



**OOIFB Roundtable on Ocean Observing  
University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography  
May 12-14 2026**

**CONFIRMED PARTICIPANT LIST**

*\*This list currently does not include online attendees who may choose to listen in to the roundtable as a “virtual attendee”. This list will be updated as those responses are received.*

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