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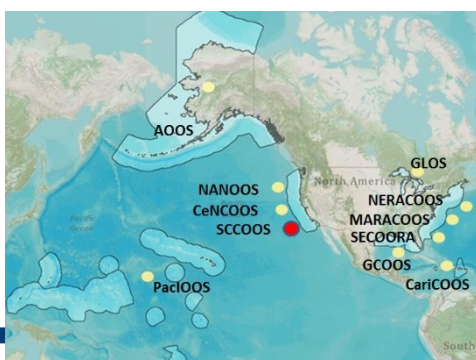
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SCCOOS Activities

March 1-6	IOOS meetings and Hill visits
March 12	U.S. International Boundary Water Commission Citizen’s Forum
March 17	Tour with Maritime Alliance and Industry Canada’s BlueTech Clusters
March 19	Tour for San Diego Science and Engineering Week
March 23	SCCOOS Modeling Strategy Meeting at UCLA
March 25	San Diego Harbor Safety Meeting
March 25	California Coastal Commission & NOAA Office of Coast Survey Meeting





SCCOOS and CDIP will participate San Diego's National Weather Service WeatherFest and All-Hazards Preparedness Expo



On May 9th the National Weather Service (NWS) in San Diego are planning a day of events and information at their Rancho Bernardo location. SCCOOS and CDIP will have a booth informing the public about the importance of Ocean Observations. Events that are planned for this family friendly event are:



- Free NOAA Weather Radio Ruffled Every Hour
- Tours of the NWS office every 30 minutes
- Weather balloons & Games for kids
- Meet a Meteorologist
- And much much more!!



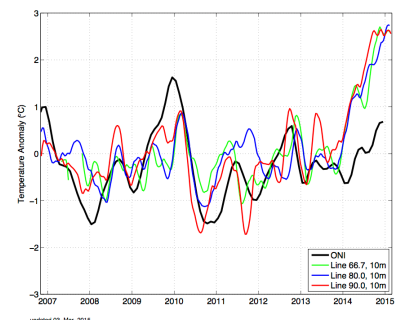
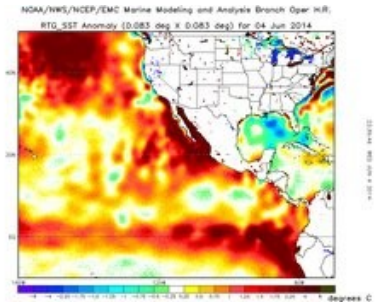
This event will be from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, May 9th at 1140 W. Bernardo Ct. San Diego, CA 92127. Advanced tour sign-ups are available by RSVP to Jimmy.Taeger@noaa.gov. For more information please contact Alexander.Tardy@noaa.gov. Hopefully we will see you there!

2014-2015 Pacific Anomalies Science and Technology Workshop

Unusual ocean weather and climate patterns have been observed throughout 2014 and early 2015 across the North Pacific basin. Areas of the North Pacific have been as much as 5°C warmer than average, earning the nickname 'the blob', and is affecting weather and climate patterns. Extreme conditions in physical and biogeochemical parameters are occurring in many locations, and appear to be impacting pelagic ecosystems, including fisheries.

Plans are underway for a workshop on the North Pacific Ocean temperature anomaly and associated conditions. This is the first of a two part series, with the first workshop to be held in San Diego at Scripps on May 5-6, 2015 focusing on what is being observed, and the second will focus on causative factors. The May workshop is being developed by the five Pacific region ocean observing systems AOO, NANOOS, CeNCOOS, SCCOOS, and PacIOOS), the IOOS office, IOOC, and the NOAA Climate Program Office.

Please visit the [SCCOOS website](http://www.sccoos.org) to register, submit an abstract or to be included in future communications on this topic.



SCCOOS Heads to DC for Hill Visits and IOOS meetings

In March Julie Thomas, SCCOOS Executive Director and Jen McWhorter, SCCOOS Government & Public Relations Coordinator visited our nation’s capitol and participated in IOOS program meetings. They were accompanied by their fellow OOS colleagues in meetings with congressional representatives and their staff. These visits are integral to communicating the importance of ocean observations and their applications for their constituents.



