

HIGHLIGHTS

AOOS 2014 Film Contest Showcase – Each week, a new short film from AOOS’ 2014 contest is being highlighted on the homepage, www.aoots.org. This week’s film, titled “The Health of the Ocean Matters to Me”, explores the role of the ocean from the perspective of local middle school students in the ASLC’s Ocean Sciences Club.



2015 Film Contest is Underway – For the second year, AOOS is welcoming films under 10 minutes relating to Alaska’s oceans or coasts. Submission deadline is Sept 15, and the grand prize is \$1,000. [Learn more.](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AOOS Board – The AOOS Board met April 3 to approve the work plan and budget for FY 15, which for AOOS starts June 1, 2015. The activities for the coming year are essentially the same as those for the current year. The Board also approved updated Terms of Reference for the Data Management Advisory Committee, and approved two new members to the DMAC: Jim Potemra of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System and Zach Stevenson with the Northwest Arctic Borough.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAVEL

GOAIERP PI meeting – Axiom’s Chris Turner and Will Koeppen represented AOOS at the meeting of NPRB’s Gulf of Alaska Integrated Ecosystem Research Program in Fairbanks April 7-10. The original project is winding down, focusing on synthesis and publications.



NWAB/NSB Advisory Committees – Advisory committees to Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough science programs supported with Shell funding met jointly in Anchorage April 9-10. Molly is on the NWAB committee. AOOS is developing a phone app for the borough, and both programs would like AOOS to provide data management support for their programs.



JOCI Meeting – Molly attended the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative’s Arctic Ocean Leadership Roundtable in Fairbanks April 27-28. JOCI is holding workshops around the country as input into developing recommendations for ocean-related actions to the new federal administration following the 2016 elections.

PRESENTATIONS

AMCC Board – Molly presented AOOS 101 at the April 10 meeting of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council board. AOOS collaborates with AMCC on ocean acidification and marine debris activities.



Cook Inlet Response Tool – Sue Saupe of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council demonstrated the updated CIRT at the CIRCAC meeting in Kenai April 17. Molly represents the Municipality of Anchorage on CIRCAC.

Moore Foundation Demo – Molly and Rob Bochenek demonstrated the AOOIS Ocean Data Explorer tools to Moore Foundation staff April 30.

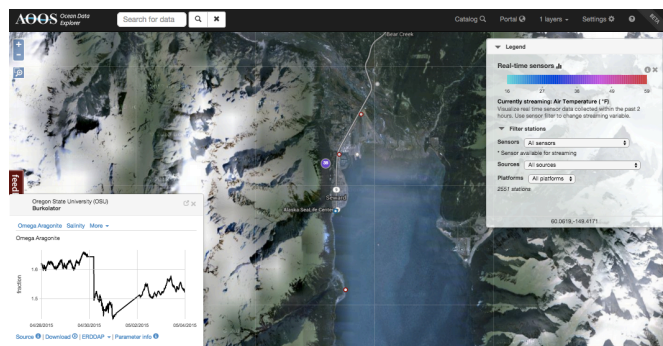
UPDATES

Cook Inlet Wave Buoy Deployed – Thanks to Kris Holderied (Kasitsna Bay Lab) and Angie Doroff (Kachemak Bay Research Reserve) and the crew of ADF&G’s Pandalus, the Cook Inlet wave buoy was redeployed April 13 and is now streaming [real-time data](#). [Read more](#).

Norton Sound Buoy Planning – Plans are underway for redeploying the Norton Sound wave buoy with support of the Norton Sound Economic Development Council.



Seward Burkolator Up and Running - An instrument that collects real-time carbonate chemistry data from water entering the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery in Seward is operational again. The data helps scientists at UAF and NOAA learn more about ocean acidification trends. Find the real-time data on the sensor map [here](#) by clicking on the dot near the Alaska SeaLife Center.



GOING FORWARD – Some Key Upcoming 2015 Activities

- May 5-6 Pacific Anomalies Workshop – Scripps, San Diego
- May 12 ACCAP Steering Committee – Anchorage
- May 18-19 Juneau meetings
- May 27 ACCER – Anchorage
- May 27-28 Water Levels Workshop – Anchorage
- June 9 Meet & greet with NOS Director Russell Calendar - Anchorage
- June 29 AOOIS Board - Anchorage

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