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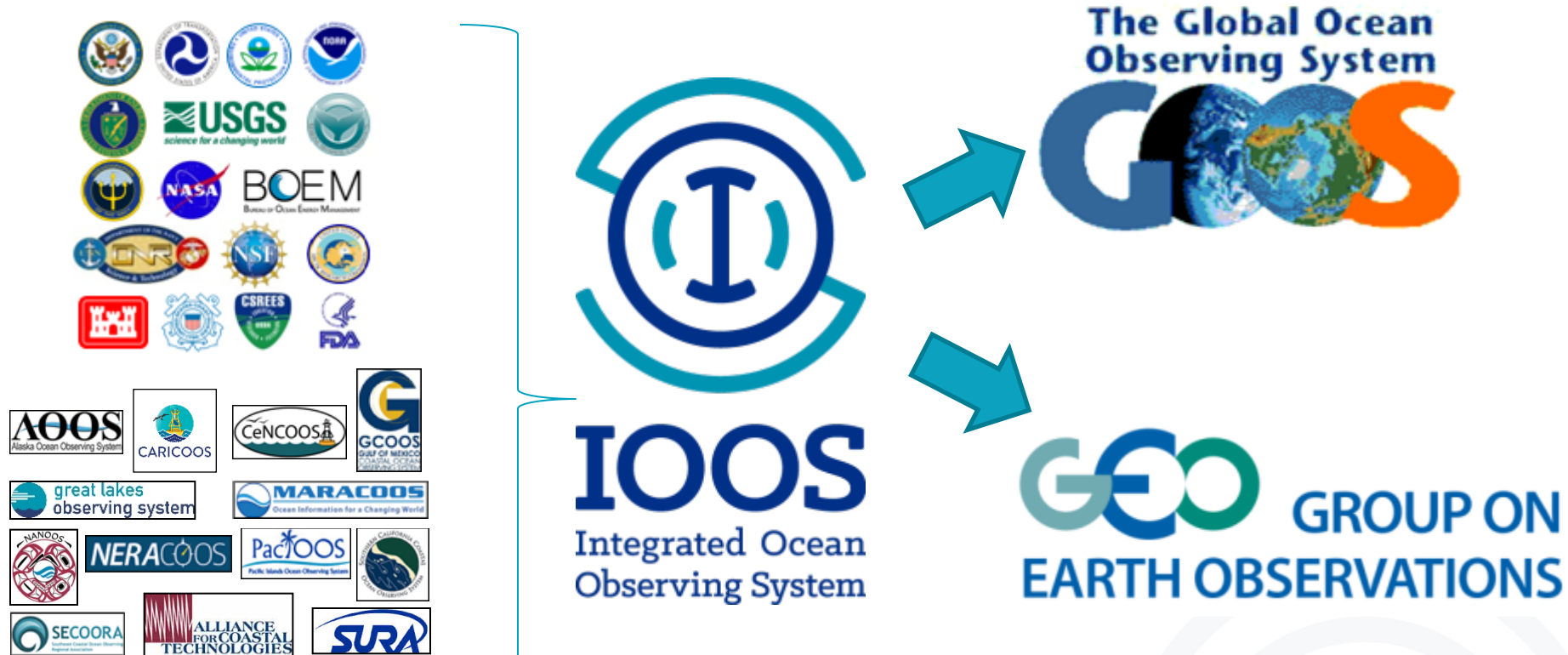
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# U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System

- Partnership of 17 federal agencies
- Scientific, technical, and procedural standards to establish a national ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing system.
- 11 Regional Associations, the Alliance for Coastal Technologies (ACT) and the Southeastern University Research Association (SURA) to build this observing network.

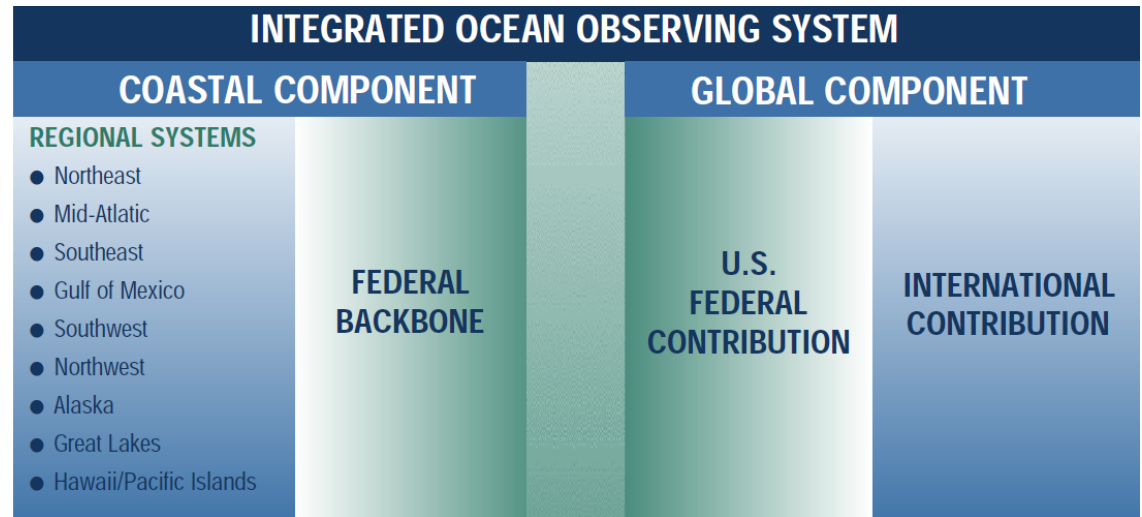
# From National to Global





# U.S. IOOS®: Program Overview

**Policy Neutral,  
Stakeholder driven,  
Scientifically based**



ICOOS Act - P.L. No 111-11, March 2009

## Mission Areas:

- Improve predictions of **climate** change and **weather**, and their effects on coastal communities and the nation
- Improve the safety and efficiency of **maritime operations**
- More effectively mitigate the effects of natural **hazards**
- Improve national and homeland **security**
- Reduce **public health** risks
- More effectively protect and restore healthy coastal **ecosystems**
- Enable the **sustained use** of ocean and coastal resources.

# IOOS Regions



11 Regions

Who

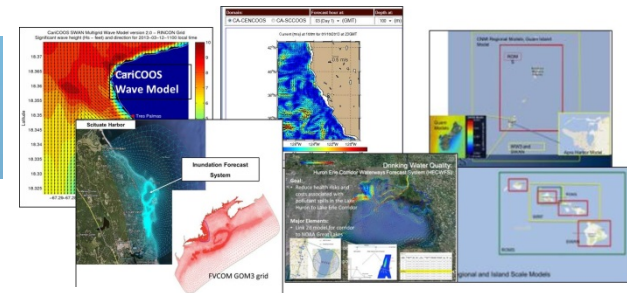
- State, Local, Tribal Government
- Profit & non profit industries
- Academia