Julie and Jen stop for a photo with Rep. Juan Vargas



Gerhard Kuska, MARACOOS Executive Director and Julie Thomas

SCCOOS and CDIP participate in San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering

In order to encourage kids in science and engineering Sand Diego hosted a festival at Petco Park that had more than 55,000 visitors. SCCOOS and CDIP (Coastal Data Information Program) participated in a Behind-the-Scenes tour that allowed us to connect with a group of future scientists and engineers. If you didn’t have the pleasure of attending this great festival—check out the [website](#) and MAKE sure to put this on your calendar next year!



Program Profile: Seabirds, Sentinels of Marine Climate Change

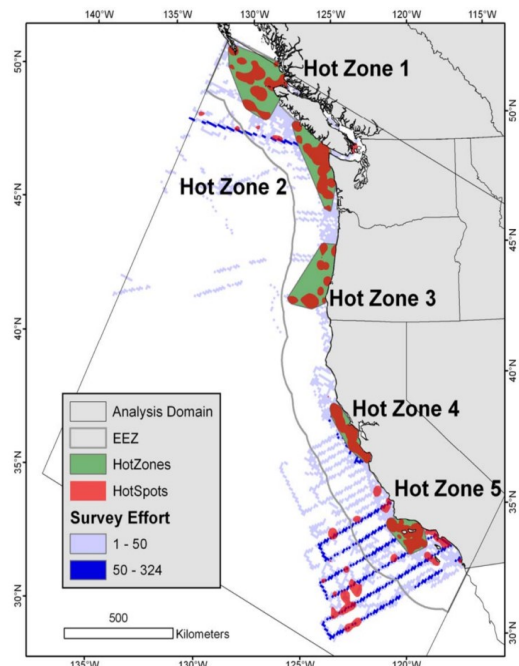
The Farallon Institute has been conducting seabird surveys on fisheries research vessels by highly trained observers that make bird counts. This project is supported by SCCOOS and the California Current Ecosystem Long-Term Ecological Research Project and investigates changes in abundance, distribution and spatial organization.

We encourage you to check out the reports on the [SCCOOS website](#) to learn more about how birds have been put forth as reliable ecological indicators of coupled physical-ecological change.

Additional information is also available through the [Farallon Institute](#).



Left - Common Murre
Right - Cassin’s Auklet
Photo credit Ron Le Valley



Check out [Important Seabird Areas in the California Current](#) for more information



Jon Announcements

NOAA's Oil Spill Response and Recovery (OR&R) Emergency Response Division (ERD) Chief

The position is open until Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The job is located in Silver Spring, MD (relocation expenses are authorized), and is being advertised as both a Supervisory Environmental Scientist (ZP-0401-V) and a Supervisory Physical Scientist (ZP-1301-V), to maximize the pool of qualified candidates.

The primary responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- Leading the development and implementation of Emergency Response Division's mission and core functions, including response to over 100 oil spills and releases of hazardous materials annually;
- Supervising ERD managers and staff
- Establishing and building partnerships on emergency response-related issues across NOAA offices, other Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector;
- Representing OR&R/ERD to internal and external stakeholders, and representing the Department of Commerce on the National Response Team and Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research;
- Serving on the OR&R Management Team, which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of OR&R;
- Overseeing development and execution of the ERD annual budget.

All interested applicants are encouraged to apply at www.usajobs.gov. Interested current Federal status employees may apply to both the Merit Promotion (MP or "status" candidates) and Delegated Examining (DE or "nonstatus" candidates) vacancies, but should at minimum apply to the MP ("status") vacancy. **Important note: MP applicants must provide a copy of your most recent SF-50, in addition to your resume, completed assessment questionnaire, transcripts or other documentation to support your educational claims (as indicated by the vacancy announcement), and optional cover letter.**

IOOS Association is Looking for a Part-Time Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator will provide project coordination and programmatic support for the IOOS Association, including internal and external communications, administrative assistance and specialized support to members, Board of Directors and RA directors under the supervision of the IOOS Association Executive Director. Work will include assisting the Executive Director in all aspects of operating and maintaining a small non-profit organization with a primary responsibility for outreach and communications, serving as a resources for members and representing the organization in Washington DC.

Communications and Outreach (50%)

Organizational Support and Board Management (25%)

Programmatic Support (25%)

For more information, see <http://www.ioosassociation.org> and www.ioos.noaa.gov.