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Planning Services	
Yes	SIP Process Met Expectations?
Comments: Confusing because there were two SIP's - one for Palmer and one for the vessel. Because of this, information came through twice re: medical evaluation information	
No	RSP helpful and timely?
Comments: RSP was timely but not necessary helpful. It's supposed to be the deliverables but it wasn't always correct. The process did work but it seemed like extra paperwork.	
Yes	POC Responsive?
Comments: Yes, changed from Steffi to Adam and communication was good.	

Medical Services	
Yes	Kits received on time?
Comments: Yes	
Yes	Questions answered?
Comments: The PQ process was slow and seemed excessive.	

Travel Services	
Yes	TRW available and understandable?
Comments: Available and understandable but mostly because of experience with use.	
Yes	Ticketing completed easily?
Comments: Yes	
Yes	Meet and assist service met requirements?
Comments: Very efficient	

Environmental Services	
No	Sample permits received okay?
Comments: No sample permit was needed	
Yes	ACA permits received okay?
Comments: One comment: Nowhere in the SIP application was it mentioned that the genetically lab modified ecoli would need an ACA permit. Through phone calls, Bill found information that a permit was required. Nadene was helpful in securing one on short notice. Information about requirements and changes was not up-to-date.	
Yes	Waste handling needs met?
Comments: Yes, with substantially less paranoia than in the past	

Equipment Availability	
No	Requested equipment available?
Comments: Most of it - the 30' otter trawl was not available on the first cruise (LMG0806) Bill will probably not request it again after seeing other equipment in use. The new nets were not efficient. The order for the nets did not match what was actually received and they were unusable.	
No	Damaged?
Comments: None	
Yes	Late?
Comments: The 30' Otter trawl that was on the SIP	
No	ECW gear in good condition?
Comments: No - The sea boots issued (fireman boots) leaked and Bill had to wear his Sorrels. Also, the zipper on his Parka (grey shell) didn't work well. Suggestion: With the many changes in clothing coming for future ventures, it would be nice to add a link in Polar Ice to the clothing (photos) that will be issued. It would assist travelers in packing from home and knowing what to ask for ie: extras available, etc. The changes to the clothing issue should be communicated.	
Yes	Lab space adequate?
Comments: Yes	
Yes	Remote sensing support needs met? (TeraScan, RadarSat)

Equipment Availability

Comments:

Not used

Hotel Services

Yes

Cabins clean and neat?

Comments:

Yes, very comfortable.

Suggestion: If the sharp edges were bullnosed (wood under the beds is an example) it would help to lessen the bumps from sitting up in the bunkbeds.

Yes

Linens clean and in good condition?

Comments:

Yes - Bill asked why the extras were in a locked cabinet. The Captain explained the loss of items and did mention that through communication with Palmer Station, it has lessened.

Yes

Food quality and variety was good?

Comments:

The food quality was an improvement over past experiences. The style of cooking has improved in variety and consistency.

Research Objectives

Yes

All accomplished? If not, please explain (weather, ice, equipment, personnel, etc.)

Comments:

Fishing went well - the requirements for the number of fish needed for the project was met.

Future Cruises

Yes

If returning for another cruise, are there any additional equipment or support needs your group anticipates?

Comments:

A cruise is planned for 2010. It would be good to have a useful and supportable ROV on board to study the environmental impacts in some of the fishing areas.

No

Anything you would like to see changed?

Comments:

None

Personnel Issues/Concerns

No

ECO

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Comments:

All of the ECO crew was easy to work with and very professional.

ECO asked "How can we improve?" - It has been five years since Bills' last LMG trip. The Science to Captain relationship was not so great in the past, however, conditions have definitely improved with the current crew - they are straightforward, friendly and helpful. The interaction with the science team shows great improvement. Bill appreciates the open communication and detail to safety. Capt. Scott thanked Dr. Detrich for keeping a positive attitude towards decision made for safety reasons and for understanding delays due to weather concerns.

No

RPSC

Comments:

All of the RPSC crew was easy to work with and very professional

Other Issues

Yes

Diving, Zodiac, E-mail support, interaction with stations, etc.?

Comments:

Interactions between ship and station has greatly improved due to personnel in both places.

Having Internet service on board the ship would be a great improvement for future cruises.