

Executive Director Report

AOOS BOARD

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September 2, 2020
Virtual



Alaska Activities

- Managing during Covid-times: all work remotely w/a few in-person outdoors staff mtgs; some assets deployed w/help of local hire (north slope & Wales HFRs); some ship cruises (Sikulialq); CI & Nome wave buoys deployed; some deferred (Hydroball)
- Murdoch Foundation – successful grant to UAF Russ Hopcroft for towed vehicle to supplement Seward Line/GOA LTER ship transects: AOOS helping provide match
- AK Harmful Algal Bloom Network: new HAB \$\$, now hiring coordinator
- AK OA Network, AK Water Level Watch, AK Coastal Mapping strategy all on track
- Bering Sea data sharing project: BeringScience report published in June; circulated to PO boxholders Shishmaref to Dillingham; ACCAP webinar; KNOM & KOTZ interviews, Arctic Sounder, postcard feedback. Next up – 2 page summary for fall meetings. Next large report: January.
- AOOS governance structure transition process: now ramping up

National/International Activities

- IARPC Environmental Intelligence Collaboration Team co-lead: 2020 research cruise status report updated & circulated; Dec 1 meeting planned with research leads; IARPC team leaders planning sessions July 14-16
- NOAA Science Advisory Board – Ecosystem Services Management Working Group
Met July 15-16 to hear from experts in preparation for next report: “Managing under deep uncertainty”
- UN Decade of Ocean Science (UNDOS): 1 of SAON reps on planning team for Arctic session, virtual working group sessions in October, leading up to spring meeting & launch
- IOOS Association: strategic planning July 22-23
- IOOS Advisory committee: met Aug 4-6; identifying top needs of program, including IOOS Grand Challenges – using them for input into UNDOS
- OA-HABs collaboration workshop Aug 11-13: preparing for funding opportunity
- Ocean Studies Board: planning cmte co-chair for workshop on sustaining ocean observations to be held virtually Sept 16-18
- IOOS-OAR Pacific workshop held Aug 25-26

FY21-26 Proposal Process

- ~~• Outreach at AMSS & AFE: January & February~~
- ~~• Solicitation for new project ideas: March – May & ongoing~~
- ~~• Outreach to networks AWLW (April), OA Network, AHAB: April & May~~
- ~~• Additional stakeholder engagement with partners: May–August~~
- ~~• Technical review: June~~
- ~~• Development of draft strategic document & final BO maps: July~~
- ~~• Public review of draft strategic document & buildout maps: August~~
- Sept 2: board review & approval of proposal framework
- Sept-Nov: final development of proposal pieces (statements of work for subawards, budgets, letters of support, etc.)
- Another board review? (Board needs to meet to elect officers)
- Submission: Week of Nov. 23 (Actual due date Dec 31)