Data Access



Observations



Models



Education  
Outreach

**Produce | Integrate | Communicate**





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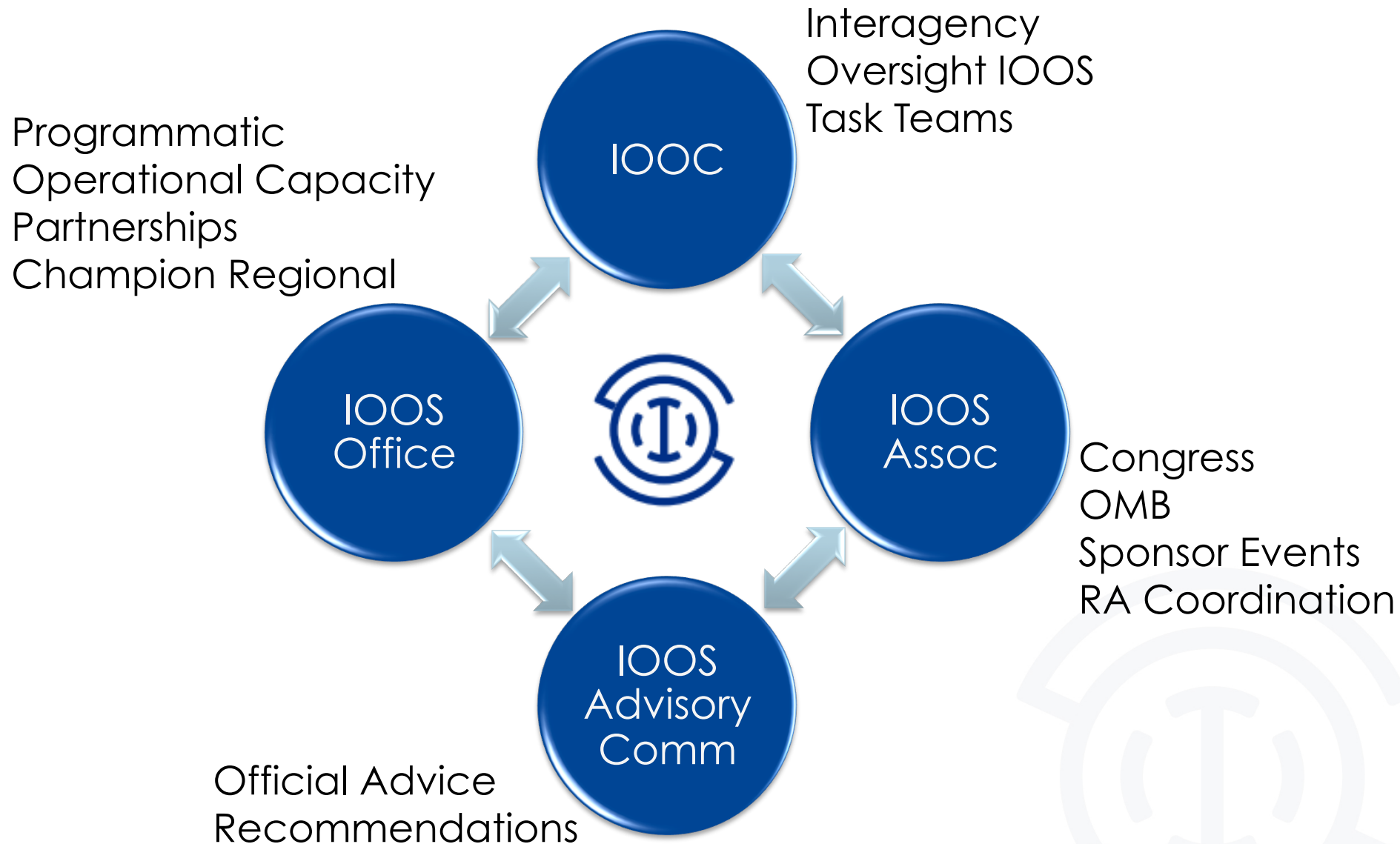


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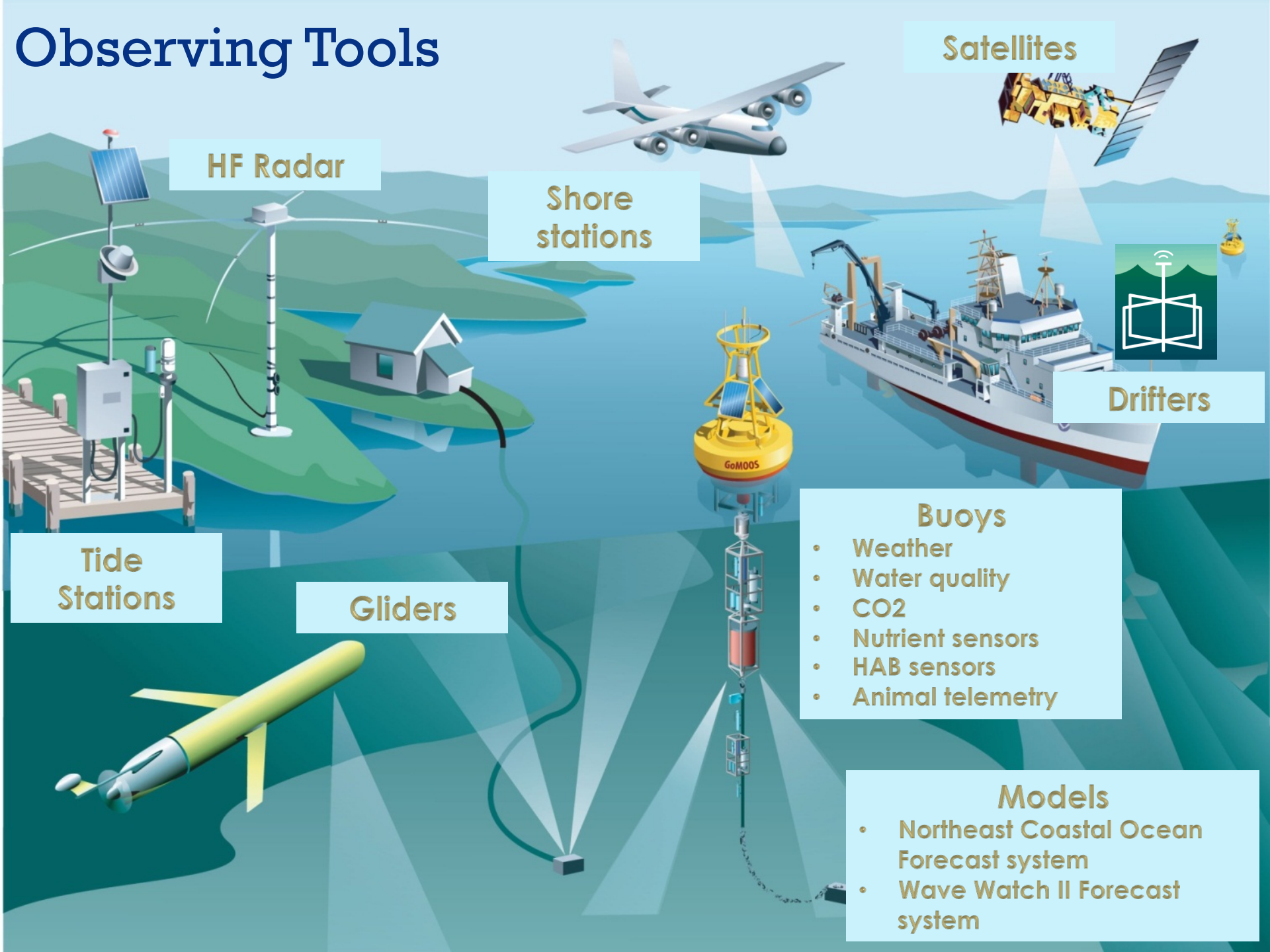
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# IOOS is a Team Sport





# Observing Tools



Satellites

HF Radar

Shore stations

Drifters

Tide Stations

Gliders

Buoys

- Weather
- Water quality
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Nutrient sensors
- HAB sensors
- Animal telemetry

