

APPENDIX 13

R/V WECOMA Communications

The National Science Foundation, which funds operation of WECOMA, requires that the direct costs of communication (e.g., Inmarsat and cellular phone charges, marine operator charges) for other than ship's business be paid by the party responsible for the communications. This requires that we bill scientists for all communication charges and crew for personal communications. The information below is subject to change. Please check the WECOMA web page (<http://www.shipops.oregonstate.edu/ops/wecoma>) for the latest communication procedures and costs.

Billing Rates

Billing rates are based on the average, actual costs of the communications method used plus a surcharge to cover the University's 8 percent overhead on service accounts, the lease cost of the call tracking system on WECOMA, and the office staff time necessary to prepare the statements of charges.

Current voice and fax charges are:

INMARSAT-B	\$4.00/min
INMARSAT-M	\$4.00/min
Cellular	\$1.00/min

Voice Procedures

The designated Chief Scientist for each cruise will be issued a listing of User Numbers (in the range of 41 to 100) and the associated PIN's for these numbers. The Chief Scientist may issue PIN's to members of the scientific party. After the cruise is complete the Chief Scientist will be given a communications bill for all communication costs (e-mail, fax and voice) incurred by members of the scientific party. The Chief Scientist is responsible for all communications charges incurred.

Voice calls through the PABX may be placed from telephones in the Wet Lab, mess deck, Electronics Laboratory or chartroom at the present time. The outgoing call will automatically be placed on the lowest cost carrier available by the ship's PABX which will also prompt the caller for their PIN.

Incoming calls will require the individual on shore placing the call to enter a PIN as well since the ship is billed for the cellular connect time. Individuals who expect incoming cellular calls should provide the caller with their PIN and will be responsible for the charges incurred.

Fax Procedures

Fax procedures are identical to those for voice except that faxes may be sent only from the chart room fax machine.

e-mail

The Quick Pigeon Messenger Service provides individual e-mail addresses for persons on the R/V WECOMA. Messages are filtered for authorization and size. Typically, connections are established four times a day to transfer messages. The cost of the Quick Pigeon Messenger Service is \$0.10 per 1,000 bytes. For further information, see “[Contacting the R/V WECOMA.](#)”