

SCCOOS News

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IOOS Directors attend Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW)



Jen Rhoades (IOOS) visited the Carlsbad Aquafarm with Burkolator technicians Stephanie Smith and Kenisha Shipley from Todd Martz's Lab at Scripps Oceanography.



June/July 2016 Activities



June 2	US International Water Boundary Commission Meeting—Imperial Beach, CA
June 2 & 3	IOOS Data Management and Communications Annual Meeting—Washington DC
June 6 - 9	Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW)—Washington DC
June 9	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area Planning Committee Meeting—San Pedro, CA
June 27	Carlsbad Aquafarm Visit
June 28	CeNCOOS/SCCOOS Joint Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting at Scripps Oceanography
June 29	CeNCOOS/SCCOOS Programmatic Meeting—La Jolla, CA
July 1	Marine Protected Area Meeting With Ocean Protection Council—La Jolla, CA
July 11-13	Quarterly Regional Response Team Meeting on Oil & HAZMAT spills—Oakland, CA
July 11-15	SCCOOS Data Management Training—Austin, TX
July 27	San Diego US Coast Guard Area Planning Committee Meeting



IOOS Awards \$31 Million for Ocean Observing—SCCOOS Supports Coastal and Ocean Observing in Southern California

SCCOOS has been awarded \$2.4 M in grant funding from the US Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS).

“Ocean observing is a collaborative effort, and in order to build a strong, comprehensive national network, it's essential that we work with dynamic regional associations who are integrated into the communities they serve. It's because of regional associations like SCCOOS that IOOS is able to reflect the needs of so many diverse communities and industries who need observing data every day,” said IOOS Director Zdenka Willis.



The SCCOOS mission is to produce, integrate and communicate high quality information that helps ensure safety, economic and environmental resilience and sustainable use of the coastal ocean. SCCOOS will work within IOOS to coordinate and expand an integrated coastal observing system within the Southern California Bight.

CeNCOOS and SCCOOS Host Joint Strategic Advisory Committee (JSAC) Meeting

On June 28th CeNCOOS and SCCOOS held their annual JSAC meeting at Scripps Oceanography in La Jolla, California. This committee was created to, 1) identify needs and advise on priorities with a focus on data and products, 2) develop and support collaborations between our organizations and look outward to expand our network and 3) assist in joint efforts within our network to identify emerging needs and funding opportunities.

The meeting started off with updates from the Director of SIO, Margret Leinen, IOOS Association Executive Director, Josie Quintrell and IOOS West Coast Regional Coordinator, Jen Rhoades. Then the California OOSes gave updates on recent projects, future opportunities and statewide collaborative projects. The JSAC members in attendance each gave 10 minute presentations about their organizations. This lent itself to active discussion that tapped into the wealth of stakeholder expertise that comprises this committee.

The agenda, presentations, [gallery](#) and meeting notes are [now posted](#). CeNCOOS and SCCOOS are hard at work capitalizing on the action items and information that resulted from this meeting. Thanks to all for your time and support!



Port of Long Beach Voted Best Seaport

The port of Long Beach has been recognized as the Best North American Seaport by Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply chain Awards—with over 15,000 industry professionals that participated in the nomination and selection process.

Kip Louttit, a SCCOOS Board of Governors member, supports the seaport as Executive Director of the [Marine Exchange of Southern California](#). He leads the development and efficient flow of maritime commerce. Congrats on the accomplishment!



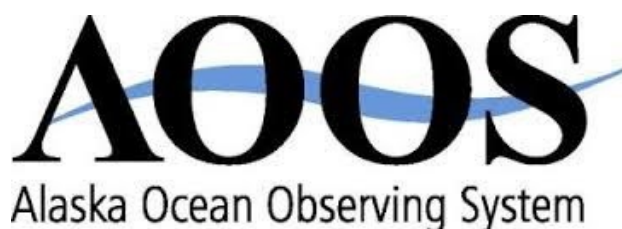
Job Announcement and Articles of Interest

CARICOOS (the Ocean Observing System that serves the Caribbean) is seeking an postdoctoral [candidate](#) to help lead ocean observing and oceanographic modeling efforts for US/Caribbean waters.



Recently, Tom Ford—Executive Director for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission AND new CeNCOOS/SCCOOS Joint Strategic Advisory Committee member—was interviewed by Los Angeles [Magazine](#). He provides interesting perspectives on addressing beach erosion and reducing greenhouse gases.

The Center for Disease Control recently launched a [voluntary reporting system](#) for harmful algal blooms as well as a [website](#) that provides information about harmful algal blooms and associated illnesses for the general public. Including ways that people can protect themselves, their families and pets.



For those that want to stay apprised of the Blob (the name given to a large mass of water in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of North America) that arrived in late 2013. AOOS maintains a [blog](#) about the location and associated phenomena that are Blob-related.