Models

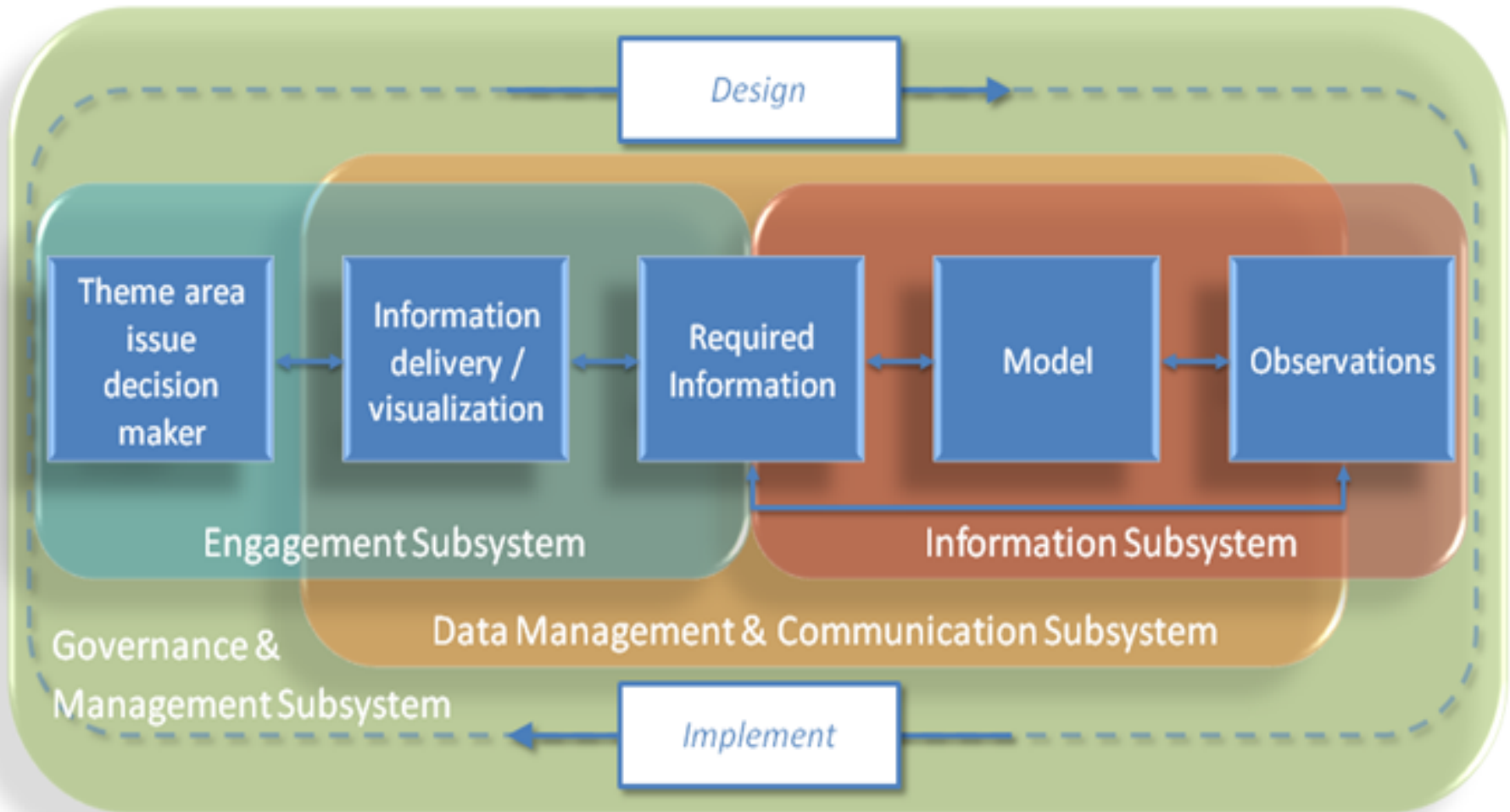
- Northeast Coastal Ocean Forecast system
- Wave Watch II Forecast system

# Challenges

- Legacy observing systems to meet singular/specific mission needs.
- Lack of interoperability and common access to data
- Pockets of highly specialized observing, science, and data analysis
- Sparse data and modeling coverage in some geographies



# Approach & System Design



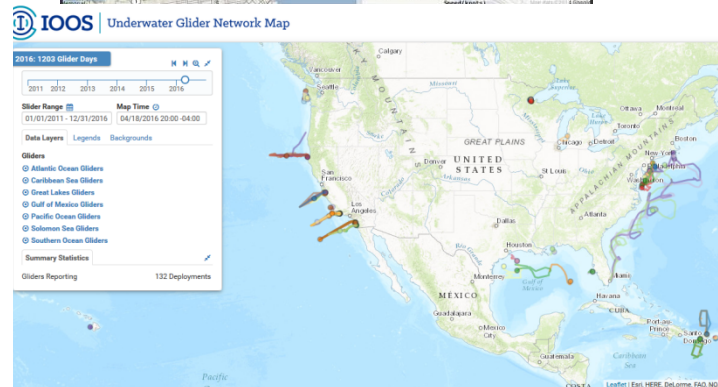
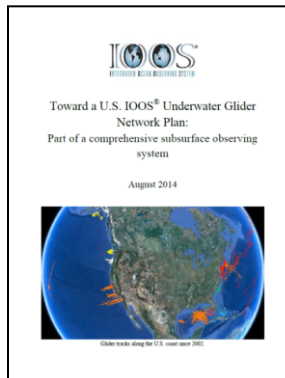
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# IOOS: Advancing Communities past Challenges

## HF Radar:



## Gliders:



## Animal Telemetry:



## Biological Variables & BIO TT:

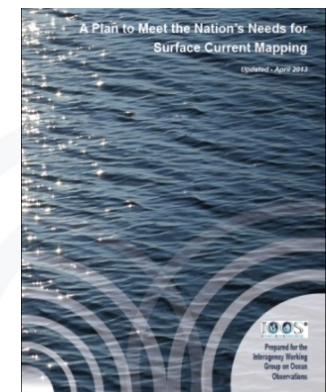
WORKSHOP REPORT

Biological and Ecosystem Observations within  
U.S. Waters:

A Workshop to Inform Priorities for the  
U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System®

Convened by the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC)  
Biological Integration and Observation (BIO) Task Team

## Wave Measurements:



# IOOS Data is BIG data

***Petabytes  
of  
Open Data***

**32,000**  
stations

**119,515**  
sensors

**37**  
national sensor networks

**42,000,000**  
sensor observations  
*Per week*

**IOOS** | Integrated Ocean Observing System

DATA - VIEWERS - DACS - REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS - ABOUT -

EDS Model Viewer

IOOS By The Numbers

Profiling Gliders

Data Discovery

Coastal and Ocean Modeling Testbed

Marine Biodiversity (MBON) Data

Regional Associations

Environmental Sensor Map

Tweets by @usioosgov

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Hugh Roarty talks about applying #QARTOD flags to #HFRadar @hroarty @rutgers\_cool #Oceans18

QARTOD HFR - 2016

U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System shared  
Geochemical & Environmental Research Group's post.  
September 20 at 1:31pm

Geochemical & Environmental Research Group  
September 20 at 10:38am

Dr. Anthony Knap talks about GERO's new high frequency radar system in this article featured in The Battalion.

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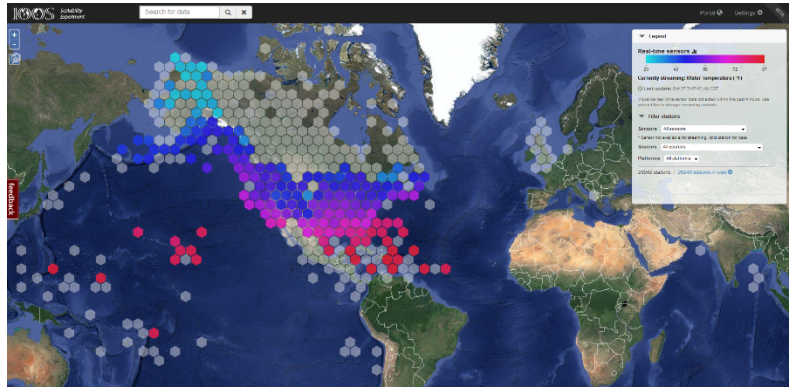
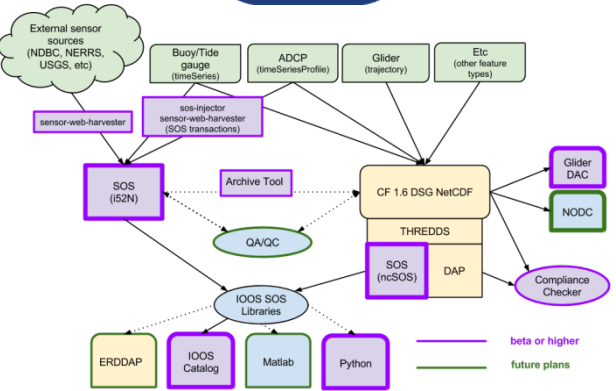
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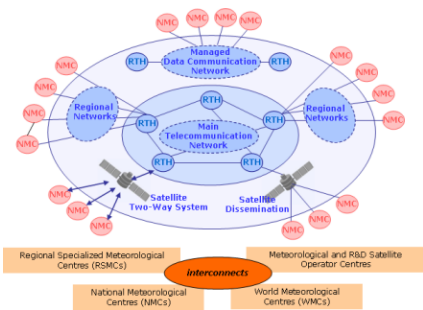
# Access to Data



