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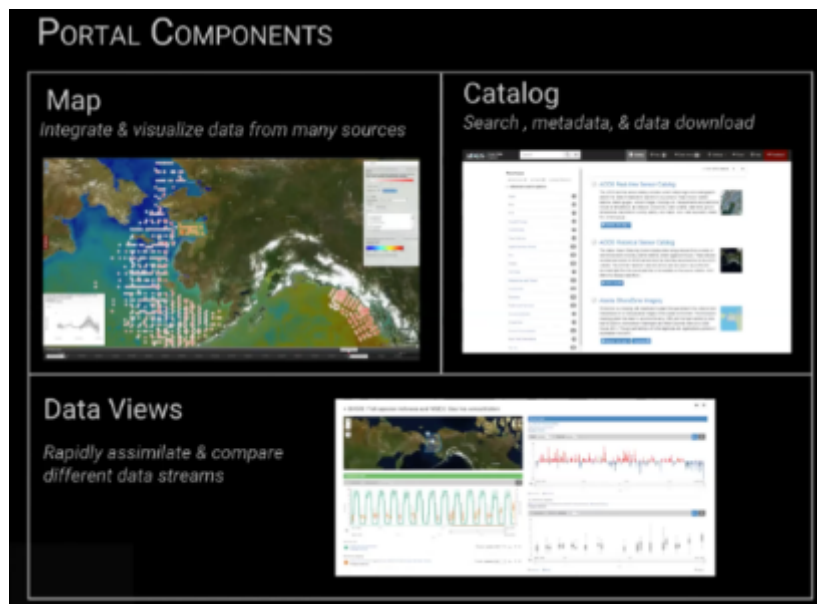
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AOOS Releases Next Generation Data Portal



Building on many years of stakeholder feedback, AOOS' [Ocean Data Explorer](#) was updated with new features and performance enhancements and released June 8, World Oceans Day. The updated portal gives users access to new features, as well as a revamped design, to get more out of the AOOS data services. The new portal exists on a platform that is more responsive to long time-series observations and provides access to nearly 3,000 in situ stations and 15,000 sensors that report nearly 5 million observations weekly. The portal now has more advanced discovery and sharing capabilities to discover and interact with over 887 layers representing coastal and ocean data from across the state. A webinar highlighting these new features and functionality can be viewed on the AOOS website.

Making Progress: Integrated Water Observation Network in Alaska



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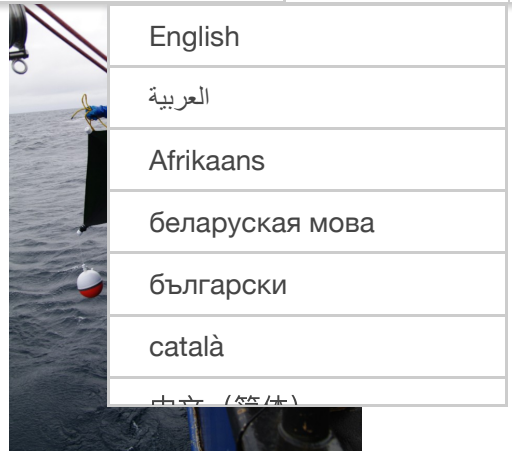
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The Alaska Water Level Observations Workshop was held on May 22-23, 2018 and brought to light the progress that has been made to fill gaps in water level observing for the state of Alaska over the last three years. At this meeting, participants identified and prioritized remaining gaps and potential solutions for increasing water level observing information for Alaska. The meeting brought together a broad range of participants representing both technology development of water level sensors and stakeholders using water level data. The 35 participants represented federal and state agencies, regional Native corporations, universities, non-profits, and industry. Opportunities for funding and/or collaboration to improve water level sensing capacity in Alaska were also explored. A workshop report will be completed by the end of summer and will be available on the AOOS-hosted [Alaska Water Level Watch](#) website.

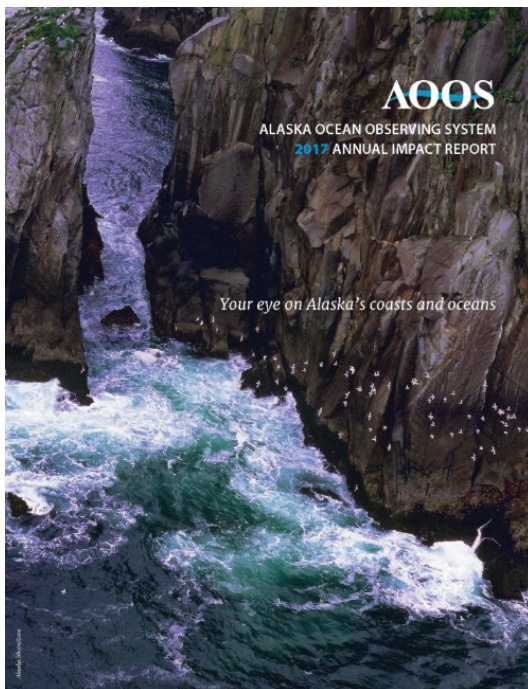
Coordination Efforts Respond to Bering Strait Concerns

Increased concern by Bering Strait residents of impacts from warm ocean waters and reduced sea ice prompted members of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee's Environmental Intelligence Team (including AOOS' Molly McCammon) to join in facilitating a more coordinated research effort in the Arctic for the 2018 field season.

expected. The team is working on 3 fronts, to 1) increase food safety and water quality sampling in the region; 2) facilitate more coordination among the 2018 research cruises and enhance data collection when possible; and 3) increase communication among researchers, and between the research community, agency managers, and local residents. If you're interested in joining the team working on this effort, contact [Molly McCammon](#).

