

## HIGHLIGHTS



**HSRP & IOOSAC** - Molly and AOOS partners (including Ed Page from the Marine Exchange of Alaska, NOAA Regional Collaboration team lead Amy Holman, and Nic Kinsman from the National Geodetic Survey) participated in both NOAA's Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) and Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee (IOOSAC) in Juneau August 28-30. Molly spoke during an HSRP special session on Alaska Water Level Partnerships on August 28, highlighting the data management, access, innovation and partnerships needed to grow the Alaska Water Level Watch network. AOOS is piloting a data portal that will integrate Tier B and C water level data for stakeholder use.

During its 3-day meeting, the HSRP also heard from a variety of Alaska stakeholders highlighting their needs for navigation services and recommendations for addressing Arctic challenges, as well as from NOAA Acting Administrator Admiral Timothy Gallaudet and Acting National Ocean Services Acting Assistant Administrator Nicole Leboeuf. During its 2-day meeting, the IOOS Federal Advisory Committee heard from representatives of key AOOS partners: Marine Exchange of Alaska (Brett Farrell), Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research (Esther Kennedy), and NOAA's Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute (Mandy Lindeberg).

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**AOOS Subawards** – The AOOS staff has been busy reviewing documentation for 28 subaward projects prior to their delivery to the Alaska SeaLife Center for processing to agreements or amendments. These projects are all funded through the third year of our five-year cooperative agreement with NOAA.

## PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS (Missed in July update)

**Shep Smith** - Molly and Carol met with the Director of Coast Survey Rear Adm. Shepard Smith on July 31 to brief him on AOOS water level pilot projects in advance of the HSRP's August meeting in Juneau.

**Julie Gourley visit** - As a member of the Alaska host committee during the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, Molly met with Julie Gourley, U.S. Senior Arctic Official with the State Department and other host committee members during Julie's July 18 visit to Anchorage. Julie updated the committee on recent Arctic activities by the State Department.



## OUTREACH

**Website Remodel** – Outreach Director Holly Kent solicited proposals from contractors and selected a team to begin work on updating the look and feel of the AOOS website with some reorganization of materials. Work has begun on this project looking towards completion by the end of the year.

**Ocean Acidification eNews** – The Alaska OA Network puts out a monthly eNews and you can read the [August edition](#) here. The highlights for this month included community-based water sampling in Southeast, an update on the ferry project, an interview with NOAA fisheries biologist Jennifer Newby, and a creative animation of ocean acidification effects on the brains of some fish.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept 10-12** NAS Ocean Studies Board meeting, Fairbanks (McCammon)  
**Sept 11** Jt. NAS Ocean Studies/Polar Research Boards Arctic infrastructure scoping session, Fairbanks (McCammon)  
**Sept 12-14** NOAA Ocean Acidification Program Data Synthesis Product Workshop (Dugan)  
**Sept 12** EVOS Science Panel Meeting, Anchorage (Janzen)  
**Sept 18-20** IOOS Association fall meeting, Baltimore (McCammon & Hoffman)  
**Sept 26** EVOS Public Advisory Committee Meeting, Anchorage  
**Oct 11-12** Women in Climate Change meeting, Seattle (McCammon)  
**Oct 17** EVOS Trustee Council Meeting, Anchorage (Janzen)  
**Oct 22-25** OCEANS'19, Charleston, SC  
**Oct 23-25** Oceanology International, Qingdao, China (McCammon, invited keynote)  
**Oct 24-26** Consortium for Ocean Leadership, Washington DC  
**Nov 2** AOOS Board meeting, Sitka (all staff)  
**Nov 14-16** Herring Research Monitoring (HRM) and Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) PI Meeting, Anchorage (Janzen)  
**Nov 17-19** Pacific Marine Expo, Seattle (Dugan)  
**Nov 26-28** ADAC Annual Meeting, Washington DC (Janzen)  
**Dec 10-14** AGU, Washington DC (McCammon)

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