

HIGHLIGHTS

Cordova visit – Molly was able to attend the 30th anniversary celebration of the Prince William Sound Science Center in Cordova June 8, held in conjunction with the annual Copper River Nouveau. The PWSSC is one of AOOS’ original partners, and CEO Katrina Hoffman serves as the AOOS Board Chair. One of AOOS’ original projects was development of a pilot end-to-end observing system in PWS, capped with an intensive field experiment in 2009. Molly met with center scientists on June 10 to plan a small workshop on PWS observing needs, tentatively scheduled for October 2. The workshop will look back at the pilot project, examine current observing activities, and identify needs and activities for the future.



PWSSC ED Katrina Hoffman with Senator Lisa Murkowski presenting the 2019 Fisheries Achievement Award to Gary Martinek.



IARPC Team Leaders at the June workshop.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS

IARPC Team Leaders Workshop – As one of the 3 co-leads of the Environmental Intelligence Team, Molly attended the workshop June 5-6 in Anchorage. IARPC – the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee – coordinates federal research in the U.S. Arctic through a team process that includes state, private and academic representation in addition to federal. The EI Team will continue working with other teams on promoting collaborative efforts to respond to the biological and human impacts of increased ocean warming temperatures.

Alaska Prospectors Society – Darcy gave a presentation on ocean acidification on June 25 to an engaged audience of long time Alaskans.

Despite the name, the group is not affiliated with mining and their mission is to “see and know Alaska”.

Alaska HAB Network quarterly update – Kayla convened AHAB members by phone for their quarterly meeting where members provided regional updates on HABS conditions and activities. This year has brought extremely high levels of toxins to some parts of Alaska – particularly Southeast – where community partners have collected samples showing levels 50 times the threshold safe for human consumption. [June 26 Press Release](#). [Quarterly summary](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE

Facilitation Training - Darcy, Holly, and Kayla participated in two days of training on meeting facilitation sponsored by NOAA in Juneau, June 18-19. All 3 said they greatly benefitted from the training, especially given the collaborative networks that AOOS supports.

Seward Road trip – Molly and Holly traveled to Seward June 13 to meet with the Alaska SeaLife Center’s admin staff, including Tara Miller and Claire Maier. The trip was extremely productive, in that we were able to resolve a number of issues with how we portray and review AOOS budgets.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

AK Coastal Mapping Strategy update – A draft prioritization of Alaska’s coastal mapping needs will soon be released for public review. The proposed plan is the work of Marta Kumle, an AOOS employee detailed to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The planning activity is a joint state, NOAA and AOOS program.

Nome CDIP Wave and Surface Current Buoy Deployed – Victor Aguilar from the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) traveled to Nome to help deploy the AOOS wave and surface current buoy off the Port of Nome on June 11, 2019. The buoy is located at Lat 64° 28.344 N, Long 165° 28.442 W. Many thanks to the Port of Nome, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and CDIP for assistance with deployment and long-term operation and maintenance of the buoy. Data are updated every 30 minutes on the [Coastal Data Information Program \(CDIP\) website](#) and on the [AOOS website](#).

DATA MANAGEMENT

AK Water Level watch data portal Phase I completed – Another joint project with the state and NOAA is development of a data portal for water level data that doesn't quite meet the quality standards of the national tide gauge program (National Water Level Observing Network – or NWLON). Phase I of that project is now complete, with a scoping for Phase II underway.

COLLABORATIONS

NWS bi-monthly meeting – Molly met June 27 with the National Weather Service regional team for our bi-monthly meeting. These meetings are great opportunities for sharing our current activities and programs, and exploring ways to collaborate and enhance these programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16-17	Harmful Algal Bloom workshop, Nome (Kayla)
July 17-18	Symposium on Impacts of Ice-Diminished Arctic, Washington DC
July 23-24	IOOS RA Director and Program Office Work Session, San Francisco (Molly)
Aug 1-2	North Pacific Workshop for the Ocean Decade, Tokyo (Molly)

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