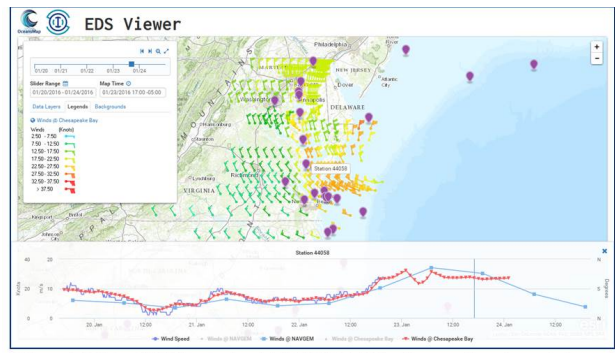
2 week cache of real-time observations

Access on 1 page: [loos.us](http://loos.us)

## Standards



## Global Telecommunications System (GTS)



Blizzard 2016: CBOFS winds at 1/23 17:00 EST. Time-series of model output and buoy observations (1/20 - 1/23)

## Access to model output

Quality Assurance



## Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (ICOOS Act)

- Formal recognition of IOOS Regional Associations
- Extends **civil liability** coverage for data use
- Establish minimum criteria for how a RICE operates
- Adherence to data management best practices
- Enhance delivery and quality of data and information

**Credible** – recognize NOAA's responsibility for ensuring data quality and assumption of liability risk

**Reasonable** – develop program guidelines in accordance with RA capabilities as supported by IOOS Program funding

# Applications and Needs



# Post Storm: Response, Recovery, Long-term Planning

## Navigation Response Team



## Shoreline Imagery



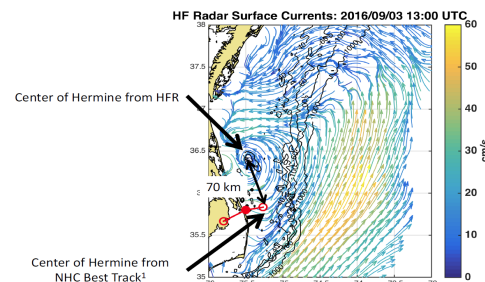
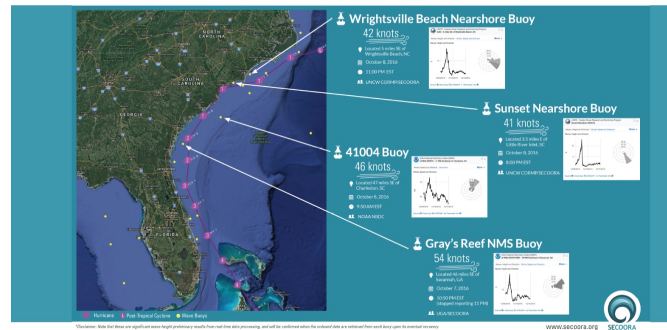
## Oil Spill Response



## Analysis of the Storm

### Wind Speed During Hurricane Matthew

As Matthew moved from Bahamas to Carolina, buoys captured wind speed over 50 knots along its path. SECOORA Data Portal allows visualization of data from multiple sources in near-real time.



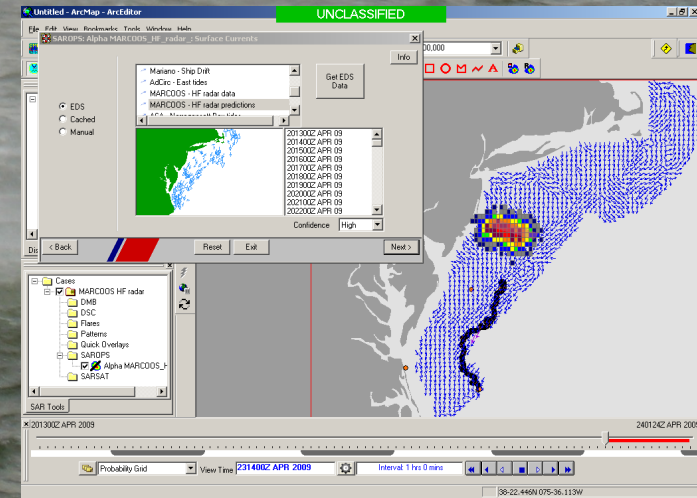
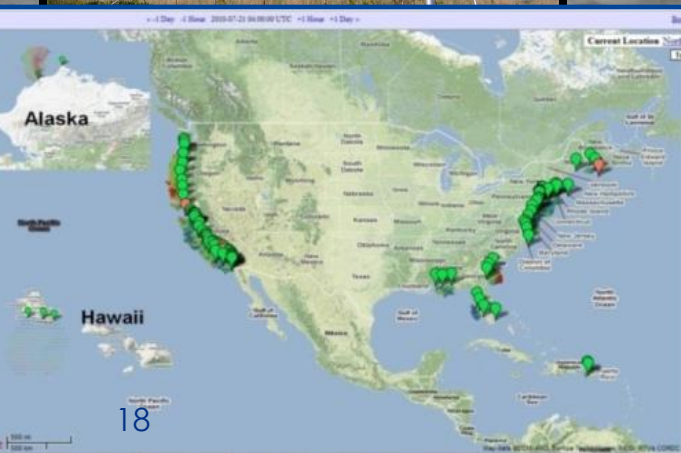
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## Promoting Resilience





# Saving Lives – supporting the US Coast Guard – Search and Rescue



# Public Good - Refugio State Beach Oil Spill – May 2015

U.S. Department of Commerce | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | National Ocean Service



## Office of Response and Restoration

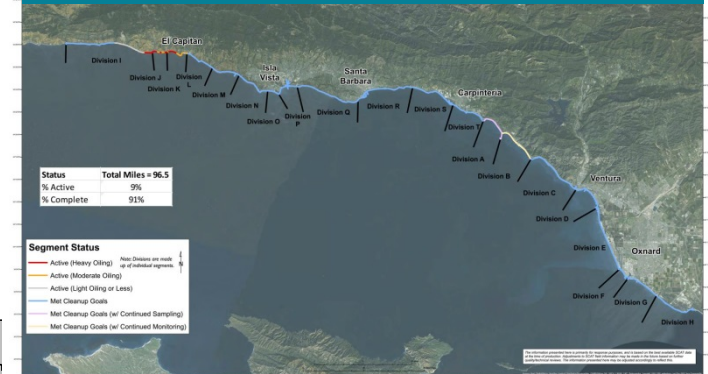


Refugio Response Joint Information Center

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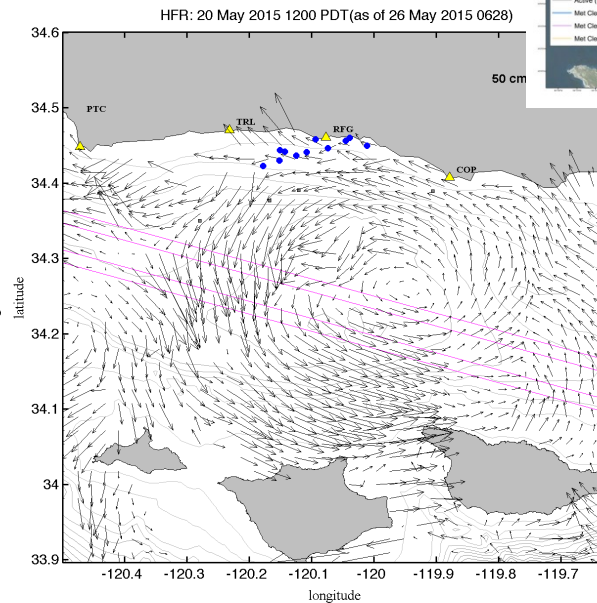
## NOAA lead for response mission



