

December Highlights

- **ORRAP meetings** – As co-chair of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel’s Ocean Observing sub-panel, Molly McCammon hosted a meeting on Dec 7 to review past recommendations and assess the panel’s future direction. The panel recommended that it continue its work, and include new members from other advisory committees for specific observing programs (OOI, UNOLS, IOOS, etc.). The full ORRAP accepted those recommendations on Dec 8–9.
- **CMSP Proposal submitted** – AOOS took the lead in pulling together a 2-year, \$2 million proposal in response to the NOAA RFP for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning and Regional Ocean Partnerships. Funded partners included the UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research, UAF ACCAP, The Nature Conservancy Alaska, and the Alaska SeaLife Center. Numerous collaborators offered other contributions to the project. The proposal was developed in about 10 days and could not have been done without Darcy Dugan’s tireless efforts and the support of all the partners and collaborators, as well as the ASLC admin team, especially Jilian Chapman.
- **NPRB Arctic meeting** – We participated in an interagency strategy session December 16 sponsored by the North Pacific Research Board to discuss future directions with Arctic research and monitoring collaborations.
- **Boater Survey on Weather Dissemination** – In partnership with the NWS and the Marine Exchange of Alaska, AOOS is getting ready to launch an online survey to determine how mariners in Alaska receive weather forecasts and real time ocean conditions. This is part of an effort of these three entities to improve boater safety in Alaska waters. Results from the survey will help AOOS assess user needs and craft appropriate data products.
- **AOOS Demonstration and Feedback Workshop at AMSS** – The AOOS data management team is holding a workshop at the AMSS to demonstrate new data access tools. The workshop is open to all. Users are encouraged to bring their laptops to explore the new web based tools showcased during this meeting. Tuesday, Jan 18, 1:30–3:30 pm, Hotel Captain Cook.

Going Forward – Some Key January 2011 Activities

- Jan 16 Alaska Marine Gala
- Jan 17–21 AK Marine Science Symposium & related events
- Jan 18 AOOS Data Workshop at AMSS (see above)
- Jan 19–21 Nat’l Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE) 11th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment: Our Changing Oceans, Washington, DC
- Jan 24 AOOS DMAC Committee meets in Anchorage
- Jan 23–27 American Meteorological Society meeting in Seattle
- Jan 26 AK Marine Policy Forum
- Jan 27 NSSI & Arctic LCC meet in Fairbanks

Happy New Year to everyone.
Molly McCammon