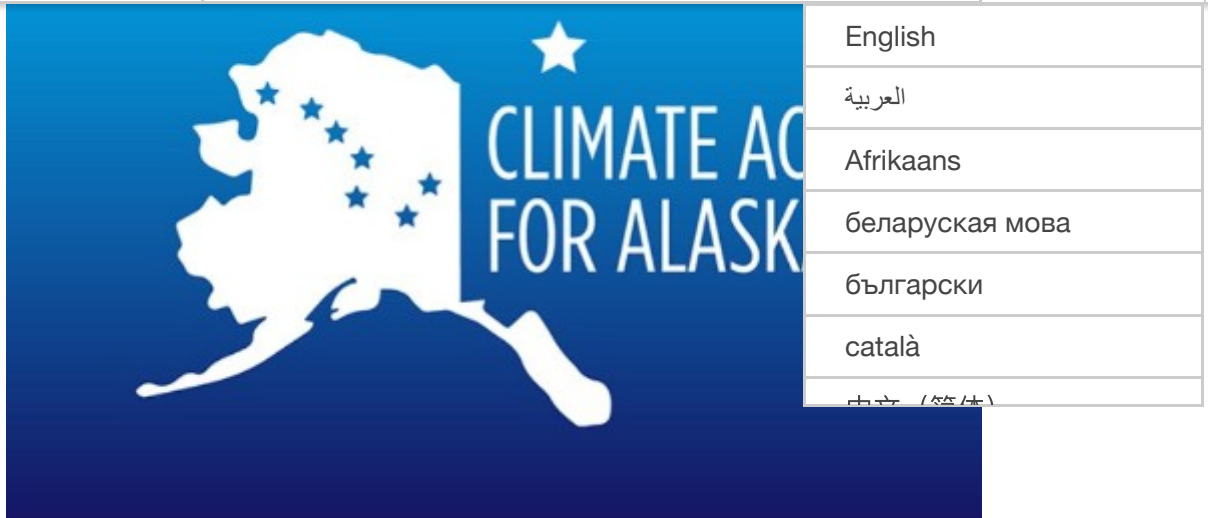


AOOS Publishes Second Annual Impact Report



[The Alaska Ocean Observing System 2017 Annual Impact Report](#) was published in April and highlights some examples of how we work as your eye on Alaska's coasts and oceans through supporting key observations, turning data into information, and fostering collaboration between agencies, researchers, and stakeholders. The report is available for viewing or download on the AOOS website.

Climate Change for Alaska Leadership Team



Since Alaska Governor Bill Walker created a 20-person Climate Change for Alaska Leadership Team chaired by Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott and including AOOS Executive Director Molly McCammon last October, the team has been meeting regularly to develop a state policy and “critical and timely actions to address climate change challenges that will safeguard Alaska now and for future generations.” Molly is also co-lead of the Science Advisory Group for the team along with Larry Hinzman from UAF. After several meetings and listening sessions the team released a [Draft Alaska Climate Change Policy](#) for public comment and is now reviewing those comments. The team’s progress can be followed on the [Climate Action for Alaska](#) website.

NOAA Office of Coastal Management Listening Tour

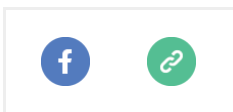


Coordinator Amy Holman guided members of NOAA's Office of Coastal and Estuarine Science from May 22-25 for stakeholder meetings and site visits in Anchorage, Alaska. In Anchorage, the visitors met with state, federal, NGO and private industry representatives discussing National Weather Service Alaska service resilience and adaptation, conservation issues, coastal management permitting, coastal mapping, water level observations, data management and the Blue Economy. In Nome, the visitors met with the mayor, harbor master, director, as well as representatives from Kawerak and the Nome visitors OCM group, traveling from Silver Spring, MD; Charleston, SC; Honolulu, HI; and Oakland CA, also gave a presentation at the University of Alaska's Nome campus about coastal management planning and activities.

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Board of Directors Update

AOOS Board of Directors member Katrina Hoffman, Executive Director of the Prince William Sound Science Center, was approved as the board chair and Marine Exchange of Alaska Executive Director, Ed Page, as board vice-chair during the January board meeting, until new officer elections can be held in the fall. Hilcorp, represented by Bill Britt, was also approved to replaced Shell Oil as the oil and gas board member at the same board meeting.



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