Gliders

HR Radar

Modeling

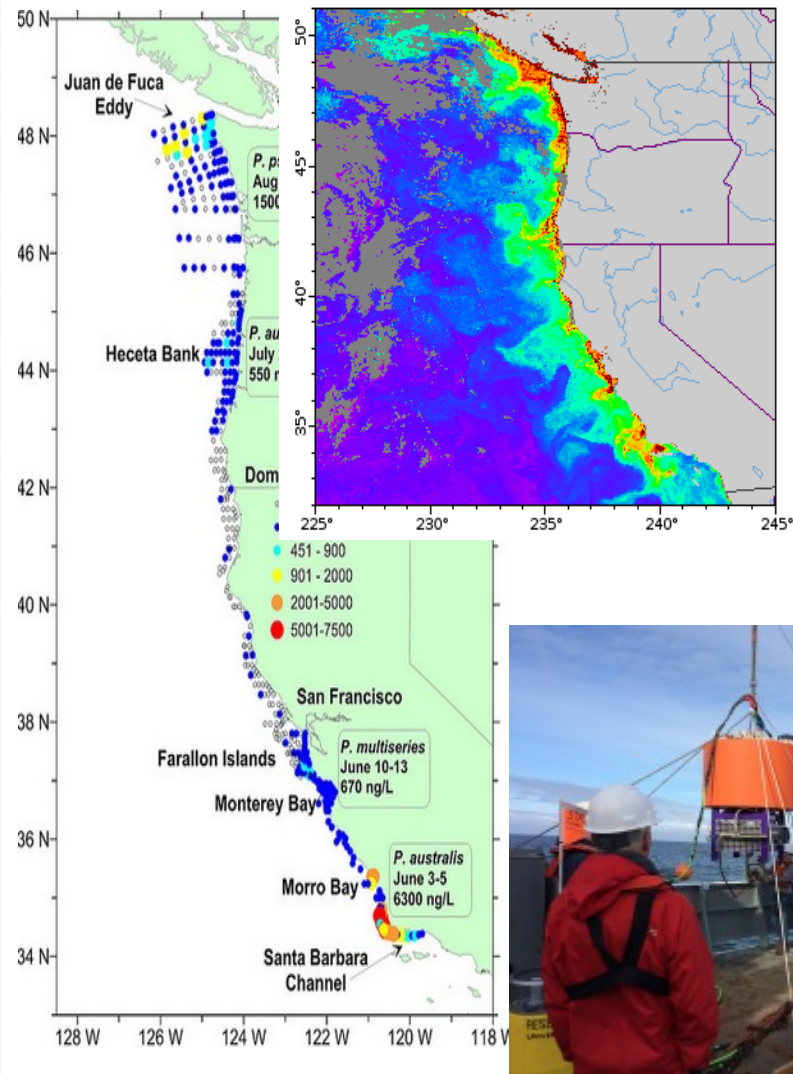


IOOS Regional Assets support national mission: supporting gliders, surface currents from HF radar, and regional models

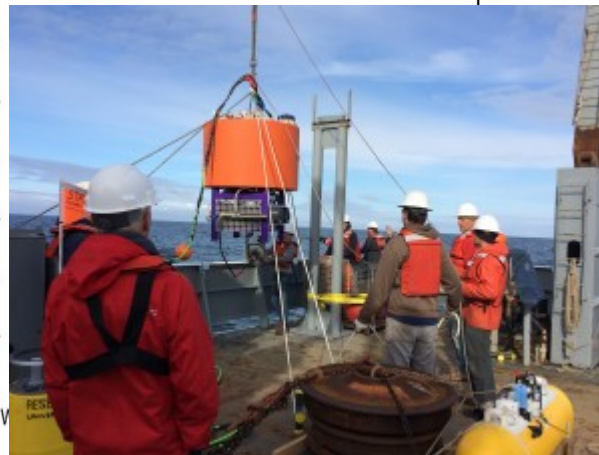




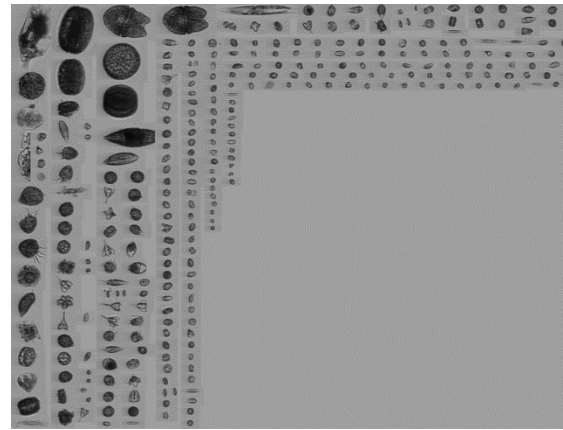
# Public Good: Ocean Observing and Public Health



Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring

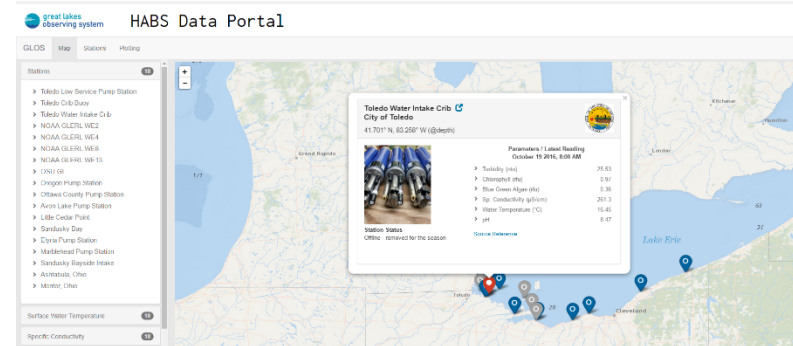


Deployment of PNW ESP, May 2016. Credit: Stephanie Moore



Output imagery from the IFCB, October 11 SF Bay Deployment. Credit: Raphael Kudela

- Improved forecasts to mitigate and respond to human health hazards, caused by harmful algal blooms and pathogens :
- Improved reporting of real-time meteorological and oceanographic conditions;
  - Improving reporting of water quality parameters; and
  - Creating better trajectory models.



# Economy: Supporting Fisheries

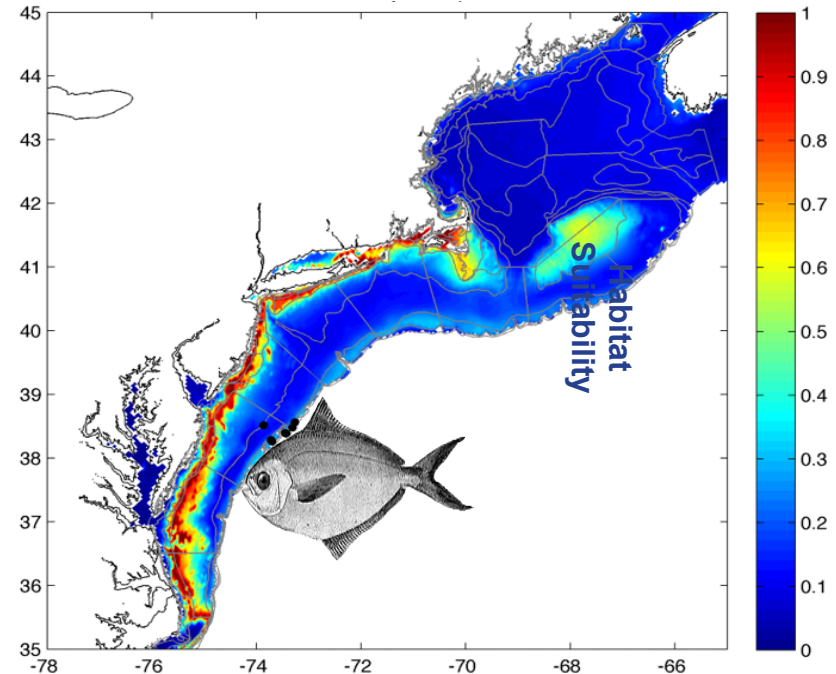


## Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) :

- Butterfish fishery **incidental fishery** since 2002.
- 2014 is the first year of a small directed fishery, landings limit of **3,200 mt valued at \$4.7 million**.
- 2015-2017 limits raised to **21,408 mt, potential value \$31.7 million**

“The lesson learned is that going forward, this approach to fisheries stock assessments work has to be done before fisheries are shut down, and economic losses are unnecessarily sustained, due to data poor management  
... **The return on investment is spectacular: 1,000 – 1!**”

- Greg DiDomenico, Garden State Seafood Association Executive Director and MARACOOS User Council Member



