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## Ocean Exchange and Marine Technology Society Partnership Continues to Expand with Quarterly Webcast Series

# "Engaging with the Blue Economy" Series Opens on March 30 with Focus on Shipping Decarbonization

**Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Washington, D.C.** - The <u>Ocean Exchange</u>, a leader in supporting the acceleration of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy, and the <u>Marine Technology Society</u> (<u>MTS</u>), the leading international community of ocean scientists and engineers, practitioners, policy makers, and educators, are partnering again to present a series of quarterly webcasts in 2022.

The series kicks off with a focus on "Shipping Decarbonization" on March 30 from 11 am – 12 pm (EDT), featuring Andrew Moffat, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State; Natalia Mykhalova, Co-founder and CEO of WeavAir; and David Cummins, President of the Blue Sky Maritime Coalition. Dain Dunston will once again emcee the webcast.

Based in Canada, WeavAir was presented with the 2021 Ocean Exchange Collegiate Award of \$25,000 for a system for vessel emission monitoring and predictive algorithms for regulatory compliance and operating cost savings.

"These well-attended webcasts provide an ideal way to discuss solutions to important issues. Each program leverages the points of view of respected industry veterans and developers of the next generation of technology solutions. We are grateful for their participation and also for the support of our partner, MTS, in presenting these informative and though-provoking events," noted Millicent Pitts, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Ocean Exchange.

MTS President Zdenka Willis said she is grateful for the continued partnership with Ocean Exchange and the opportunity to discuss developments in marine technology with hundreds of participants. "This webcast series has created engagement and conversations around key issues with the new Blue Economy. Our speakers who have come from industry, academia, and government, provide knowledge and context to further the discussion around developing new technologies and partnerships."

The next Blue Economy webcasts will take place on June 19 (Offshore Winds), September 28 and December 14. Each event features one or more established industry experts and an innovative new entrant. All webcasts in this series are free to attend. For more information, visit the <a href="Ocean Exchange">Ocean Exchange</a>, and <a href="Click here to register">Click here to register</a> for the March event.

#### **About Ocean Exchange**

Ocean Exchange is a 501c3 with the sole mission to help advance the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and sustainable coastal systems and maritime activities. To learn more, visit Oceanexchange.org.

### **About Marine Technology Society (MTS)**

The Marine Technology Society (MTS) promotes awareness, understanding, and the advancement and application of marine technology. Incorporated in 1963, the international society brings together businesses, institutions, professionals, academics, and students who are ocean engineers, technologists, policy makers, and educators. The Society publishes a peer-reviewed journal – The Marine Technology Society Journal. It has three technical divisions and 31 Professional Committees (technical interest groups). The society hosts several conferences yearly, and it supports 13 sections, which focus on events and programs unique to their geographic areas, enhancing networking among local colleagues, businesses, universities, and government/military offices. www.mtsociety.org.

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