Workshop to Identify National Ocean Exploration Priorities in the Pacific

Priorities, Outcomes, and Final Report

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This workshop takes advantage of an opportunity and a challenge:

• After many years of sustained effort by NOAA-OER, there is increased general interest and a new national imperative for ocean exploration;

• NOAA-OER’s effort is but one piece of an increasingly complex national and multi-national initiative to explore the oceans;

• This exploration task, in the Pacific and beyond, is so vast that it will take a “full community” to get it done, likely over multiple decades;

• This workshop, and others, help set the stage for work OER (and others, both in partnership and independently) might conduct or support in the Pacific; and

• Such workshops will also be helpful in informing the broader NOMEC effort.
Form of the Report:

- Introduction
- Timeline
- Agendas of initial and final plenaries
- Breakout reports (seafloor, biology, marine resources, water column, cultural heritage)
- DE&I – panel discussion summary
- Conclusions and next steps
- Appendices:
  1. White papers
  2. DE&I panelists and short bios
  3. Lists of participants/observers/breakout group participants
  4. Pdfs of keynote talks
On behalf of NOAA-OER and COL, THANKS AGAIN for your participation in and commitment to this workshop...once the report is completed, our real challenges are just beginning.