

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE

**Proposals Submitted** – AOOS partnered with the Kenai Fjords National Park on a pre-proposal to the NPS Ocean Science and Learning Center to provide a workshop on OA for park service employees. AOOS partnered with Axiom and Stephen Braund & Associates on a proposal to the National Academies of Science on a project to synthesize AIS ship tracking data, GNOME oil spill model results, and subsistence use information into a unique, interactive tool to aid research and planning in coastal communities bordering the Alaska Beaufort Sea. AOOS also submitted a proposal to BOEM/BSSE at their request to ingest historic Arctic meteorological and atmospheric modeling data collected by BOEM into the AOOS data portal.

**Subaward activity** – Staff have been busy preparing for the new 5 year cooperative agreement with NOAA that began June 1, 2016, as well as finishing up activities on the past 5 year agreement. We received a 1-year no cost extension for that one, and plan to complete all past commitments this year.

**Certification** - AOOS staff have also been busy preparing to submit our proposal for certification to the national IOOS Program Office by mid-August. This includes organizing past documents into a Strategic Operating Plan, and documenting QA/QC procedures and metadata for all of the data streams we serve up through the AOOS Ocean Data Explorer.



### MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

**ORAP** – Executive Director Molly McCammon attended a meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel in Arlington VA May 31-June 1. ORAP, a federal advisory committee to the nation's ocean research agencies and the National Ocean Council, has not met in more than 2 years, but is now attempting to re-invigorate itself. The other Alaskan on the committee is Michael Cerne of Juneau, former US Coast Guard board member to AOOS.

**More DC meetings** – Molly attended a special 2 day meeting of the IOOS Association Executive Committee in Washington DC June 7 and 8, and then participated in a meeting of the IOOS data management team in Silver Spring on June 9. While there, Molly also joined other RA directors in representing the IOOS Program at the National Marine Sanctuaries Association's Ocean Awards Gala, which honored Senator Maria Cantwell for her work on ocean policy.

**AASG** – Operations Director Carol attended a session on Lidar technologies and applications at the American Association of State Geologists conference on June 15 in Girdwood, AK.

**Arctic IoNS** – Molly participated in the Arctic Incident of National Significance (IoNS) Workshop June 21-22 at UAA. The workshop was a tabletop planning exercise in response to a potential cruise ship grounding. On June 23 a smaller group met with the Arctic Domain Awareness Center team at UAA to discuss future activities for the planned Arctic Integrated Fusion Capability project.

**IOOS Association Fall Meeting** – AOOS is excited to be hosting the IOOS Association annual fall meeting for the first time. Molly and Holly have been collaborating with Josie Quintrell and Abbey Wakely (IOOS

Association staff) to organize details, logistics, and field trips for the meeting in Anchorage, September 25-30. Stay tuned for more details.



**Aleutian Life Forum** – Holly 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.

**OTHER**

**SAON** – Molly continues to participate in the external review committee looking at the international Sustained Arctic Observing Network (SAON). This month has focused on reviewing the results of a survey of partners, participants and stakeholders, and conducting in-depth interviews of key respondents.

**DATA MANAGEMENT**

**Gulf of Alaska Hydrology Model** –Visualizations are complete on a hydrology model of the State of Alaska that estimates historic stream flow discharge and snow water equivalent depth from 1978 to 2014. [See the model here.](#) This work was done through an NPRB-funded project, "The contributions of precipitation and glacial processes to freshwater fluxes into the Gulf of Alaska."

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 20 Alaska Marine Policy Forum Call
- July 22-27 Molly in Copenhagen for SAON external review meeting
- August 16-19 Aleutian Life Forum, Unalaska

**Molly, Carol, Holly, Darcy, and Rob**