

HIGHLIGHTS

AOOS Board meeting results – The AOOS Board met Monday, December 16 for its fall meeting, which focused primarily on strategic planning for the FY21-25 NOAA cooperative agreement and AOOS strategic plan. The Board received briefings on the following items:

- National Perspective from the White House Ocean Science & Technology Summit, OceanObs'19, UN Decade of the Ocean, IOOS Fill the Gaps Campaign, and IOOS Grand Challenges (Molly and Josie Quintrell, IOOS Association Director)
- AK Water Level Watch, waves and coastal mapping priorities (Carol Janzen)
- AK OA Network Update & new OA ferry project (Darcy Dugan and Wiley Evans, Hakai Institute)
- AK HABS Regional Update (Kris Holderied, Kasitsna Bay Lab, Kari Lanphier, SEATOR and Kathi Lefebvre, NOAA)
- Ecosystem & Climate Trends: gliders, radars & moorings (Seth Danielson, UAF)
- AOOS Data Center: New Products & Capabilities (Rob Bochenek, Axiom)
- Future of AOOS Data Management Advisory Committee & contract (Carol Janzen)
- Process for reviewing current & New projects (Carol Janzen)

Action: The Board established a small working group to review the staff recommendation to disband the Data Advisory Committee as currently structured and develop a new process for prioritizing development of data products. The group will also develop a recommendation on whether or not, and when, to openly compete the data management contract, held by Axiom for the past 8 years.

Action: AOOS staff will be conducting an external review this spring of current activities and soliciting ideas for potential new ones. Stay tuned for more news about that.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS

Accepted Abstracts: Carol and Molly have three papers/posters accepted for presentation at the AGU/TOS/ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting in February 2020.

OA Network Steering Committee – the Alaska OA Network Steering committee met on Dec 10 and discussed upcoming outreach, data synthesis, 2020 Gulf of Alaska sampling plans, and other network activities. The network is planning an OA Townhall at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium.

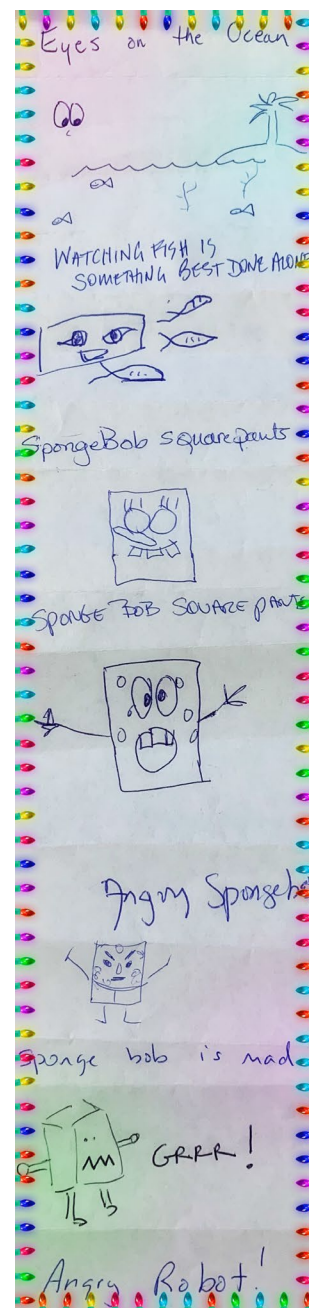
DATA MANAGEMENT

On December 18, Axiom hosted a data portal workshop to a group of 13 decision-makers at the Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation. The workshop provided hands-on experience discovering, accessing, and analyzing ocean and coastal data through the AOOS Data System.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 7-9 | Ocean Acidification Community Meeting, Miami (Molly) |
| Jan 27-30 | AK Marine Science Symposium |
| Jan 21-22 | Alaska Mariculture Workshop, Ketchikan (Axiom) |
| Jan 28 | Ocean Acidification Townhall at AMSS |
| Jan 29 | GWA and HRM PI Meeting during AMSS (final date/time TBD), Anchorage |
| Jan 31 | Team meeting for IOOS project on storm surge and wave forecasting |
| Feb 16-21 | AGU/TOS/ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting, San Diego, CA |

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all of our friends and colleagues, from the AOOS team: Molly McCammon, Carol Janzen, Holly Kent, and Darcy Dugan, and our data team at Axiom Data Science



This was the result of our game of telephone Pictionary from our holiday party. We started with the AOOS tagline and via Sponge Bob Squarepants ended up with an Angry Robot!