



Criteria and Process for Recommending Non-Operational Periods of Ships in the UNOLS Fleet

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Objective: Recommendations for ship lay-ups and retirements and procedures to be followed

Procedures:

1) Based on anticipated ship usage, the agencies will make a recommendation to a non-operator subcommittee of UNOLS Council consisting of at least three members from non-ship operator institutions.



- 2) The subcommittee will share the draft recommendation from the agencies with UNOLS ship operators, the Council, and other interested parties.
- 3) Based on input from these groups, the subcommittee will provide feedback to the agencies on the recommendations and possible alternative scenarios to consider.



Agency Recommendations for Fleet Operations for 2013 and Beyond

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Considerations

- Meeting Science Needs
- Geographic Availability
- Cost of Operations
- Quality of Operations
- Sharing the pain
- Diversity of operators



Non-Operator Committee- May 2012

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Process

- Council establishes a non-operator committee to include at least (3) UNOLS Council members
- Agencies submit in writing these substantive recommendations to this non-operator committee.
- Non-operator Committee will share draft recommendations with UNOLS ship operators, the Council, and other interested parties.
- *Non-Op Committee will provide balanced, fair, un-conflicted feedback to the Agencies on the adequacy of the recommendations and possible alternative scenarios to consider.*
- Within 30 days of receiving lay-up and /or retirement recommendations from Agencies, non op committee will conduct their review and provide a response back to Agencies after vetting through the full Council.



Agency Recommendation for 2013 Fleet Operations -

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