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MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain William B. Kearse, NOAA
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FROM: Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA
Director, NOAA Corps and
Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

SUBJECT: NOAA Vessels Designated as "Unusually Arduous
Sea Duty" in Calendar Year 2008

The schedules of NOAA ships for calendar year 2008 were reviewed based on the approved FY 2008 Fleet Allocation Plan (dated February 21, 2008), the draft FY 2009 Fleet Allocation Plan (dated April 9, 2008), and the most recent FY08 detailed sailing schedules. The NOAA ships listed below meet the following three criteria as stated in NOAA Corps Directives, Chapter 2, Section 02103 for being designated as "unusually arduous sea duty" in 2008:

- (1) the projected absences of the ship from its home port will exceed 183 calendar days in the calendar year,
- (2) it is anticipated that the deployments from home port will be at least for one period greater than 90 days, and
- (3) members will not be allowed to return to home port frequently.

Ronald H. Brown
Oscar Dyson
Fairweather
Nancy Foster
Miller Freeman
McArthur II
Okeanos Explorer
Henry B. Bigelow

The list will be amended as schedules change.



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