

Executive Director Report

AOOS BOARD

May 14, 2020
Virtual



Alaska Activities

- AMSS: White House private-public partnership follow-up townhall;
- AK Harmful Algal Bloom Network
- AK OA Network
- AK Water Level Watch
- AK Coastal Mapping strategy
- New funding: more for HF radars in Bering Strait, glider program
- New funding: 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: 2020 research cruise status report; next meeting – reports from communities
- NOAA Science Advisory Board – Ecosystem Services Management Working Group
Next report: “Managing under deep uncertainty”
- Ocean Sciences: town hall on Arctic change
- Arctic Observing Summit – held virtually
- UN Decade of Ocean Science : 1 of SAON reps on planning team for Arctic session, virtual session in fall; tentative in-person in winter
- IOOS grand challenges – using them for input into UN Decade planning
- IOOS Advisory committee: met Feb 13-14 in DC
- Ocean Studies Board: planning cmte co-chair for workshop on sustaining ocean observations to be held virtually in September

Coming Up: 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
- August: board review & approval of proposal framework
- Sept-Nov: final development of proposal pieces (statements of work for subawards, budgets, letters of support, etc.)
- Submission: Week of Nov. 23