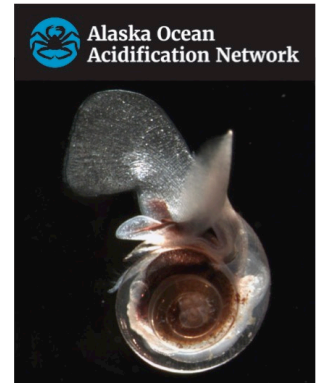


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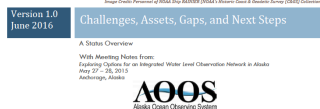
AK OA Network – AOOS Program Director and Network Coordinator Darcy Dugan launched the website, hosted on AOOS website, with a press release, list serve announcement and Facebook post on July 28. The website is designed to expand the understanding of ocean acidification processes and consequences in Alaska, as well as potential adaptation and mitigation actions. The network is the fourth regional ocean acidification network in the US, and will help connect scientists and stakeholder communities, recommend regional priorities, share data, and determine best practices for monitoring. You can access it [here](#).



ADMINISTRATIVE

NOAA Five Year Cooperative Agreement – AOOS is one step closer to getting its next NOAA agreement finalized. Although we did not receive the full \$4 million a year that we requested, we have been granted \$ 2,796,480 for FY16 and are working with our PIs to get contracts in place.

COASTAL & NEARSHORE WATER LEVEL OBSERVATIONS IN ALASKA



Water level report – A report detailing the results of last year’s workshop on water level observations is now available on the AOOS website. The synthesis report [Coastal and Nearshore Water Level Observations in Alaska; Challenges, Assets, Gaps and Next Steps](#) is available on the AOOS website. AOOS is partnering with the National Weather Service and the State of Alaska to implement many of the recommendations in the report.

IOOS Certification – AOOS is working hard to meet our internal certification submission deadline of August 24. We plan to be the fourth out of eleven RAs to submit certification documents and hope to be IOOS-certified by the end of this year. What does this mean? The main advantage will be national recognition that our programs and data system meet certain national standards.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Western Regional Climate Center Workshop – Representatives of NOAA’s WRCC, located in Reno Nevada, were in Anchorage July 19-21 to obtain Alaska input and priorities for Alaska climate products to be produced by the center. The WRCC is one of 6 regional climate centers, and supports the needs of 11 states. The center received an increase in funding this year to better respond to Alaska and Pacific Island needs. AOOS ED Molly McCammon participated in the workshop, calling attention to a number of climate products requested by AOOS stakeholders.

Alaska Marine Policy Forum – Molly hosted the call this month on July 20 with a congressional update from Senator Sullivan’s office, an update on the AK OA Network, an update on the Council’s June meeting and NPRB’s Arctic Program. Phil Mundy from NOAA gave a presentation on the Yukon River Chinook Salmon Run Forecasting program. [Summary notes](#) from all forum calls are available on the AOOS website.



SAON Review – Molly’s participation in the external review of the international program Sustained Arctic Observing Network continued with an in-person work session in Copenhagen July 25-27. The review committee is chaired by Helen Joseph, past director of Oceanography and Climate Science at Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The final recommendations and report are due to the SAON Board and the Arctic Council by September 1.

IOOS Association Fall Meeting – AOOS staff continue to work with the planning committee for the IOOS Association annual fall meeting in Alaska September 25-28. Representatives of the IOOS Program Office and all 11 IOOS regional associations will be attending.

Aleutian Life Forum – AOOS Administration Director Holly Kent has been participating in meetings as a member of the steering committee for this conference slated for August 16-19 in Unalaska. Darcy will be attending to chair a session on ocean acidification and introduce the new Alaska Ocean Acidification Network.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 12 – AOOS Board Strategic Planning
- August 16-19 Aleutian Life Forum and Coastal Resiliency Workshop, Unalaska
- August 22 Science Briefing for Council on Foreign Relation’s Arctic Task Force, Anchorage
- September 14-16 SEARCH Sea Ice Workshop, Washington DC
- September 21-22 Coastal Resiliency workshop, King Salmon
- September 25-28 IOOS Association Fall Meeting, Anchorage
- October 3 AOOS & NERACOOS-hosted science reception for Arctic Council, Portland Maine

Please note: Molly will be on vacation and completely off the grid from August 25-September 10.

Molly, Carol, Holly, Darcy, and Rob