

Charge to the NSGRP Research Committee

- 1) What are the long-term implications of the decrease in Sea Grant research funding? Has the decline been across the board, or has it affected some programs or some programmatic areas more than others?**
- 2) What are the reasons for this decline? What is the perceived impact and value of Sea Grant research relative to research in other NOAA programs, and what effect has this had on the decline in Sea Grant Research funding? In what way should the Sea Grant research portfolio complement, and be distinguished from, NOAA's portfolio, and with the portfolios of other coastal and marine funding agencies?**
- 3) What can Programs do to maximize the value of their research effort and support the best university scientists? What can Directors do to engage the best talent? Is there a role for the National Office in this effort? What are the manpower implications of actually managing an effective research effort, both for the Programs, and for the National Office?**
- 4) Is the continuation of the percentage guidelines for funding devoted to research still warranted? If so, should the percentage directed toward research vary between large or small Programs? What is the appropriate balance between research and outreach?**
- 5) On what basis should research performance within the Sea Grant Program be evaluated and measured in the future? Should state and other research support for individual Sea Grant Programs be considered when evaluating the overall research effort?**
- 6) Can the decline in research funding be reversed? If so, how? What pathways can be explored to expand a Program's research portfolio?**