

HIGHLIGHTS

AOOS Film Contest Showcase – Each week, a new short film from AOOS' 2014 contest is being highlighted on the homepage, www.aoot.org. This week's film, Alaska Still Fighting by Bjorn Olson, captures reflections on EVOS 25 years after the spill.



See AOOS films at the Beartooth! AOOS is partnering with Alaska Geographic to put on an afternoon of ocean films on March 28th from 3-5pm. This is a great chance to see our marine environment on the big screen with your friends!

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/TRAVEL

EVOSTC Synthesis workshop – Molly and Axiom team members Rob Bochenek and Chris Turner participated in 3 days of synthesis meetings February 4-6 for the Gulf Watch Alaska and Herring Research and Monitoring Programs funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. The websites, Ocean Research Workspace sites and data portals and visualization tools were demonstrated to the EVOSTC's Public Advisory Committee and to TC agency representatives and their science panel.

Alaska Forum on the Environment - Former AOOS staffer Ellen Tyler helped out at a workshop on Community-based Monitoring (CBM) at the AFE February 9. The CBM Handbook developed as a product of the CBM Workshop hosted by AOOS and Alaska Sea Grant last April was released during the session, attended by more than 80 people.

Northwest Arctic Borough Science Advisory Committee – Molly traveled to Kotzebue February 18-19 to participate in the 2 day committee meeting, also attended by AOOS Board Member and AK Fishery Science Center Director Doug DeMaster.



AOOS Data Management Advisory Committee – The AOOS DMAC met at the Axiom office in Anchorage February 25. The committee reviewed the current membership list and recommended changes to update the committee's Terms of Reference.

UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

Sea Grant fellowship and research reviews – On February 23 and 24, Molly participated in reviews of applicants for the new Alaska Sea Grant Alaska Fellowship Program, as well as pre-proposals for Sea Grant's research program.

AOOS Interviewing for two Positions – Two job descriptions were circulated in December and January for a program coordinator and new operations director position. The deadline was Jan 26th, and interviews are underway.

Data Coordinator position – Axiom is currently circulating a [position announcement](#) a new data coordinator position to support the EVOSTC-funded programs, as well as several new AOOS programs including AMBON and MARES.



Farewell to Emily Hutchinson – We say farewell and good luck to Emily Hutchinson, whose last day in the AOOS office is March 6. Emily came over from the Sea Grant office in November and has been a huge help to us in the past few months.

GOING FORWARD – Some Key Upcoming 2015 Activities

- Mar 1-5 IOOS Association spring meeting – Washington DC
- March 4 Cook Inlet Response Tool (CIRT) training for resource managers – Homer
- March 18 Alaska Marine Policy Forum
- March 25 AK Sea Grant review
- March 28 AOOS Ocean Films at the Beartooth - Anchorage

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