specific EA will be tiered off of the PEA to analyze any potential site-specific impacts not previously addressed in the PEA or SER. The site-specific EA will also serve as an umbrella document to demonstrate or support environmental compliance obligations with other applicable statutes including the River and Harbors Act (RHA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), among others.

In accordance with EO 12372, *Inter-governmental Review of Federal Programs* and to encourage efficiencies in completing the environmental reviews associated with the OOI, NSF invites USACE to be a Cooperating Agency during the preparation of the site-specific EA and also requests USACE's assistance in identifying potential issues to be addressed in the site-specific EA. Installation and operation of the OOI will not commence until all required environmental reviews, including NSF's compliance with the RHA, CWA, MSA, ESA, and CZMA and other applicable statutes, are completed.

On behalf of NSF, TEC requests your comments no later than 5 June 2010; however, comments received at any time throughout the NEPA process will be considered to the extent possible in the preparation of the EA. To submit comments or questions, or to request participation as a Cooperating Agency, please contact Rick Spaulding, Project Manager, TEC at (206) 855-4997, rlspaulding@tecinc.com or Jean McGovern, OOI Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF at (703) 292-7591.



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Attachments

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- Figure 2a. Location of Pacific Northwest RSN, CSN (Endurance Array), and Associated Glider Mission Boxes Previously Assessed in the 2008 PEA and 2009 SER
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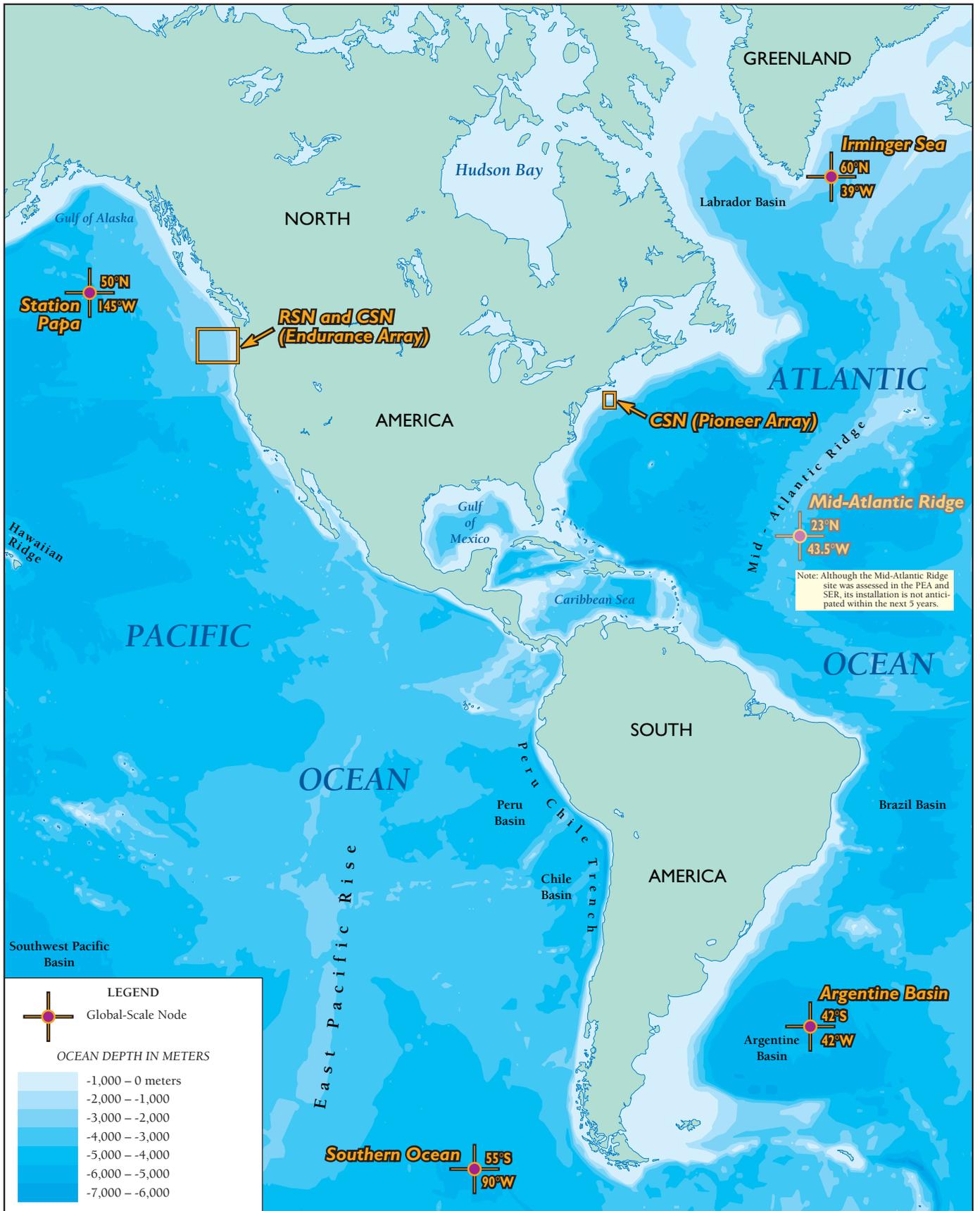


Figure 1
 Geographic Locations of the Proposed OOI Infrastructure
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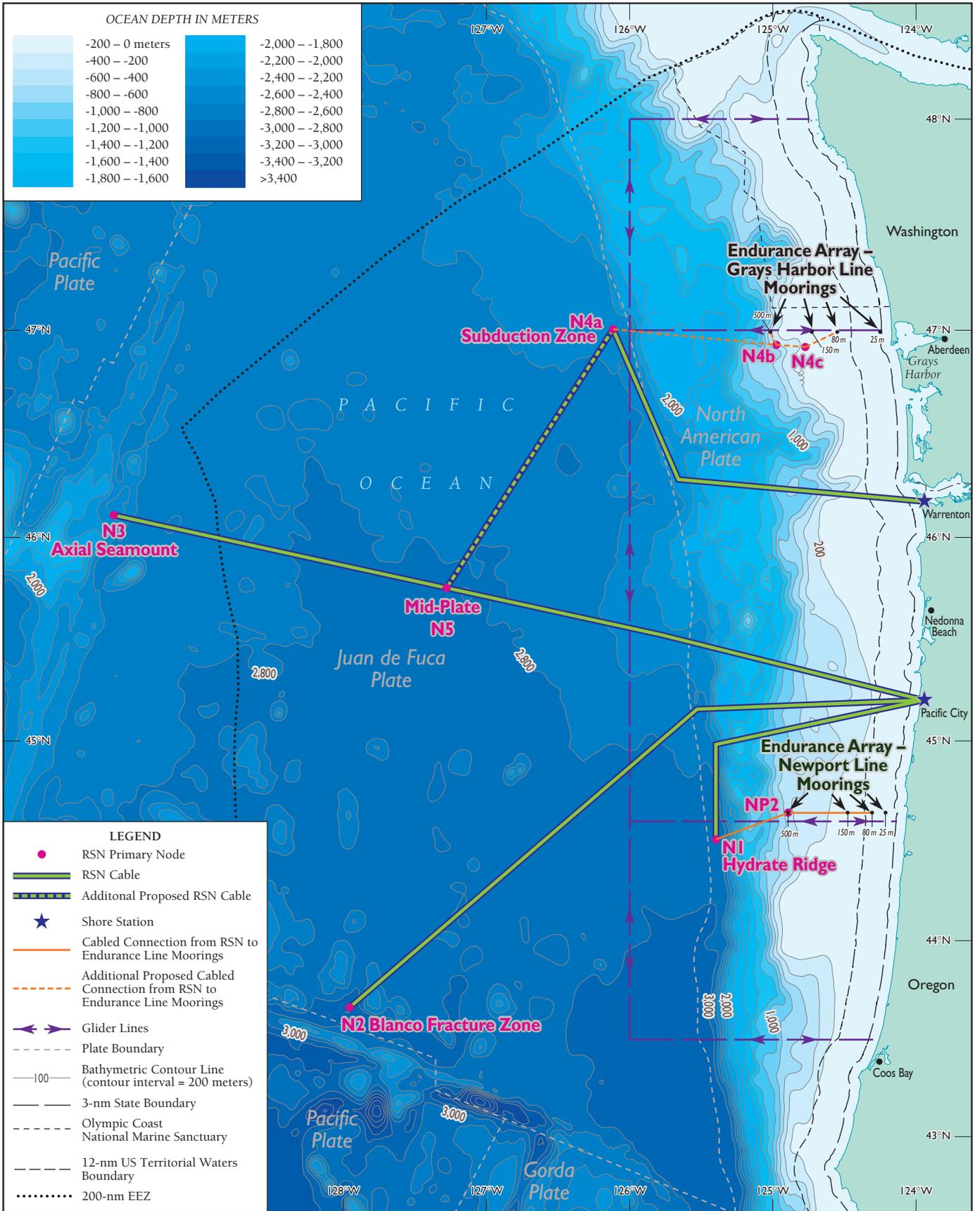
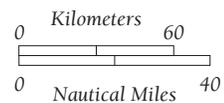