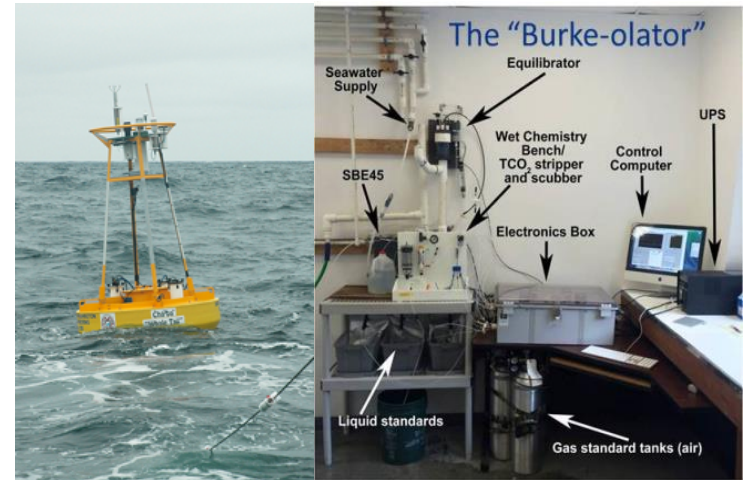


# Economy: Shellfish Industry

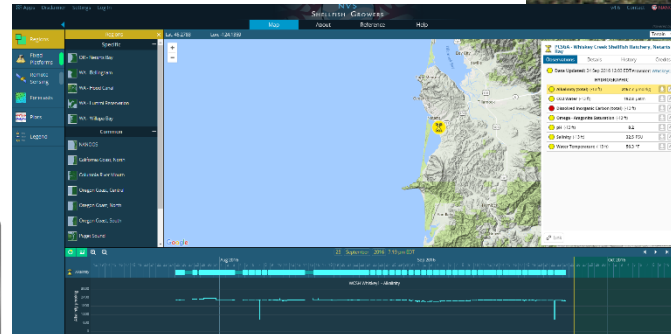
## Shellfish industry:

- \$111 million on West Coast
- At risk from ocean acidification

Real-time data informs industry management decisions



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# Ocean Technology Transition

*Fostering the transition of advanced observing technologies to operations mode.*

## West Coast Ocean Acidification

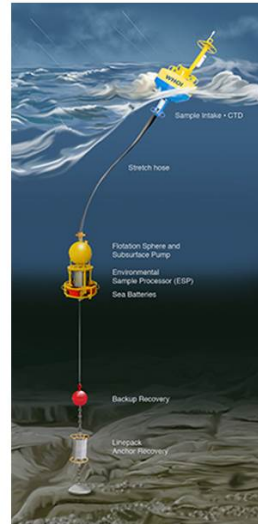


The "Burk-o-lator" – developing low cost OA sensors



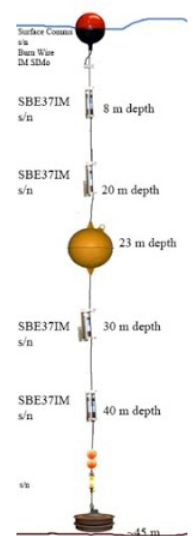
Imaging Flow CytoBot in SF Bay – Industry

## Harmful Algal Bloom Gulf of Maine North west United States



Operational Nutrient Observatory for the Northeastern United States – Industry Partner: WetLabs

Detecting  
Arctic Freeze  
Up  
Real-Time



# Functional Components

## Alliance for Coastal Technologies (ACT)

Technology Evaluations, Technical capacity building,  
and information clearinghouse

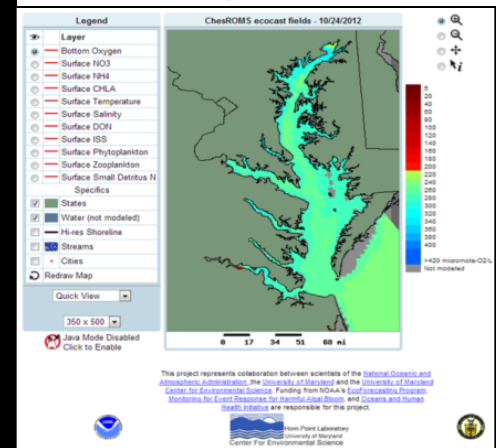
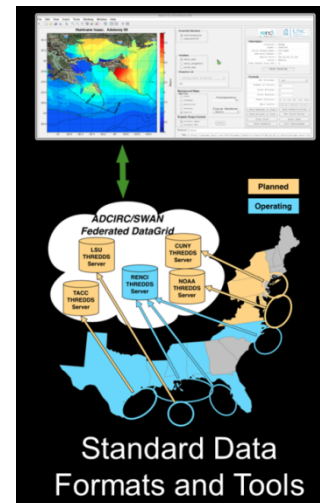


## Nutrient Sensor Challenge

(FY2015/2016)

## Coastal & Ocean Modeling Testbed (COMT)

Testing model skill, transition to  
operations, and applied science for  
hypoxia, inundation, and ocean  
forecasts



# Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON)

Interagency support:

\$15M from NASA, NOAA (IOOS and OER), and BOEM for 5 years (FY14-18)  
\$2M from Shell to launch Arctic MBON

Demo projects are:

- Integrating existing monitoring
- Filling spatial, taxonomic gaps
- Monitoring “microbes to whales,” “in-situ to satellites”
- Exploring technology applications
- Addressing data management
- Building MBON for the Nation
- Creating global MBON (with GEO, GOOS)
- Connecting with the Animal Telemetry Network



Credit: MBARI



# MBON Technology Applications

New technologies and methods will lower the cost of observing while increasing space and time and space resolution.

MBON is:

- Refining eDNA methods - large, multi-institution partnership
- Leveraging OAR 'omics work with MBON funds and in-kind (corals, ESP)
- Evaluating technologies for MBON: genomics, acoustics, bio-optical informatics and images, animal tagging, ESP

	Microbes /Phyto	Zooplankton	Fish	Top Predators	Benthos, habitat forming
Optics/ Imaging	X	X	X Benthic		X
Acoustics		X active	X active	X Tags, passive	X active
Genomics	X	X	X	X	X
Platforms with samplers	AUVs, floats, moorings	AUVs, moorings	AUVs, moorings	AUVs, moorings, tags	AUVs, moorings
Data and visualization	X	X	X	X	X

# Sustaining MBON

- MBON observes marine life – how it's changing, how it affects us.
- MBON is establishing long-term species status and trends and merging that with environmental information.
- MBON informs understanding of impacts from climate, ocean acidification, and human activity to species we depend upon.
- MBON directly supports:
  - Understanding biological impacts from ocean acidification, climate change
  - Management of National Marine Sanctuaries and marine protected areas
  - Protection of shallow and deep-water corals
  - Ecosystem-based science and management, including Integrated Ecosystem Assessments

