Questions and Answers:

**Q: What is the NOAA Research and Development Vision Areas: 2020-2026?**
A: The *NOAA Research and Development Vision Areas: 2020-2026* characterizes the priorities and guidance for NOAA’s R&D activities for the next seven years. This is the fourth plan of its kind at NOAA.

**Q: Where can I find the Vision?**
A: A pdf of the *Vision* can be found on the NOAA Research Council website.

**Q: Why was the Vision developed?**
A: The *Vision* sets the foci for NOAA’s R&D activities for 2020-2026. The Vision provides a common understanding among NOAA’s leadership, its workforce, its partners, constituents, and Congress on the value of NOAA’s R&D activities. It 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.

**Q: How was the Vision developed?**
A: The NOAA Research and Development Enterprise Committee (RDEC) of the NOAA Research Council was responsible for developing the *Vision*. The document has incorporated input from within NOAA as well as from stakeholders, partners, constituents, and the NOAA Science Advisory Board.

**Q: How have the public comments been addressed?**
A: Public comments have helped shape this *Vision* and the future of R&D at NOAA in order to best meet NOAA’s mission. Each comment received was read and addressed and all comments were carefully considered- your thoughts are very helpful in our planning process. Please see our response to public comments for a more detailed description.