Figure 2a

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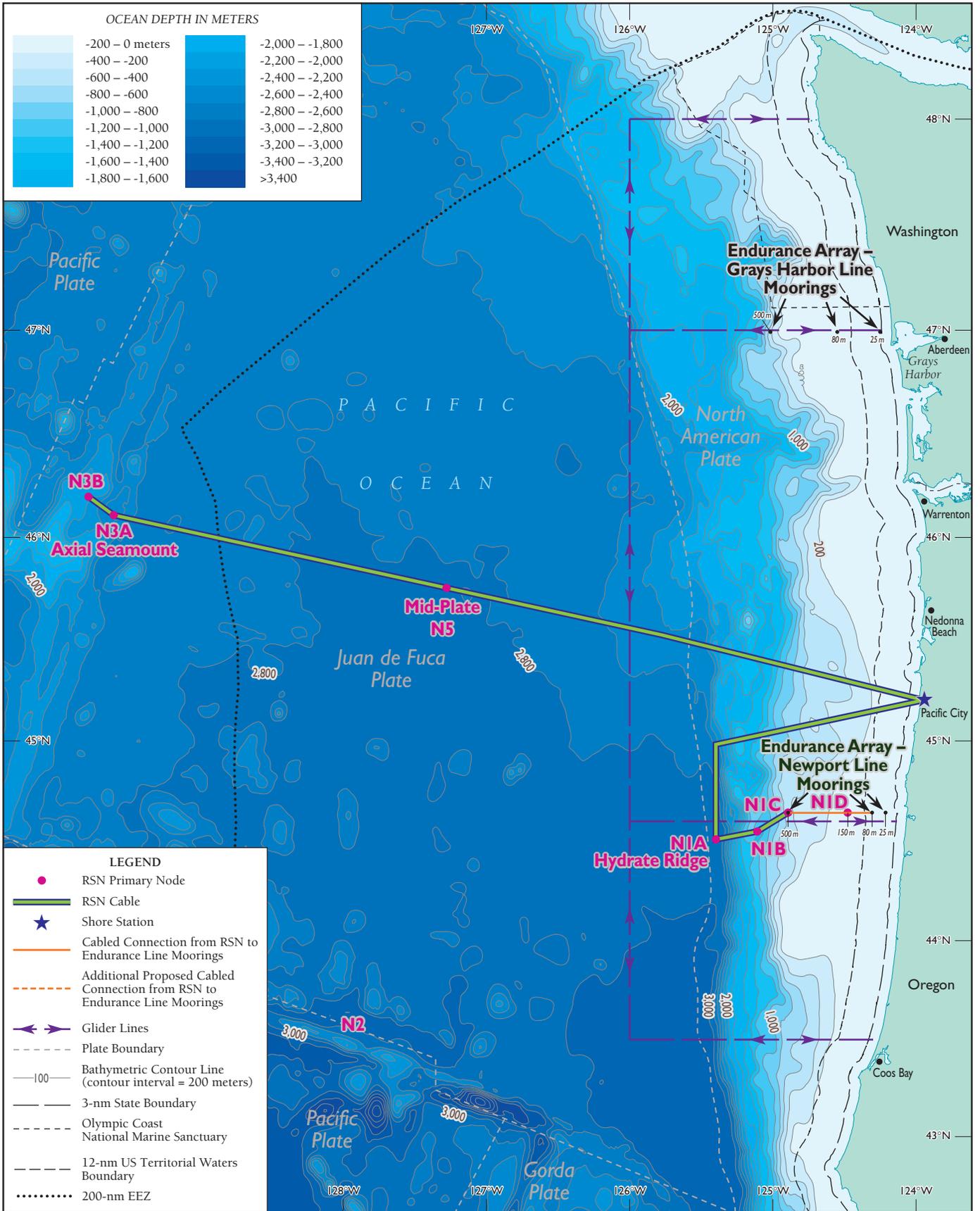
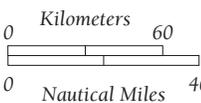


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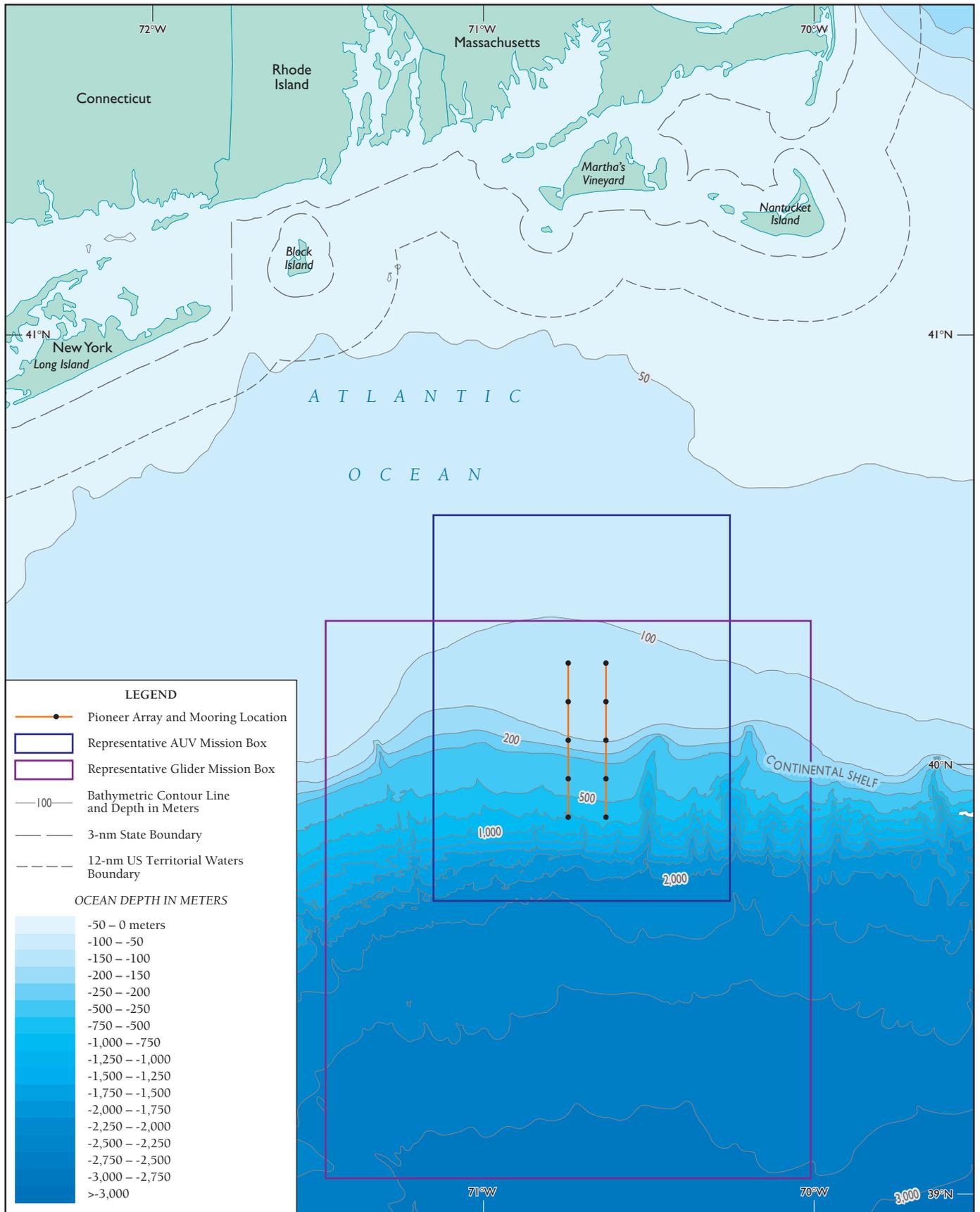
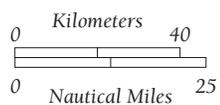


