

June 19, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Kathryn Sullivan
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

FROM: Dr. Richard W. Spinrad, Chair IOOS Advisory Committee 

SUBJECT: Vision for the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)

ATTACHMENT: *Benefits from Ocean Information in the Smartphone Era*

The attached statement has been developed by the IOOS Advisory Committee as a strategic direction for the future of IOOS. This document represents the first formal output of the IOOS Advisory Committee and is forwarded to you pursuant to the responsibilities accorded to this committee under section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11). The statement indicates a strategic and forward-leaning vision for IOOS, with general implied roles and responsibilities for all stakeholders.

As this statement does represent a specific direction for IOOS, and has benefited from extensive dialogue with the ocean observations community, we strongly recommend dissemination of this statement to your constituents and interested parties.

The IOOS Advisory Committee will continue to expound on this vision, notably and initially with a development of recommendations regarding the future business model for IOOS. I look forward to providing you our suggested direction on that subject during the upcoming fiscal year.

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