

REPORT OF OCEAN.US ACTIVITIES  
TO THE  
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### **IOOS Development**

- IOOS Relevancy and Business Case – Drafts of business cases for the energy sector, the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, and the Department of Energy are in final review. They will provide background information on IOOS for and help promote IOOS to these organizations.
- IOOS Community Modeling – The Modeling and Analysis Steering Team (MAST) has the task of establishing periodically maintaining a model inventory. A draft list of attributes by which models are to be characterized has been prepared. It is currently under review by the MAST. Then it will be revised, formatted, and vetted through the IOOS agencies and Regional Associations for their comments prior to formalizing the model inventory questionnaire and distributing it for broad response.
- Staff Departures – An excellent candidate for the position of Ocean.US Communications Officer was found, and he accepted the position. Unfortunately, he suffered a medical problem that remains undiagnosed and has forced him to withdraw from the position. IM Systems Group and Ocean.US will re-advertise the position.
- NOAA IOOS Strategic Plan – Mary Altalo continues to serve on the committee writing the NOAA IOOS Strategic Plan.

### **IOOS Promotion**

- International Activities – Dr. Mary Altalo made presentations to the Marine Information Alliance and to Framework 7. She is participating in the US National Committee for the IOC and on preparations for IOC/ABE-LOX VII. Dr. Tom Malone gave a briefing on IOOS to the U.S. IOTWS Program. Dr. Steve Piotrowicz is preparing to participate in a meeting of the IOC Advisory Board of Experts on the Law of the Sea.

- IOOS Promotional Video – The IOOS promotional video with narration has been reviewed, a few changes are being made, and professional voice over narration will soon be added.
- Ocean.US Outreach Activities – Posted news articles and information on the Ocean.US website; produced the Ocean.US newsletter, “Ocean Views,” monthly.

### **IOOS Coordination**

- IOC Systems Inventory – The template for the IOC inventory of observing systems and operational models has been received by Ocean.US and efforts to develop the inventory are underway.
- U.S. Argo Science and Implementation Panel – Dr. Steve Piotrowicz is working to coordinate the next meeting of the U.S. Argo Science and Implementation.
- Ocean.US Office – Planning continues for the Ocean.US office move to facilities arranged by NOAA.