1-D. What criteria are used to measure progress in accomplishing these goals and objectives?

Metrics vary because goals have variable degrees of specificity. Research quality is measurable by traditional mechanisms. A substantial amount of our climate, tropical meteorology and equatorial oceanography research is funded through Task 3. JIMAR Task 3 is peer-reviewed individual investigator-driven research in response to NOAA initiatives often originating within the Office of Global Programs.

Measures of progress in ecosystems include:
1. Demonstrable recovery or stability of fishery stocks via standard assessments.
2. Removal of endangered species from the endangered species list.
3. Return of endangered species to their traditional ranges.

In addition, our PFRP is subject to feedback from clients (e.g., the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council) as well as periodic peer review panels. Also, PFRP Principal Investigators attend annual meetings, and funding renewals are based on performance evaluations by the PFRP manager and the steering committee.

Our efforts in climate services would be considered successful if programs such as PEAC become operational elements of NOAA climate observations and services and become absorbed by line offices.