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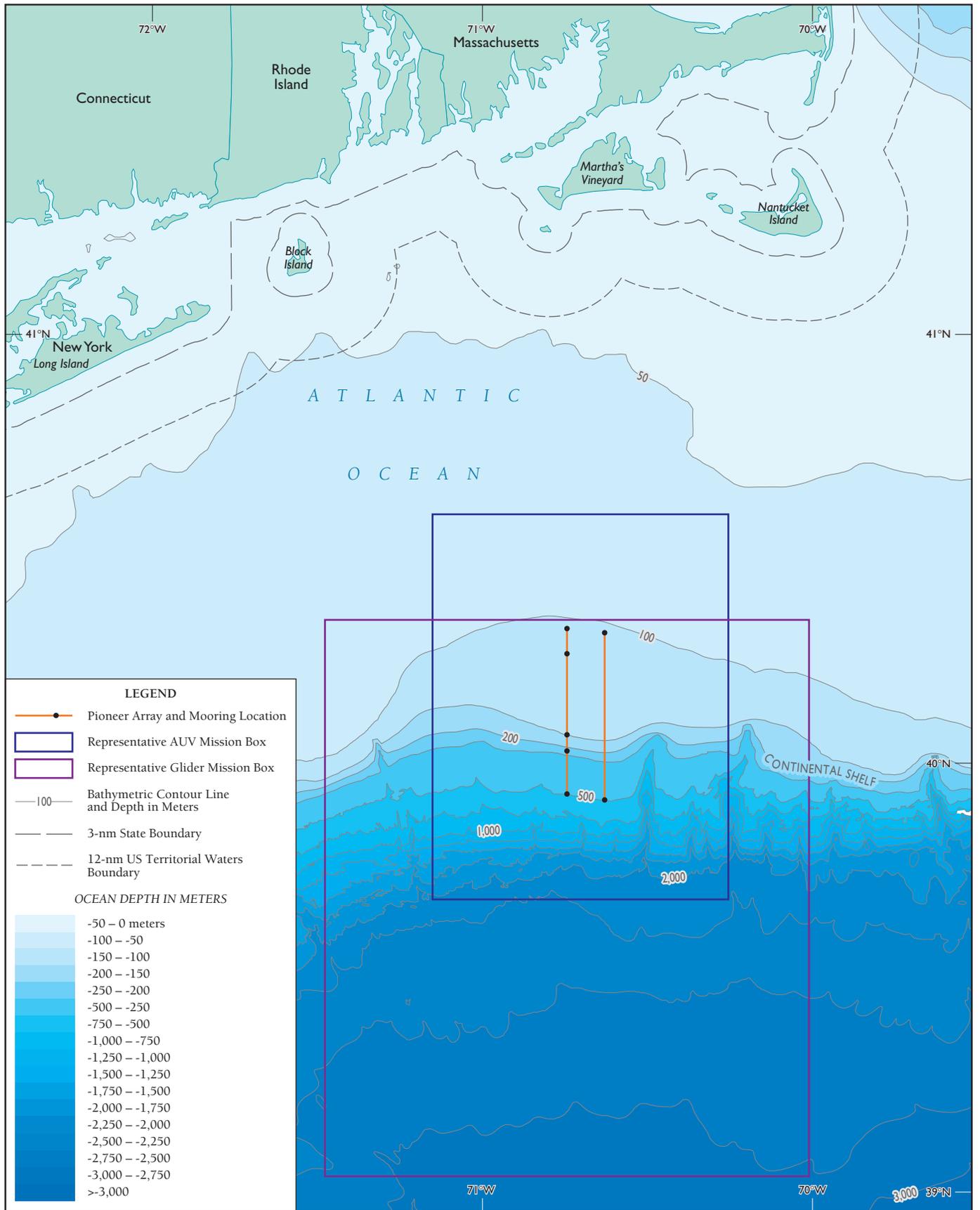
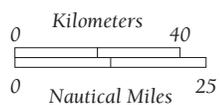


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In accordance with EO 12372, *Inter-governmental Review of Federal Programs* and to encourage efficiencies in completing the environmental reviews associated with the OOI, we request DNR's assistance in identifying potential issues to be addressed in the site-specific EA for consistency with Washington's CZMA. Installation and operation of the OOI will not commence until all required environmental reviews, including NSF's compliance with the CZMA, RHA, CWA, CAA, MSA, ESA, and other applicable statutes, are completed.

On behalf of NSF, TEC requests your comments no later than 9 May 2010; however, comments received at any time throughout the NEPA process will be considered to the extent possible in the preparation of the EA. To submit comments or questions, please contact Rick Spaulding, Project Manager, TEC at (206) 855-4997, rlspaulding@tecinc.com or Jean McGovern, OOI Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF at (703) 292-7591.



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9 April 2010

MEMORANDUM:

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FROM: National Science Foundation (NSF)
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SUBJECT: Site-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)

Dear Ms. James:

On behalf of NSF, TEC Inc. (TEC), a subcontractor for The Consortium for Ocean Leadership (Ocean Leadership), is preparing a site specific EA for the installation and operation of the OOI. The EA will be tiered off of previously developed documents including a Final Programmatic EA (PEA) (June 2008). The Notice of Availability of the Draft PEA was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2008 announcing the opening of a 30-day public comment period. The Final PEA was followed by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (February 2009) and a Supplemental Environmental Report (SER) (April 2009). The PEA, FONSI, and SER for the OOI can be viewed on NSF's website at: <http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/envcomp/> under "Ocean Observatories Initiative".

As part of the NEPA process, the environmental analysis of the installation and operation of the OOI now moves from the programmatic to the site-specific stage. The site-specific EA will update information previously described in the PEA and SER with more detailed descriptions of the proposed infrastructure, noting any changes to the location of the infrastructure and the technology to be deployed, as well as addressing any new findings regarding potential environmental impacts. The purpose of this letter is to invite the Quinault Nation, which has natural or cultural resource interests and treaty rights within the project area, to provide input early in the site-specific development process and to assist NSF in the identification of potential issues during the preparation of the site specific EA.

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The PEA indicated that all recorded submerged cultural resources would be avoided by the proposed RSN submarine cables, anchored buoys of the CSN, and associated scientific instruments on the seafloor. In addition the proposed activities associated with the use of gliders and the installation and operation of the proposed Endurance Array – Grays Harbor Line (see Figure 2a) will not impact the use or availability of the Tribal Usual and Accustomed (U&A) fishing areas designated by treaty off the west coast of Washington State. These findings will be reviewed again for the site-specific EA.

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In accordance with EO 12372, *Inter-governmental Review of Federal Programs*, NSF requests the Quinalt Nation's assistance in identifying potential issues to be addressed in the site-specific EA and for purposes of conducting Section 106 consultation. Installation and operation of the OOI will not commence until all required environmental reviews, including NSF's compliance with NHPA Section 106, are completed.

