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## **AOOS Board Meeting**

**May 14, 2020**

### **Meeting Summary Prepared by Darcy Dugan**

*Approved Unanimously at August 2020 Excom*

Board members: Ginny Eckert (AK Sea Grant), Katherine Howard (ADF&G), Jim Kendall (BOEM), Brad Moran (UAF), Lynn Palensky (NPRB), Katrina Hoffman (PWSSC), Cheryl Rosa (USARC), Ed Page (MXAK), , Bob Foy (NOAA/AFSC), Amy Holman (NOAA), Margaret Williams (WWF), Mike Miller (IPCOMM), Paul Webb (USCG), Dee Williams (USGS), Kenny Down (NPFMC), Jason Brune (ADEC), Amy Holman (NOAA), Sara Longan (ADNR)

AOOS staff present: Molly McCammon, Carol Janzen, Holly Kent, Darcy Dugan, Jill Prewitt

Guests present by phone: Josie Quintrell (IOOS Assoc), Oriana Villar (IOOS Program Office)

**Meeting called to order at 1pm via Zoom by AOOS Board Chair Katrina Hoffman.**

#### **Adoption of Agenda and Board Meeting Summary**

**Action Item:** Draft meeting agenda and board summary from Dec 2019 approved unanimously.  
*Motion by Eckert, second by Kendall.*

#### **Update on IOOS Association activities by IOOS Association Director Josie Quintrell**

Quintrell gave an overview of the IOOS Association's efforts on past, current, and future appropriations; the FY21 Fill the Gaps Campaign; reauthorization of the ICOOS Act; congressional outreach; planning for FY21-25; impacts of COVID in the marine observing world; and a new project on economic valuation.

#### **Update on IOOS Activities by Oriana Villar**

Villar is the new regional coordinator for the IOOS Program Office. Her work focuses on partnership development, leveraging and communicating with her office and the IOOS regional associations (such as AOOS). She reported on the notice of funding opportunity for IOOS regions coming out June 1<sup>st</sup>, COVID impacts being compiled by IOOS, and coordination between IOOS regional associations and Regional Ocean Partnerships.

#### **Update on AOOS activities by AOOS Executive Director Molly McCammon**

Molly McCammon provided an overview of recent and upcoming AOOS activities and participation in state, national and international level initiatives.

## Alaska Activities

- AMSS: White House private-public partnership follow-up townhall
- Activities of AK Harmful Algal Bloom Network, AK Ocean Acidification Network, AK Water Level Watch, AK Coastal Mapping strategy
- New funding: HF radars in Bering Strait, glider program, Bering Sea data sharing
- AFE: microplastics, HABs, OA, Bering Sea response
- AOOS governance structure transition process: ramping up in June

## National/International Activities

- IARPC Environmental Intelligence Collaboration Team co-lead
- NOAA Science Advisory Board – Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group
- Ocean Sciences: town hall on Arctic change
- Arctic Observing Summit – held virtually
- UN Decade of Ocean Science planning for Arctic session
- IOOS grand challenges – using them for input into UN Decade planning
- IOOS Federal Advisory Committee: met Feb 13-14 in DC
- Ocean Studies Board: planning committee for workshop on sustaining ocean obs in September

## Timeline: FY21-26 Proposal Process

- Outreach at AMSS & AFE: January & February
- Solicitation for new project ideas: March & April, & ongoing
- Outreach to networks AWLW (April), OA Network, AHAB: April & May
- Additional stakeholder engagement with partners: May
- Development of buildout plan maps: May
- External review: June
- Board review & approval of proposal framework: August
- Final development of proposal pieces (statements of work for subawards, budgets, letters of support, etc.): Sept-Nov
- Submission: Week of Nov. 23

## **Bering Sea Project update from new AOOS employee Jill Prewitt**

Prewitt began at AOOS in April and is leading an effort to develop a comprehensive Bering Sea data portal. The goals include increasing regional data sharing among federal, state, tribal, community and private sector partners; providing info that stakeholders need to respond to rapid ecosystem change in the Bering Sea Region; and supporting agency management and community decision making. So far, Jill has been working with Axiom to identify existing data from the area and with ACCAP to develop a “Spring Bering Region Ocean Update” report. Jill has been setting up stakeholder 1 on 1 meetings to identify key information needs and data products. The project has a new webpage and Facebook page and will eventually produce a

variety of outreach materials, convene science workshops in hub communities and share information through a community road show.

### **AOOS Budget**

Board members reviewed a spreadsheet showing years 1-4 of the five-year AOOS budget and remaining funds for this year (year 5). AOOS will receive some additional directed funding in July/Aug from other NOAA line offices for specific projects. The Executive Committee will meet in July to accept those funds, some of which will become part of the AOOS base funding in the future. The total AOOS core funding for this year is \$2.69M.

**Action Item:** Motion to approve AOOS Year 5 descoped core budget as presented passed unanimously. *Motion by Moran, second by Miller.*

### **Future of AOOS Data Management Advisory Committee**

McCammon described the history of the AOOS Data Management Advisory Committee which last met in December 2017. Many of the reasons the committee was originally founded are no longer relevant and AOOS is now a federally certified data center required to meet certain rules and standards. AOOS staff recommended removing the committee from standard operation procedures, noting that emphasis will continue to be placed on identifying AOOS data portal users and making data more easily accessible.

**Action Item:** Motion to disband data management advisory committee passed unanimously; *Motion by Palensky, second by Kendall.*

### **New proposals submitted/accepted**

A sheet on proposals that AOOS has submitted was circulated to the board.

### **Ocean Observing Roundtable**

Board members and guests shared current news and upcoming events.

### **Executive Session**

The board and Executive Director held a brief executive session to discuss personnel issues.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.**