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Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade

You are invited to attend a panel discussion on *Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade*, a draft document that outlines the national ocean research priorities for the United States for the next ten years. The panel discussion will be held at:

September 18, 2006
4:15-6:00PM
Room 201B
Long Beach Convention Center
Long Beach, CA

Members from the research community, industry groups, ocean educators, government representatives (federal, state, tribal, and local), international representatives, non-governmental organizations, and any interested individuals are invited to attend.

Called for in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan and developed by the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, this draft document, along with a follow-on Implementation Strategy, will describe a vision for U.S. ocean science and technology, highlight key areas of interaction of our society and the ocean, and identify critical ocean research priorities for these areas. The **public comment period** for this draft document is now **OPEN**:

http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/sup_jsost_public_comment.html

Additional conference presentations and regional public briefings on the national ocean research priorities are being held across the country during the next few months. A list of the presentations and briefings is located at:

http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/sup_jsost_orpp_outreach.html

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