**Private and federal funding is needed to sustain MBON.**

# Economy: U.S. Ocean Enterprise

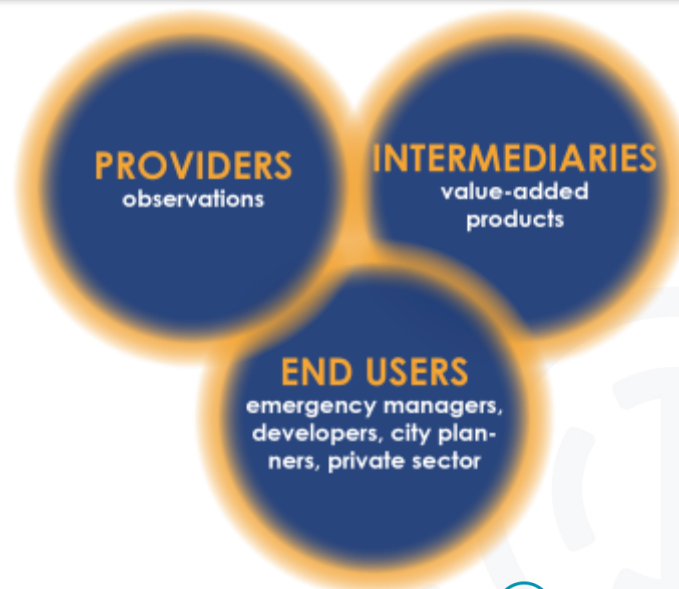
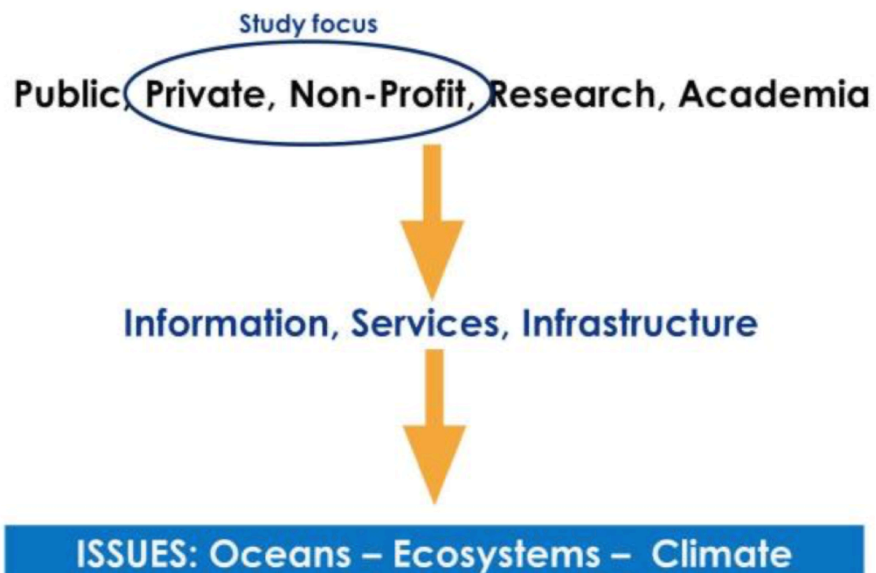


## THE OCEAN ENTERPRISE

A study of US business activity in ocean measurement,  
observation and forecasting

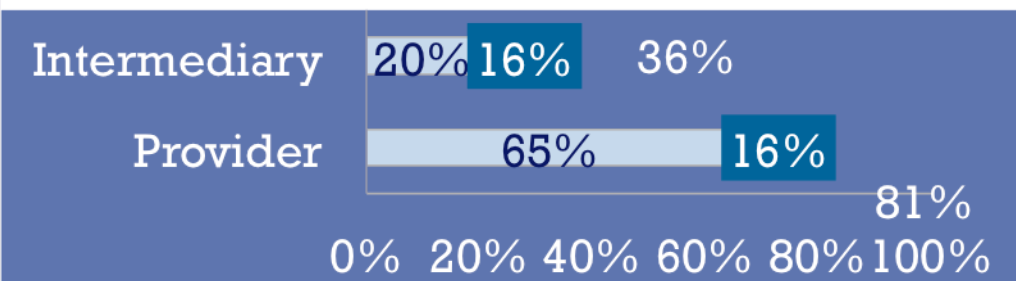
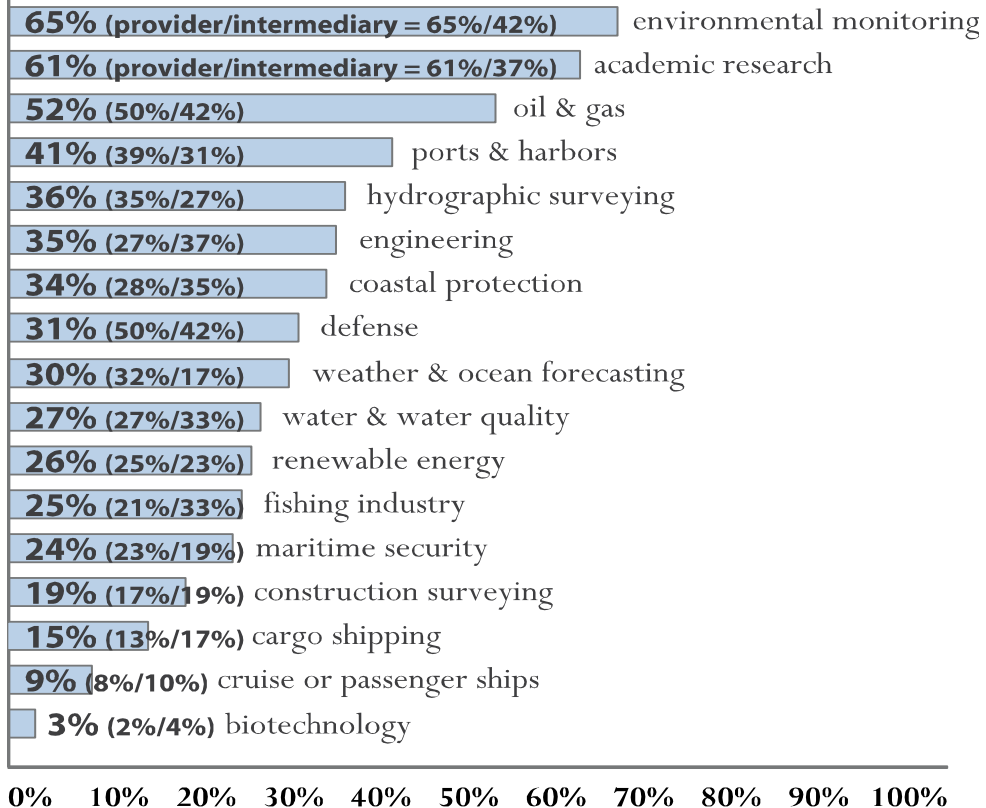
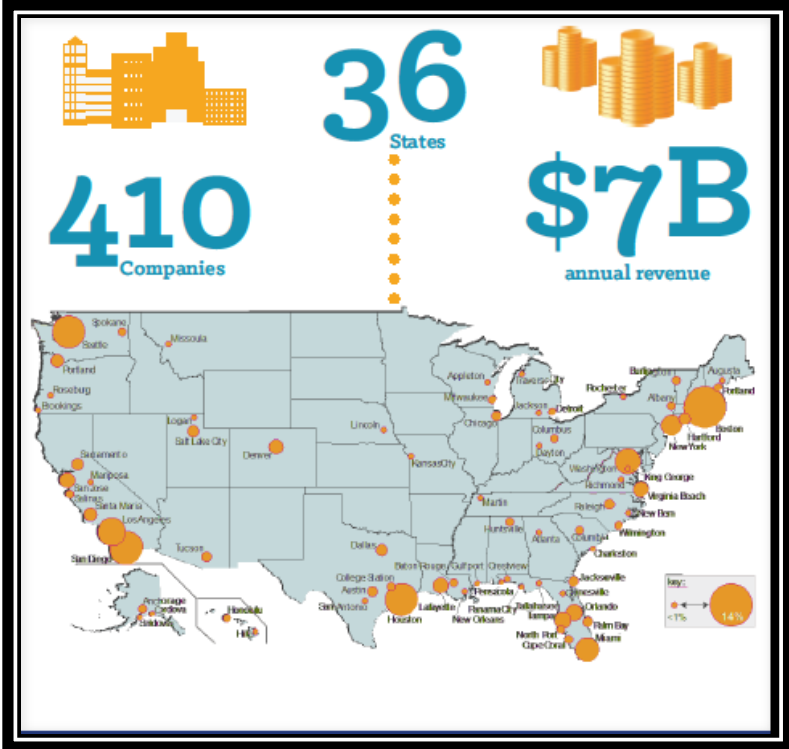


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ERISS Corporation  
The Maritime Alliance  
February, 2016





# Ocean Enterprise - Results



- **Generally optimistic**
- **Majority expect to grow**
- **Providers: anticipate growth**
- **Intermediaries: staying the same or uncertain**

