

## 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.