NSF requests your comments no later than 9 May 2010; however, comments received at any time throughout the NEPA process will be considered to the extent possible in the preparation of the site-specific EA. To submit comments or questions, please contact Jean McGovern, OOI

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April 20, 2010

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Re: Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Project
Log No.: 011108-50-NSF

Dear Mr. Spaulding;

Thank you for contacting our Department. We have reviewed the materials you provided for the proposed Endurance Array – Grays Harbor Line for Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Project in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

Thank you for your description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE). We concur with your determination of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as described and illustrated in the attached figures. We understand that once micro-sitting of each facility is decided further on-site cultural resources analysis will occur. We agree.

We look forward to receiving the results of your review, consultations with the concerned tribes, the on-site survey, and your determination of effect when available. We would also appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to receiving the professional report on the results of your investigations.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Spaulding,

I am writing in regards to your letter (Re: Site Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)) dated April 9th, 2010, which discusses the placement of ocean surface, subsurface and seafloor equipment off the Oregon and Washington coasts, as well as the coast of Massachusetts.

Please be aware this office has jurisdiction over the Oregon and Washington coast part of your project. I am providing a copy of your letter to our First Coast Guard District, Waterways Management Branch as they have jurisdiction over the Massachusetts portion of your project.

To ensure that your west coast project is properly reviewed I ask that you submit information to the following Coast Guard Commands:

- 13th Coast Guard district, Waterways Management Branch
- Coast Guard Sector Seattle, Waterway Management Branch
- Coast Guard Sector Portland, Waterways Management Branch

If you have any questions, contact my representative Mr. Timothy Westcott at (206) 220-7285 or by email at d13-pf-paton@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.R. PeLoquin".

D.R. PELOQUIN
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
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Encl: Environmental Assessment letter for Ocean Observatories Initiative dated April 9th, 2010

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Subject: Site Specific EA for the OOI

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

Thank you for including our Association on your organization's list for comment on the EA for the OOI.

We are in the process of reviewing the University of Washington's *Electro-Magnetic Effects from the OOI/Regional Scaled Nodes Cables* and other related information.

As you may know, our Association represents approximately 200 commercial and recreational marine vessels that designate Pacific City as their "home port". The proposed cable crossing is centered directly within our finfish and shellfish area.

Again, thank you for including us on your list for comment.

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Subject: Site Specific EA for OOI
Attachments: OOI letter_CRMC.pdf

Rick,
I have attached a letter from Jeff Willis, Deputy Director of the RI Coastal Resources Management Council indicating that the proposed OOI appears to be consistent with the RI Coastal Resources Management Program. A hard copy will follow via snail mail. This sounds like a great project and we look forward to its implementation. Please keep us informed on the progress.

Thanks
Janet

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June 4, 2010

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RE: Site Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)

Thank you for the opportunity to identify potential issues to be addressed in the site-specific EA for consistency with Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program. I have reviewed the Final Programmatic EA (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the installation and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative. The proposed project appears to be consistent with Rhode Island's coastal zone management program.

Moreover, I agree that there is a need for data collection on the coastal, regional and global scales to understand and monitor future climate impacts to our oceans. This agency wholeheartedly supports the OOI efforts and look forward to incorporating the data results into the CRMC policy and planning actions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Willis, Deputy Director

Citizens honored for heroic efforts

Quick action saves lives of woman and three young children

Four Lincoln County residents from the Rose Lodge area received special recognition this week for the roles they played in saving the lives of a woman and her three small children late last year.

Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Dotson presented awards to these individuals at the Lincoln County Courthouse during Wednesday's meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

On Nov. 18, 2009, shortly before 4 p.m., John Proffitt and his wife, Sherri, were driving home from work. As they approached a curve on Widow Creek Road, John Proffitt noticed fresh tire tracks leading off the roadway. Widow Creek Road is located off of Highway 18 in the Rose Lodge area.

Sherri Proffitt slowed to investigate and saw a vehicle upside down in water. After she stopped the car, John jumped out and ran over to a bridge that crosses the creek. They could hear someone inside the vehicle. Sherri called 9-1-1, while John ran into the chest high, ice-cold rushing water. The female driver was held in the car by her seatbelt, and she was struggling to keep her head above the water.

John broke out the window and helped the driver into a position where she could breathe. The woman yelled that there were babies in the back seat. John opened the back door and went underwater, where he saw two children completely submerged in the water and strapped into their car seats.

John tilted the heads of the children out of the water so they could breathe, and he spoke to the children to try to keep them calm.

While holding his breath, John returned underwater and was able to free a three-year old child and hand the child to Sherri on the riverbank. Re-



Lifesaving awards were presented on Wednesday to Cara Johnson, left, Sherri Proffitt, John Proffitt and Fred Johnson for their rescue efforts in November of last year that saved the lives of a woman and her three young children. (Courtesy photo)

turning underwater, John discovered that a knife would be needed to free the second child, but he didn't have one. An approaching vehicle was flagged down by Sherri while she was still holding the first child. This vehicle was occupied by Fred Johnson and his daughter, Cara. Johnson climbed down a 30-foot, briar-filled embankment and went into the water, armed with a small utility knife. The two men dove under the water and into the car, and together they were able to cut the two-year-old child out of the car seat. The young child was handed to Cara Johnson, who had followed her dad down the bank into the river.

Cara tended to the needs of the child while standing waist deep in the river. John Proffitt and Fred Johnson used the utility knife to cut the mother free and then helped her to safety.

The mother was hysterical and suffering from symptoms of hypothermia and shock. She kept repeating that her babies were in the back. The two men searched the back of the

vehicle again, finding no one. They feared that perhaps one of her children had been pulled out of the car by the rushing water, so they searched the area of the river below the car.

After several minutes, they were able to understand the mother to say that she had an infant in the front seat. John Proffitt returned to the car and, going underwater, discovered an infant in the front seat. The baby was completely submerged in the water. He checked for a pulse, but could detect none. The two men were able to free the infant and return to the riverbank, where they immediately began CPR. The baby had no apparent life signs.

Medical units arrived and took over resuscitation efforts. The family was transported to the hospital, where they received medical care. The mother and her two- and three-year-old boys were treated and released for minor issues related to hypothermia and water inhalation.

Dotson said during this week's awards presentation,

"More miraculously, and most likely due to the hypothermic nature of the drowning combined with the immediate care from Mr. Proffitt and Mr. Johnson and the excellent medical care from the paramedics and North Lincoln Hospital personnel, the infant was revived and made a full recovery."

"Due to the courageous actions of John and Sherri Proffitt and Fred and Cara Johnson, even in the face of great danger to themselves, they saved the lives of a mother and her three young children," said Dotson.

Lifesaving plaques were presented to each of the four rescuers, and Dotson also presented a SWAT knife to John Proffitt, saying, "Just in case you ever need a knife."

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Science group holding open house

Foundation needs input on impacts on marine environment

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently announced its intent to prepare a Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) to address potential impacts on the marine environment from the construction and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), a network of ocean infrastructure, mobile platforms, and sensors off the coasts of Washington and Oregon.

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enabling the next generation of complex ocean studies at the coastal, regional, and global scale. The OOI will provide data on ocean, and seafloor data to anyone with access to the web in near real-time. Further information on the OOI can be found at <http://oceanobservatories.org/>.

NSF is holding a public scoping meeting on Friday, July 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Guin Library at the O.S.U. Hatfield Marine Science Center. The open house will provide information and answer questions about the process being implemented during the SEA preparation process to address compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (which concerns the proposed project's impact, if any, on National Reg-

ister eligible historic properties).

Anyone unable to attend this meeting may submit written comments to: Rick Spaulding, project manager, TEC Inc., 6765 NE Day Road., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, or via email at rjspaulding@tecinc.com; or Jean McGovern, OOI program director, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Ste 725, Arlington, VA 22230, or via email at nepacomments@nsf.gov.

