

NOAA Five Year Research and Development Plan Final Plan Release Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the NOAA 5 Year R&D Plan?

- a. NOAA's 5-Year R&D Plan publicly presents NOAA's research and development priorities for 2013-2017. NOAA's Five Year Research and Development Plan publicly presents NOAA's research and development priorities for 2013-2017 and will help guide NOAA's future research and development priorities, subject to appropriations. This is the third plan of its kind at NOAA and the first to explicitly include development activities.

2. Where can I find the Plan?

- a. The Plan is available in both a user-friendly format and a full downloadable document on the NOAA [Research Council website](#).

3. Why was the Plan developed?

- a. This Five Year R&D Plan will guide NOAA's R&D activities over the next five years. The Plan provides a common understanding among NOAA's leadership, its workforce, its partners, constituents, and Congress on the value of NOAA's R&D activities. The Plan is a framework with which NOAA and the public can monitor and evaluate the Agency's progress and learn from past experience. This plan was developed closely with NOAA's stakeholders and is a reflection of the needs of society.

4. How was the Plan developed?

- a. The plan was written as a collaborative effort by a team of NOAA scientists and planners from across the agency and with input from partners and stakeholders. This plan builds on NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan, 20 Year Research Vision, and internal planning documents, while incorporating innovative and insightful research and development to better serve society. The NOAA Research Council oversaw the development of the plan and the plan has incorporated input from stakeholders and partners throughout the process.

5. How have the public comments been addressed?

- a. We received over 270 comments during a public comment period. Each comment received was read and addressed. These comments have helped shape this plan and the future of R&D at NOAA in order to best meet NOAA's mission. All comments have been carefully considered- your thoughts are very helpful in our planning process. Please see our response to public comments for a more detailed description:

<http://nrc.oarhq.noaa.gov/sites/nrc/Documents/5YRDP/ResponsetoPublicCommentsonDraft5YRDP.pdf>.