# Questions

***Enables decision making  
Fosters Advances in Science and Technology***

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# Challenges and Approaches

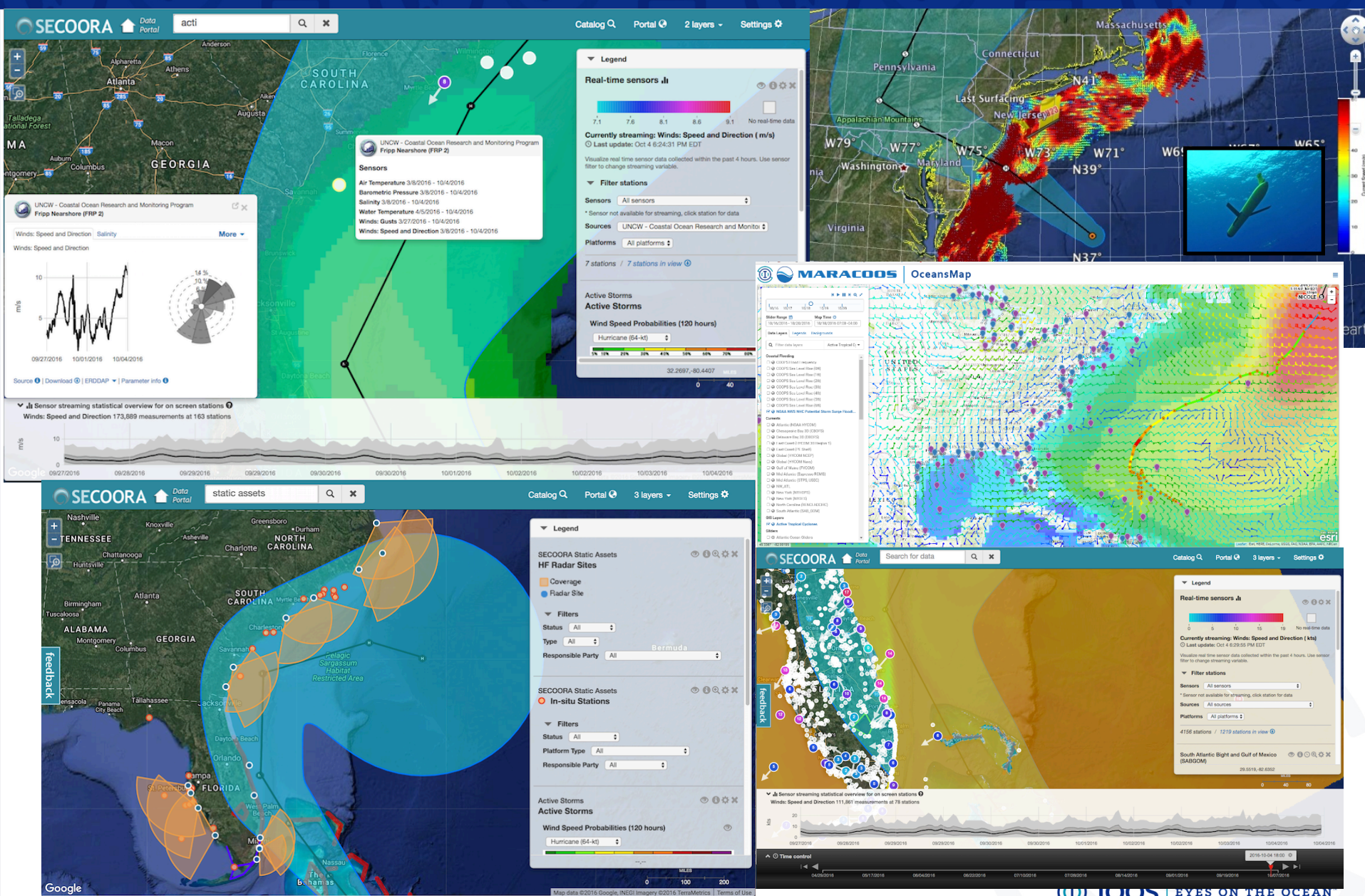
## RNRF Charge:

Case studies highlighting the use of data and innovative technologies to answer questions and facilitate informed responses to environmental issues.

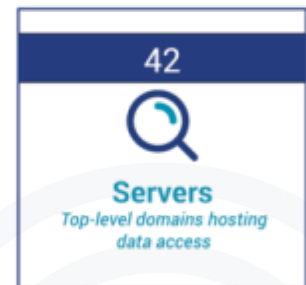
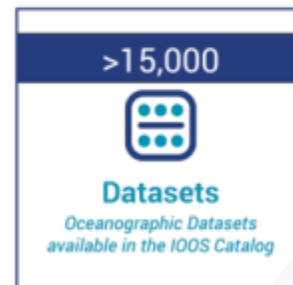
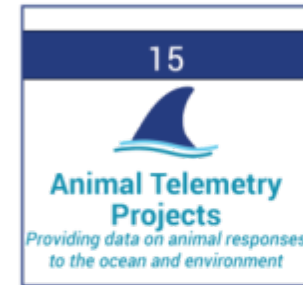
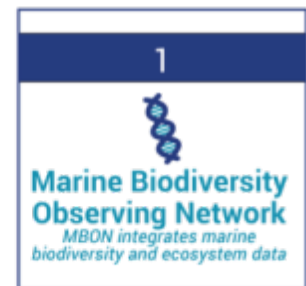
- What unique challenges were faced in collecting, storing and accessing relevant, high quality data? What approaches were key to success?
- Is data readily available for this need? What information would be valuable to have?
- What data science/ analytical techniques were applied?
- How have partnerships facilitated data access and improved technological and analytical capabilities?
- How is this application being used as a decision-making tool for on-the-ground action?



# Public Good: Supporting Hurricane Response

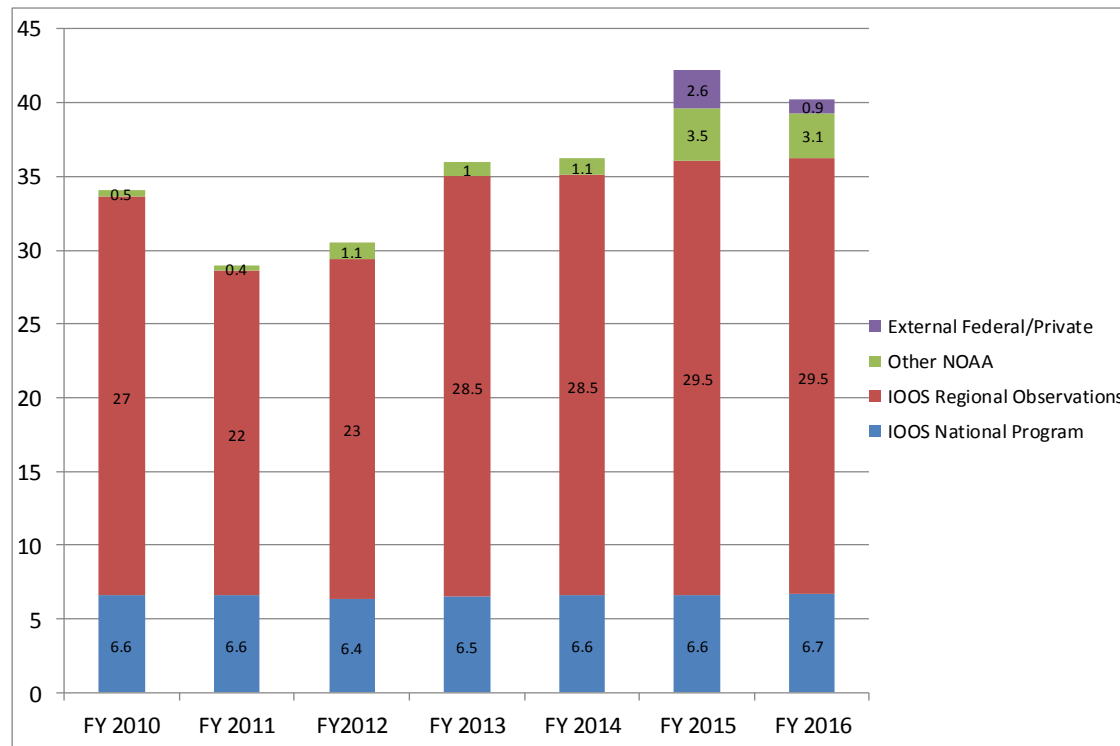


# U.S IOOS By The Numbers



## Budget History FY10-FY16

\$ in M



### IOOS Office Primary Roles:

Provide Programmatic Leadership

Foster Operational Capability

Forge Robust Partnerships

Champion Regional and Stakeholder Interests



# Tools of the Trade