It is recommended that comments be sent to NSF by July 23 to ensure equitable consideration in the Draft Final EA. NSF will also be having a public comment period and public hearings following publication of the Draft Final EA in late summer 2010, and the public may provide additional comments at that time.

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to remediate the Pasley and Hennique, the World War II-era barges now serving as the terminal's foundation; construct (and later remove) a cofferdam around the Pasley; remove the Pasley; build the new west dock to replace the Pasley dock; upgrade the existing fishing dock; demolish the office and warehouse buildings over the Hennique; lay asphalt at the new west dock upland transition area; and put in utilities for the west and east docks.

The second phase, which hinges on cost savings derived from the first phase, involves installing a sheet pile bulkhead wall at the Hennique's bow, filling in a void between the new west dock and the Hennique's bow, and reducing the elevation to match the west dock level.

Port officials say they expect ongoing value engineering and an "innovative contracting method" to generate cost savings as the project moves ahead.

But they would still need additional funding, and are investigating ways to find it, largely

because removing the Pasley would cost \$5.5 million.

The final phase would parley cost savings and additional funds into building a new dock in front of the Hennique to replace the old wooden dock; demolish and remove the old dock; complete upland and dock utilities; install mooring dolphins, if needed; and fulfill any remaining obligations from the 2006 voter-approved bond measure that jump-started this project.

McDougal said they expect to release early Phase 1 bid packages "within a few weeks."

In-water work would begin in November, although the first phase will span two in-water work periods, beginning with the coffer dam construction, remediation of the two ships, demolition of the Pasley, and dredging, with the coffer dam removal scheduled during the second in-water work frame.

Port General Manager Don Mann said project completion is expected in 2014. Underground utility work for the new upland

office and warehouse buildings is already underway, with completion of the buildings expected in October.

To find out more, contact Mann at 541-265-7758, or go to www.portofnewport.com. Submit comments anytime at terminalproject@portofnewport.com.

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Compiled by Karen Barkstrom
from the archives of *The Daily World*.

IN BRIEF

STANLEY, IDAHO

Singer Carole King puts Idaho ranch back on market

Songwriter and singer Carole King has put her 128-acre central Idaho ranch back on the market with a reduced asking price of \$16 million.

The Robinson Bar Ranch compound near Stanley includes a 7,300-square-foot lodge, a private residence, a caretaker's home, a professional recording studio, guest cabins and horse barns.

King put the ranch up for sale in 2006 for \$19 million. A listing agent says the ranch was taken off the market because of problems with a bridge on a U.S. Forest Service road that has since been repaired.

King retains a condominium in the central Idaho resort town of Ketchum, where she is scheduled to perform with James Taylor on July 12 as part of their "Troubadour Reunion" tour.

King's signature album is 1971's "Tapestry."

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Rollover crash results in arrest

Newport man is charged with hit and run, reckless driving

A single-vehicle rollover crash Wednesday night on Yaquina Bay Road resulted in the arrest of a Newport man for hit and run and reckless driving.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Sergeant Adam Shanks was dispatched at around 10 p.m., responding to the crash site near Critser Moorage, just west of Toledo. He discovered a silver 2001 Volkswagen hatchback lying on its top in a field, approximately 40 feet off of Yaquina Bay Road.

An investigation revealed the vehicle had been traveling west when the driver lost control and drove off the road into a log fence, which caused the vehicle to roll before coming to rest on its top. Residents in the area who responded to the scene immediately after hearing the crash told police that no one was around when they arrived.

With assistance from Toledo police and fire personnel, sheriff's deputies conducted a preliminary search of the area for the occupants of the vehicle, but they were unable to locate anyone. Fire and rescue personnel then cleared from the scene.

Shortly after midnight, deputies located an adult male and a 17-year-old female hiding in a public restroom at a nearby Port of Toledo park. During contact with these individuals, it was determined the male, identified as Brian D. Hollis, 40, of Newport, was operating the vehicle at the time of the crash, and the 17-year-



This 2001 Volkswagen hatchback crashed Wednesday night on Yaquina Bay Road near Critser Moorage, just west of Toledo. The driver, Brian D. Hollis, 40, of Newport, was eventually arrested on charges of hit and run, reckless driving and criminal mischief. (Courtesy photo)

old female was a passenger.

Pacific West Ambulance was dispatched to the scene to treat the girl, who complained of neck and back pain as a result of the crash. She was subsequently transported to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport for treatment of her injuries.

Hollis was taken into custody on charges of failure to perform the duties of a driver (felony), reckless driving, and Criminal Mischief II. He was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail, with bail set at \$80,000. Hollis was also issued traffic citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Excessive speed is suspected as a factor relating to the cause of the traffic crash.

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Larry Jonathan Bryant

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For additional information, or if you know his whereabouts, contact Lincoln County Community Corrections at 541-265-8851. Do not attempt to apprehend this person.

Information leading to the arrest of this subject will remain confidential.

The weekly "most wanted" information is provided to the News-Times by Lincoln

County Community Corrections. All subjects featured are chosen and submitted to the corrections office. For additional information on wanted individuals, refer to the community corrections website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/parole.

Dept. of Forestry declares fire season

Announcement means restrictions are now in place

The Oregon Department of Forestry's West Oregon District announced this week that fire season officially began Thursday in Benton, Lincoln, Polk and southern Yamhill counties.

The West Oregon District protects approximately 1.1-million acres of private and public lands from wildfire.

Entry into fire season imposes certain restrictions on work activities in the forest. Industrial operations are required to have firefighting equipment on site. Since restrictions may vary, it is advisable to check with the nearest ODF office for rules specific to the local area.

Industrial Fire Precaution levels (IFPL) are part of ODF's closure system that regulates industrial activity in the forests of the Coast Range. When fire season takes effect, the districts will be at an IFPL 1, which imposes the fewest restrictions and generally requires a fire watch at industrial forest operation sites. IFPL details can be found at: www.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/ifpl.shtml.

On the lands protected by the Department of Forestry,

the 10-year average is about 1,100 wildfires burning a total of just under 27,000 acres. In a typical year, about two-thirds of the fires are caused by people and the remainder by lightning. Of the human-caused fires, fewer than half are caused by forest landowners and operators. Across all Oregon forest protection jurisdictions, about 2,600 wildfires burn roughly 239,000 acres annually on average.

Through July 7, 12 lightning-caused fires have burned about two acres on lands protected by ODF. During that period, 90 human-caused fires burned about 75 acres.

The Oregon Department of Forestry provides fire protection to 15.8 million acres of private and public forestlands statewide, including 2.8 million acres of federal Bureau of Land Management lands. There are about 30.4-million acres of forest in Oregon.

West Oregon District Forester Mike Totey noted that the unusual weather conditions of recent months should not give rise to complacency about the wildfire threat.

"We've been fortunate to have had a very wet spring," Totey said. "However, recent hot, dry weather has brought conditions in the forest closer to what we would normally see this time of year."

Meeting set by National Science Foundation

Will solicit input on potential impacts on marine environment

The National Science Foundation (NSF) will prepare a Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) to address potential impacts on the marine environment from the construction and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), a network of ocean infrastructure, mobile platforms, and sensors off the coasts of Washington and Oregon.

NSF is holding a public scoping meeting today (Friday), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in

the Guin Library at the O.S.U. Hatfield Marine Science Center. The open house will provide information and answer questions about the process being implemented during the EA preparation process.

Anyone unable to attend this meeting may submit written comments to: Rick Spaulding, project manager, TEC Inc., 6765 NE Day Rd., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, or via e-mail at rspaulding@tecinc.com; or Jean McGovern, OOI program director, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Ste 725, Arlington, VA 22230, or via e-mail at nepacomments@nsf.gov.

