

UNOLS Briefing Package Outline

- 1) What is UNOLS? Short description of what UNOLS is and what it does. Committee structure and tasks. The number of ships, their distribution, and decommissioning dates.
- 2) Status of the UNOLS fleet today in terms of:
 - 1) Current and near-term funding shortfalls and consequences
 - 2) Longer term oceanographic scientific community needs: OOI (Orion) and IOOS etc.
- 3) Status of funding
 - 1) What is in the budget (Regional vessels??)
 - 2) What's in the planning stages - in the budget plan. (ARRV, OOI (Orion observatories))
 - 3) What's proposed? - longer range outlook (IOOS, Ocean Class vessels)
- 4) Discussion topics:
 - 1) How to stay on top of the planning process

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Committees to approach:

- Senate: Armed services, Commerce
- House: Armed Services, Science, Resources
- Others to approach: OSTP ??