

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Dinner with John Holdren** – Molly McCammon attended a dinner with the President’s Science Advisor Dr. John Holdren, hosted by National Ocean Council director Beth Kerttula, in Juneau on September 1. The event provided an opportunity to discuss ocean observing with other representatives of the ocean community including AOOS Board Chair Ed Page, AOOS Data Management Committee chair Phil Mundy, and Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District Chief of Staff Charles Cashin and Coast Guard Arctic lead Jamie Robinson.



*Left to right: IOOS Operations and Communications Division Chief Derrick Snowden, PacIOOS PI Chris Ostrander, PacIOOS deputy director Melissa Iwamoto, and IOOS Association director Josie Quintrell.*

**PacIOOS is certified!** - The Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System became the first IOOS regional association to be certified under new rules instituted by the IOOS Authorization Act. AOOS hopes to submit its certification package by next June 1. All of the data on our web portal needs to be documented for QA/QC before we can submit.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**Subawards underway** – Thanks to all for your patience as we finalize amendments to all our subawards for the current 2015-2016 year.

**IOOS RA Director Retreat** – Molly and Operations Director Carol Janzen attended a day-long session for IOOS Regional Association directors at the Clam Bayou Marine Education Center in Gulfport, FL September 14, with focused discussions on the recent proposal process, the process for certification, and industry partnerships.



*Photo: IOOS Association*

**New ARCUS director visits** – Bob Rich stopped by the office Sept 9 and met with Molly to discuss potential collaborations with the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S.

## MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

**ACCER Meeting** – Molly attended the recent Alaska Climate Change Executive Roundtable meeting September 10. She will be working with the Alaska Data Integration Working Group to follow up on next steps.



**IOOS Association** – Molly and Carol attended the two day fall IOOS Association meeting Sept 15-16 with the IOOS Program Office at the Fish & Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg FL. A lot of the discussion focused on how best to fill gaps in the needs for ocean observing nationwide. Molly was re-elected to another 2-year term as IOOS Association Treasurer. Attendees toured many of the projects

underway by SECOORA and GCCOOS at the institute and adjacent University of South Florida.

**Arctic Energy Summit** – Carol attended The Arctic Energy Summit held in Fairbanks, Alaska September 27-30, 2015. Carol presented a slide demo of the AOOS Arctic Data Portal and provided examples of what kinds of data plots and products are available. She attended workshops and technical sessions covering topics on clean energy innovations and a panel discussion on oil and gas resource potential and regulatory systems governing these activities.

**New Addition** – Congratulations to AOOS Program Manager Darcy Dugan on the birth of baby boy Kai on September 10. Mom, Dad, brother Suvan and Kai are all doing well. Darcy will be on family leave until mid-January.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct 19-23 Marine Technology Society, Washington DC (Carol)
- Oct 21 Arctic Domain Awareness Center ribbon cutting, Anchorage
- Nov 3 AOOS Board Meeting, Anchorage
- Nov 4 AOOS Data Management Committee meeting, Anchorage
- Nov 9-13 Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (Molly)
- Nov 17-19 Arctic Open Science Meeting, Seattle (Carol)
- Nov 18-20 Pacific Marine Expo, Seattle