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OCEAN OBSERVATORIES INITIATIVE (OOI) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Scoping Comment Sheet

Location: WESTPORT, WA

Date: JULY 8, 2010

Thank you for providing your comments on the scope of EA for the proposed installation and operation of the OOI. Public involvement is a fundamental part of the development of the OOI EA and NSF wants and appreciates your comments. Please provide comments no later than July 23, 2010 to ensure consideration in the Draft EA. Comments may be submitted at this meeting, via email at nepacomments@nsf.gov, or via U.S. Postal Service to the address below. For more information go to http://www.oceanobservatories.org.

- SEE ATTACHED -

Please print - additional space is provided on back

1. Name: MARK CEDERGREEN

2. Address: PO BOX 654, WESTPORT, WA 98595 (WESTPORT CHARTERBOAT ASSOCIATION)

3. Please check here [X] if you would like to be on the mailing list.

4. Please check here [X] if you would like your name/address kept private.

5. Would you like to receive a hard copy [X] or CD [] of the Draft EA?

Please give this form to one of the NSF representatives, place in the comment drop box, or mail by July 23 to:

Jean McGovern
OOI Program Director, Division of Ocean Sciences
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd, Ste 725, Arlington, VA 22230

WESTPORT CHARTERBOAT ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 654 • WESTPORT, WASHINGTON 98595

July 12, 2010

To: Jean McGovern, OOI Program Director
Division of Ocean Sciences
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd, Ste 725
Arlington, VA 22230

From: Mark Cedergreen, Executive Director
Westport Charterboat Association
POB 654
Westport, WA 98595

Re: OOI Endurance Array Washington Candidate Sites

General comments:

- Thank you for having a meeting in Westport. Sorry there weren't more people in attendance
- We are generally supportive of Scientific research
- It would be nice if you worked in fathoms or feet for depth rather than meters!

Specific sites:

Inshore Site

- This site is the most controversial of the 3.
 - It lies within some of the most lucrative and heavily fished crab grounds off Washington.
 - 50-200 feet of water are prime crabbing areas

- The north side of Grays Harbor contains 150-200 reefs / pinnacles that are frequented by recreational fishermen both on charter boats and private boats.
- The spot currently designated on the north side is a virtual “freeway” from March through September. Crab season is January through late summer.
- A location south of the Grays Harbor entrance would reduce charter boat encounters by 80+% and there are no reefs between Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay in shallow water.
- Attached are suggested minor changes if you chose not to move to the south. These changes would put a little more distance between your site and an actively fished reef.

Shelf Site

- This site has fewer problems than the inshore site.
 - However it lies in a major north-south shipping lane. Tugs & barges mostly.
 - Attached are suggested minor changes if you chose not to move this site. These changes would put a little more distance between your site and an actively fished reef.

Offshore Site

- To our knowledge, this site has very few negatives

Thanks again for coming to Westport!

INSHORE OOI LOCATION

As currently proposed	46-59.52 N 124-15.00 W
As proposed by Westport Charterboat Association	47-00.00 N 124-15.00 W
Closed box – 0.2nm radius	46-59.80 – 47-00.20 124-15.30 – 124-14.70

REEF LOCATION

46-59.10 N
124-15.70 W

RECOMMENDATION: Staying on the 124-15.00 longitude line, move the latitude north from 46-59.52 to 47-00.00 degrees

- Distance from reef to OOI SW corner would be about 0.7 nm or 4250 feet

SHELF OOI LOCATION

As currently proposed	46-59.52 N 124-33.00 W
As proposed by Westport Charterboat Association	47-00.00 N 124-34.00 W
Closed box – 0.5nm radius	46-59.50 – 47-00.50 124-34.70 – 124-33.30

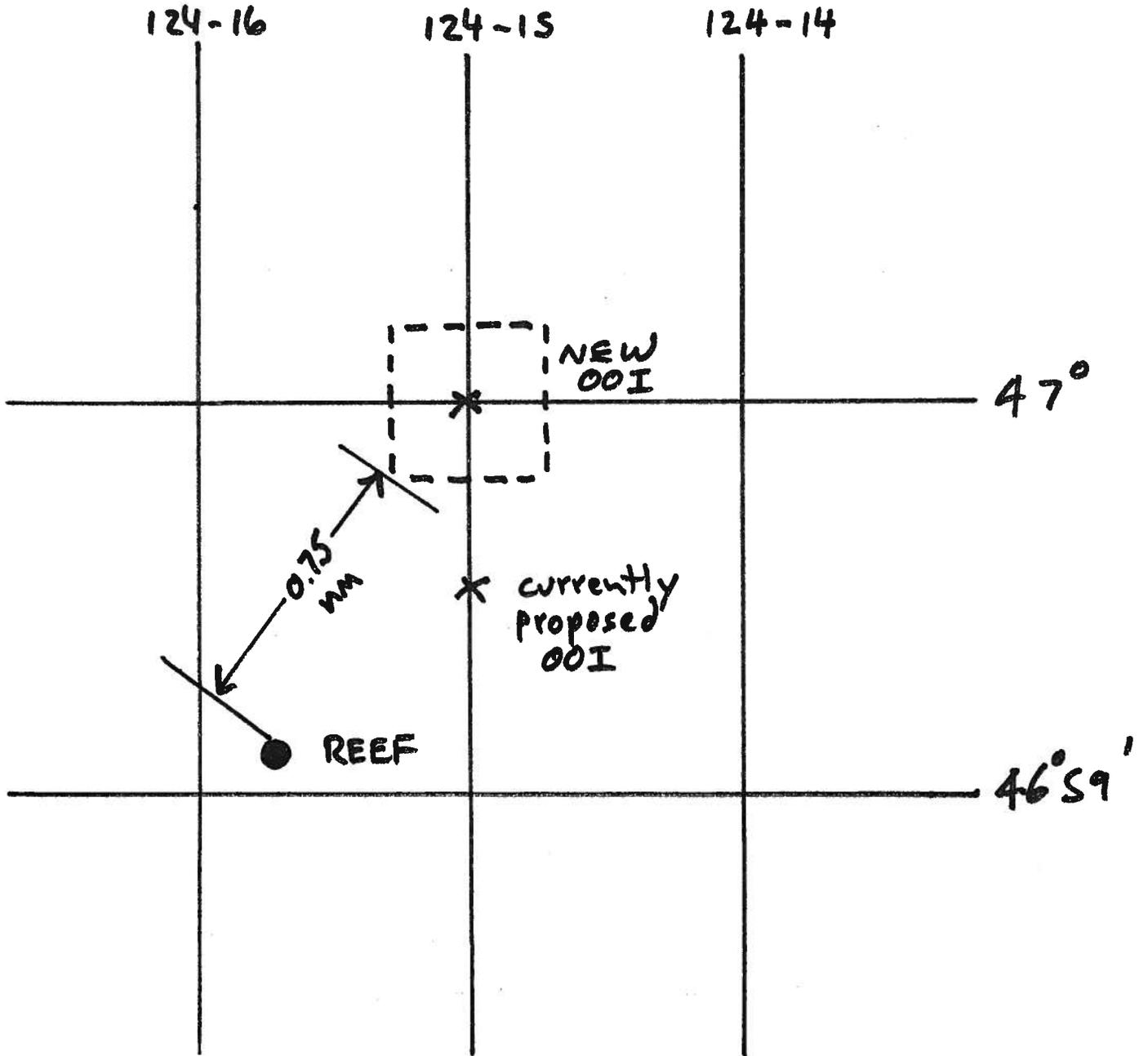
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46-59.50 N
124-32.50 W

