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Dear Mr. Daucik and Dr. Dooley:

The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO) have co-sponsored WG 127 on Thermodynamics and Equation of State of Seawater for several years. We are very pleased with the outstanding work of this group in revising the equation of state of seawater and working to implement the new equations throughout the oceanographic community.

The working group has kept us informed of its increasing cooperation with the International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam (IAPWS). We believe this benefits all our organizations and we have approved the participation of SCOR and IAPSO in a SCOR/IAPSO/IAPWS Joint Seawater Committee. We understand that this group can work in a virtual sense for now, with no financial requirements. We look forward to additional details about the terms of reference and membership of the joint committee and discussion among the sponsors of how we will manage approval of these details. SCOR is able to handle administrative aspects of the group, if desired.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Fennel
SCOR President

Eugene Morozov
IAPSO President