I-A. What is the scientific (not programmatic) vision for the Institute?

The Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR) brings together scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the University of Hawaii (UH) to address a broad range of issues of mutual concern and facilitate sound state-of-the-art research for national and local benefit.

The University of Hawaii is a research-intensive, land-grant university. In this capacity, it maintains a service mission to Hawaii, as well as (through its strategic plan) to the Pacific Basin. The University has recognized its unique location in the Pacific and has developed centers of excellence in the marine and related earth and atmospheric sciences. These areas of excellence coincide closely with NOAA interests. The University also provides capabilities in the social sciences through its academic units and land-grant services. Adjacent to the Manoa campus is the East-West Center, which brings together policy analysts and applied scientists from the Pacific Rim.

The JIMAR research themes reflect the rich diversity of NOAA and University of Hawaii interests and capabilities. JIMAR serves as a bridge between the basic research capabilities of the University and the mission-driven research of NOAA. JIMAR is housed within the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), home to several of the most prestigious academic programs at the University. As part of SOEST, JIMAR strives to achieve the scientific excellence expected within SOEST.