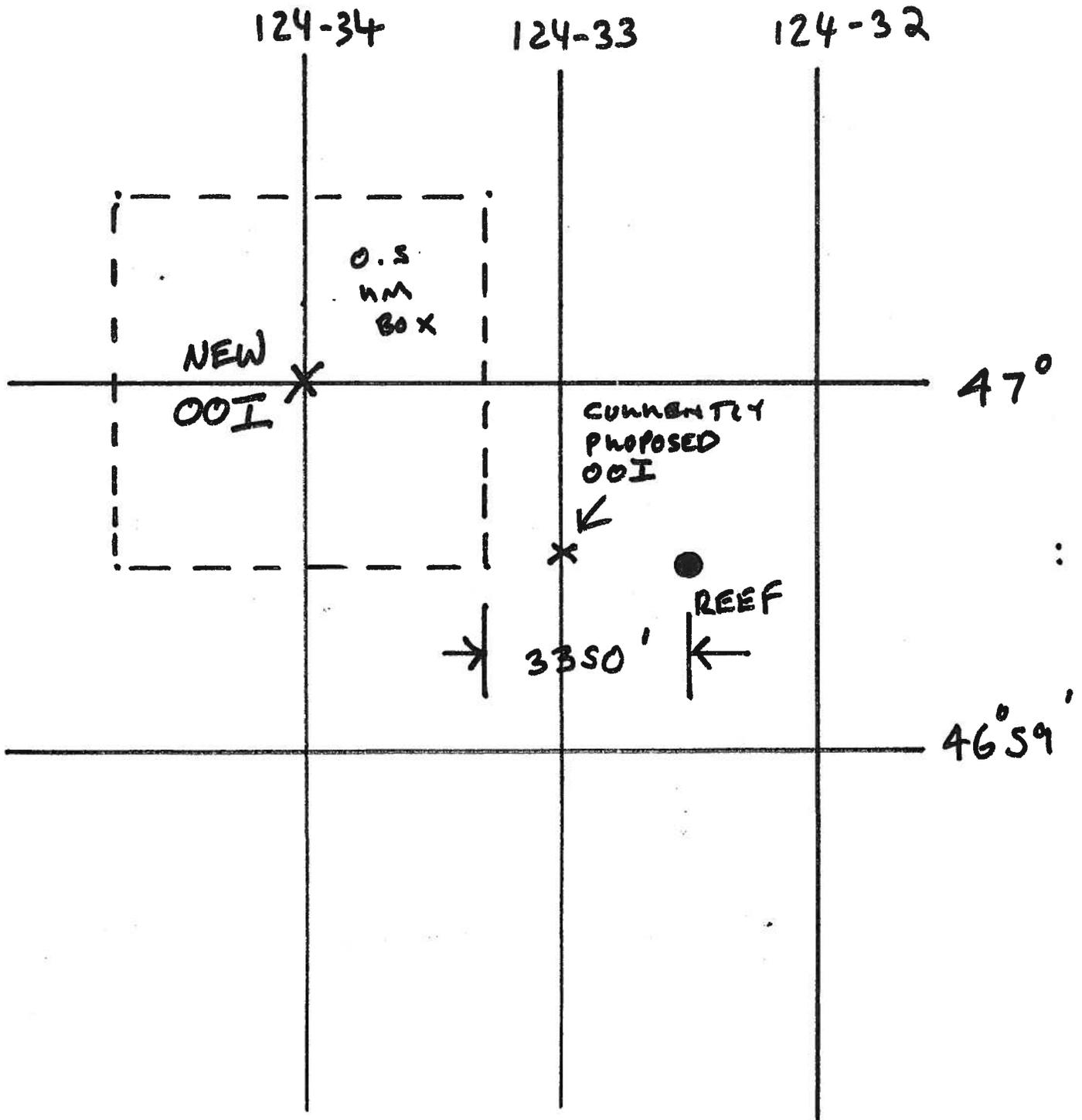
RECOMMENDATION: Move the Latitude line north to 47 degrees (creates ½ mile N-S separation and keeps both inshore and shelf sites on the same lat line

- Move OOI longitude line out 1 degree (0.7 nm) to 124-34.00
- 0.5 nm site radius box would establish a separation of 1/2 nm E-W and 0.0 nm N-S
- Distance from eastern N-S boundary of OOI to reef would be about 0.5 nm or 3,000 feet

IN-SHORE



SHELF



From: Douglas Fricke [mailto:dfricke@techline.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 9:35 PM
To: 'nepacomments@nfs.gov'
Subject: OOI Sensors off Wa Coast-Attn: Jean McGovern

I am a commercial fisherman that fishes salmon, crab and tuna off of the Wa Coast in the area that the OOI Program sensors are projected to be located. This is the busiest time of the year for most commercial fishermen out of Westport which is the closest port to the proposed WA locations. The commercial fishing industry was not made aware of this project until late may of 2010. We feel the OOI project is worthwhile and will provide worthwhile information to the industry as well as the scientific community. We need to delay the censor siting process until this November when the fishermen will have the time necessary to review the project and help the scientist determine the best site for information and minimum disruption of our fisheries.

The area of the sensors need to be marked and a method devised to prevent entry into the area of the sensors. Either through ignorance or maliciousness people will enter the area unless there is some sort of barricade to prevent entry. The proposed site at approximately 40 fathoms off of Ocean Shores WA is in a prime salmon fishing area. The site need to be moved 3 to 5 miles north in order to lessen the disruption to the salmon fisheries. There need to be some type of barricade on the ocean floor around the site at approximately 13 fathoms. Many storms in the winter cause movement of 100+ pound crab pots along the bottom of the ocean at this 13 fathom depth. In a particularly bad storm, this can litterly mean hundreds of crab pots moving along the WA Coast. At the approximately 250 fathom site, there is a major longline fishery and we have not heard any comments from that part of the industry. - -
Sincerely, Douglas H Fricke, Captain, F/V Howard H



Coalition of Coastal Fisheries

Coastal Office: PO Box 1448, Westport, WA 98595 – 360 268 0076, Fax 360 268 0000

Administrative Office: 5132 Donnelly Dr. SE, Olympia, WA 98501 – 360 456 1334, Fax 360 923 0762

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July 20, 2010

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Dear Jean McGovern,

The Coalition of Coastal Fisheries is asking for a 90 day delay in the sitting/NEPA process for an ocean project by the National Science Foundation off the Washington coast. The fishing industry is supportive of the project called Ocean Observatories Initiative (O.O.I) as it is proposed to locate an array of sensors off the Washington coast to record base line information about the ocean such as currents, temperatures, salinity, PH, weather conditions, etc. The industry agrees that this information will not only be valuable for our day to day operations, but it also should be useful in the investigation of climate change and ocean acidification.

Member Organizations

Bandon Submarine Cable Council
Columbia River Dungeness Crab Fisherman's Association
Fisherman's Marketing Association
Fishing Vessel Owner Association
Grays Harbor Gillnetter's Association
Ilwaco Charter Association
Salmon For All
Washington Dungeness Crab Fisherman's Association
Washington Trollers Association
Western Fishboat Owners Association
Westport Charterboat Association
Willapa Bay Gillnetter's Association
Willapa-Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association

The problem all our fishing groups have is that the industry was not appraised of the OOI project until late May. Most of our Coalition members are spread from California to Alaska in various fisheries that are most active in the summer months. It is very important that the sensors for the OOI project are carefully located, as the areas covered by the sensors will become inaccessible to the fishing industry. The industry wants to participate to insure that the sensors are located where we can obtain the most information with a minimum interruption to the coastal fishing activity.

Currently, the National Science Foundation is scheduling to have the sitting and draft EA document complete by the end of August. For our fishing organization to have quality input into the sitting and draft EA, we need a minimum of a 90 day delay in the schedule. The 90 day delay will give our industry members time to return from their summer fishing opportunities and have significant correspondence concerning the sitting of the proposed sensor arrays off the Washington coast.

This request would move the target date for sitting decisions to be finalized by the end of November, 2010.

