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## AOOS eNews - Holiday Edition 2015

### AOOS Announces 2015 Short Film Contest Winners

Hannah Baird won both the Judges Choice and the Youth Creative categories for her film Home. Filmmakers Alisa Aist, Ellie Schmidt, Kaiti Chritz & Jim Pfeifferberger were also winners. Their films and bios can be downloaded from the [AOOS website](#).

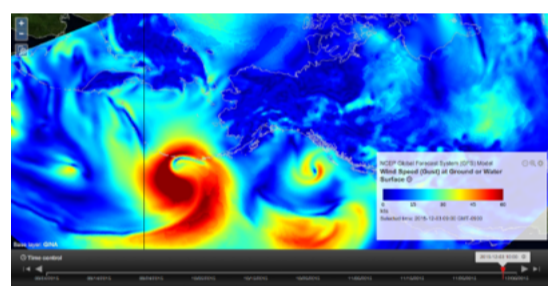


### AOOS to Convene Technical Workshop on Ocean Acidification

AOOS is hosting an ocean acidification (OA) technology workshop in Anchorage January 29-30 following the Alaska Marine Science Symposium. [Learn More.](#)

### AOOS Spring Board Meeting in Fairbanks

The 2016 AOOS spring board meeting will be held in Fairbanks on March 16 in conjunction with the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) 2016. [AOOS Board of Directors.](#)

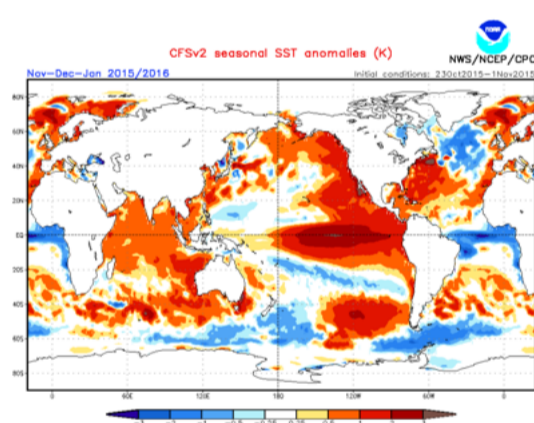


### AOOS Adds New Weather Forecast Model

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Global Forecast System (GFS) model has been added to the [AOOS Data Portal](#). This reliable, large scale forecast model is updated frequently and forecasts up to 16 days in the future. It is the model used as the long-term forecast basis for nearly all of the weather sites.

### Don't Miss the Alaska Marine Science Symposium

The annual symposium is organized by region: Arctic Ocean (Tues, Jan 26), Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (Wed Jan 27), and Gulf of Alaska (Thur, Jan 28). Within each geographical region, talks will be presented on a variety of research themes including: climate and oceanography, lower trophic levels, fishes and fish habitats, seabirds, mammals, humans, and ecosystem perspectives. [Learn More.](#)

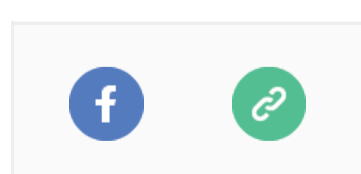


### The Second Pacific Anomalies Workshop

AOOS Executive Director Molly McCammon and Operations Director Carol Janzen will join more than 70 scientists and resource managers on the University of Washington campus January 20-21 to discuss the continuing unusual ocean weather and climate patterns in the North Pacific basin known as the Blob. AOOS is maintaining the [Blob Tracker](#), a blog with regular updates regarding the Blob.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



Best regards from Molly McCammon, Carol Janzen, Darcy Dugan, Holly Kent, and Rob Bochenek  
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