

HIGHLIGHTS

GLACIER Conference – AOOS Executive Director Molly McCammon participated in the August 31 GLACIER conference on climate change with a number of AOOS board members and partners (photo on right: Molly with AOOS Data Management Committee chair Phil Mundy). Conference highlights included a Call to Arms in Response to Climate Change by President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry. The President called Alaska and the Arctic the leading indicators for climate change. NOAA Administrator Dr. Kathy Sullivan highlighted a session on observing networks and U.S. National Hydrographer Rear Admiral Gerd Glang and Rear Admiral Daniel Abel, U.S. Coast Guard 17th District Commander spoke at a session on “Strengthening International Preparedness and Cooperation for Emergency Response.” The streets surrounding the President’s hotel, Hotel Captain Cook - which is a block from the AOOS offices, were barricaded in classic Alaska style – with snowplows and dump trucks!



Climate Science Expo – AOOS and board members World Wildlife Fund and the US Arctic Research Commission, joined by a host of other agencies and organizations, many of them also AOOS board members, hosted a Climate Science Expo for the Media on August 30 prior to the GLACIER conference. The expo featured 5-minute talks by prominent scientists on topics ranging from Climate Change impacts on wetlands and wildlife, to boreal forest wildfires to ocean acidification, sea ice and walrus. Co-sponsors

provided displays and handouts featuring Alaska research and expertise. Resources can now be found on the AOOS website at <http://www.aos.org/climate-science-resources/>.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Proposal submitted – Thanks to all for helping getting us to the finish line August 31 with submission of our 5-year grant proposal to NOAA, which provides our core operating funds.

Staff Retreat – AOOS staff took a day August 13 to do some strategic planning for the organization. The results will be shared with the AOOS Board at its November 3 meeting, which will be focused on strategic planning as well.

IOOS Association EXCOM – Molly met in Chicago Aug 3-5 with other members of the IOOS Association Executive Committee and IOOS program Deputy Director Carl Goldman to prepare for the IOOS Association meeting in Florida in mid-September and to strategize on long-term funding options.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

MARES PI Meeting – Molly and Chris Turner and Kyle Wilcox from Axiom Data Science attended the first MARES project PI meeting in Boston on August 7th. The project's first field season is now underway.



University of Victoria Ocean Networks Canada – Molly and AOOS Operations Director Carol Janzen traveled to Victoria, B.C. for a long-planned meeting with Ocean Networks Canada, including CEO and President Kate Moran, to discuss potential collaborations between Canada observing programs and Alaska. The infamous Bob Ballard was also at UVic (see photo) that day.

Arctic Shipping Summit – Molly attended the 2-day conference sponsored by Alice Rogoff, publisher of the Alaska Dispatch News.

Arctic Council Host Committee – Molly has been asked by Governor Walker to participate in the Alaska Host Committee for upcoming Arctic Council events to be held in Alaska during the next 2 years. Events range from welcoming outreach to planning for ancillary events during council meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 10	AK Climate Change Executive Roundtable, Anchorage (Molly)
Sept 11	Cook Inlet RCAC, Seldovia
Sept 15-16	IOOS Association fall meeting, St. Petersburg FL (Molly & Carol)
Sept 28-30	Arctic Energy Summit, Fairbanks (Carol)
Sept 30	USGS Data Mining Workshop, Anchorage
Oct 5-6	NWAB Science Advisory Committee, Kotzebue, Molly
Oct 19-23	MTS, Washington DC (Carol)
Nov 3	AOOS Board Meeting, Anchorage
Nov 4	AOOS Data Management Committee meeting, Anchorage