Sincerely,

Bill Walsh, President

Executive Director

Ed Owens, CEO
REACT Consulting Group

Safety Advisor

Forrest "Woody" Mayer

cc Grays Harbor County Commissioners
Governor Chris Gregoire





Grays Harbor County Marine Resources Committee

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August 5, 2010

Jean McGovern, Program Director - Ocean Observatories Initiative
National Science Foundation - Division of Ocean Sciences
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22230
Sent via email to: nepacommments@nsf.gov

Dear Ms. McGovern:

For several months the Grays Harbor County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) has had high interest in the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Ocean Observatories Initiative Project (OOI) off the Washington Coast. We appreciate the effort given to outreach and education thus far, however, we would like to communicate concerns from our state's fishing industry about the August deadline for siting decisions and comments. Much of the fleet will not be returning home from the fishing season until late summer and with that the Industry feels this will greatly limit their ability to review and comment on the project. The MRC believes that it is essential to get substantial comment from this key stakeholder and requests that you consider their suggestion of extending the comment deadline on the project's features locations to October.

Many local fishermen expressed their strong support for this project as locating an array of sensors to record base line information will not only be valuable for their day to day operations, but also for the investigation of the effects of climate change and ocean acidification for fish and shellfish stocks. They expressed their eagerness to participate during the comment phase to help ensure that sensors are located efficiently to acquire the most information and cause the least interruption to coastal fishing activities.

The MRC believes that community and stakeholder input is a vital element for effectively managing our marine resources. Meaningful consultation among all stakeholder interests on proposed ocean uses yields many important benefits including minimized impacts to both the nearshore ecosystem and existing uses, and providing economic and cultural benefits. Our state's fishing fleet is a significant stakeholder and we hope you will consider their concerns in moving forward with this important effort. In light of the minimal turnout at the Aberdeen and Westport OOI outreach meetings last month, we feel this too is an indication that more stakeholder input is needed and with that offer you our assistance in organizing additional outreach.

Thank you for the consideration of this request and any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Kathy Greer, Chair

Grays Harbor County Marine Resources Committee

cc: Grays Harbor County Commissioners
Coalition of Coastal Fisheries
Bob Nichols, Governor's Executive Policy Team



February 18, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101
ATTN: Mrs. Kimberly Kler - NWTRC EIS

FROM: The Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Ocean Observing Initiative Project Office
1201 New York Avenue, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

SUBJECT: The Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Project

Dear Mrs. Kler,

The purpose of this comment is to introduce the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) project to the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest with respect to the Navy's Northwest Training Range Complex EIS/OEIS and NAVSEA NUWC Keyport Range Complex EIS/OEIS. The Consortium for Ocean Leadership is the lead management organization for the proposed installation and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Network. The construction of this ocean observatory will be funded through a cooperative agreement between Ocean Leadership and the National Science Foundation (NSF), with funding from the NSF Major Research Equipment Facilities Construction (MREFC) account. The OOI Project is managed by Ocean Leadership (OL) in collaboration with academic-based Implementing Organizations: the University of Washington, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, University of California – San Diego, Oregon State University, and Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Overview of OOI

To provide the U.S. ocean sciences research community with the basic sensors and infrastructure required to make sustained, long-term, and adaptive measurements in the oceans, the NSF's Ocean Sciences Division is developing the OOI from community-wide, national, and international scientific planning efforts. The OOI builds upon recent technological advances, experience with existing ocean observatories, and lessons learned from several successful pilot and test bed projects. The proposed OOI will be an interactive, globally distributed and integrated network of cutting-edge ocean observing capabilities. This network will enable the next generation of complex ocean studies at the coastal, regional, and global scale. The OOI is a key NSF contribution to the broader effort to establish the proposed operationally focused national system known as the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). As these efforts mature, the research-focused observatories envisioned by the OOI will be networked to become an integral part of the IOOS and in turn will be a key and enabling U.S. contribution to the international Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

The OOI infrastructure will include cables, buoys, underwater vehicles, moorings, junction boxes, power generation (solar, wind, fuel cell, and/or diesel), and two-way communications systems. This large-scale infrastructure will support sensors located at the sea surface, in the water column, and at or beneath the seafloor. The OOI will also support related elements, such as data dissemination and archiving, modeling of oceanographic processes, and education and outreach activities essential to the long-term success of ocean science.

The OOI represents a significant departure from traditional approaches in oceanography and a shift from expeditionary to observatory-based research. It would include the first U.S. multi-node cabled observatory; fixed and relocatable coastal arrays coupled with mobile assets; and advanced buoys for interdisciplinary measurements, especially for data-limited areas of the Southern Ocean and other high-latitude locations.

Global, Regional, and Coastal Scale Nodes

The OOI design is based upon three main components at global, regional, and coastal scales. At the global and coastal scales, mooring observatories would provide locally generated power to seafloor and platform instruments and sensors for data collection, and use a satellite link for data transmission and communication to shore and the Internet. Up to six Global Scale Nodes (GSN) or buoy sites are proposed for ocean sensing in the Eastern Pacific and Atlantic oceans. The Regional Scale Nodes (RSN) off the coasts of Washington and Oregon will consist of seafloor observatories with various chemical, biological, and geological sensors linked to shore by submarine cables that provide power and Internet connectivity. Coastal Scale Nodes (CSN) will be represented by the Endurance Array off the coast of Washington and Oregon and the relocatable Pioneer Array off the coast of Massachusetts. In addition, there will be an integration of mobile assets such as autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) and gliders with the GSN and CSN observatories.

Environmental Compliance and Interagency Coordination

The Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the OOI pursuant to the requirements of NEPA (42 United States Code § 4321 et seq.) and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 1500-1508) can be found on the NSF Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE) Environmental Compliance website: http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/pubs/OOI_Final_PEA_Jun08.pdf. This document contains a detailed description of the proposed OOI network design and infrastructure. The NSF concluded the OOI PEA with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), found on: http://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/envcomp/OOI-PEA_FinalFONSI_020309_sm_file.pdf.

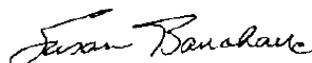
We note that the OOI research facility and operations are not considered in the NWTRC Draft EIS (for instance under Chapter 4, Cumulative Effects: 4.1.3.7 Scientific Research). The northern extent of our fixed research facility lies south of the NWTR W-237A Warning Area and outside of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. However, we note the close proximity of our observation platforms on the shelf and slope west of Grays Harbor (Endurance Array) to W-237A. Also, the observation platforms west of Newport (Endurance Array) lie close to, or within W-570. Science platforms on the cabled Regional Scale Nodes of the OOI also lie below various offshore Warning Areas. Essentially all of the OOI Endurance Array and much of the Regional Scale cabled observing network lie within the general Pacific Northwest Operating Area (PACNW OPAREA).

At this time, supplementary environmental analyses are being initiated to consider possible additions to the OOI proposed design as described in the OOI Final PEA. Please refer to the OOI Final PEA (Chapter 2, section 2.2 Proposed Action) for descriptions of the proposed infrastructure. The possible additions to the OOI design being considered are:

1. The addition of two moorings, paired surface and subsurface, at 500 meters depth on the Grays Harbor Line (description of the Grays Harbor Line in the OOI Final PEA, section 2.2.1.1 on page 20; also see Figure 2-1 for location of the Grays Harbor Line and Figure 2-2 for a diagram of the paired moorings).
2. Undersea cable connection from the Subduction Zone (N4) of the Region Scale Nodes to the subsurface moorings at the 500 and 80 meter sites on the Grays Harbor Line (see Figure 2-8 on page 30 for the location of N4).
3. Addition of a Global site in the Argentine Basin of the Southern Atlantic Ocean, approximate location at 42°S, 42°W (see Figure 2-13 on page 39 for a diagram of proposed mooring infrastructure).

We will continue to consult with the Navy COMSUBPAC and COMSUBGRU NINE on the operation of these research facilities, per NAVSEA Instruction 4740.1A, during the USCG PATON and JARPA permitting processes. We will also continue our coordination with NAVFAC Headquarters, Naval Submarine Cable Protection Office. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at 202-787-1604 or via email at sbanahan@oceanleadership.org. We look forward to the ongoing coordination of this ocean observing facility with Navy operations.

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