Ocean Observing and Industry: Supporting the NW Economy

The services NANOOS provides are critical to understanding current and predicting future marine conditions.

- Paul Williams, Shellfish Program Advisor Suquamish Tribe Fisheries Department



This current generation of shellfish farmer is reliant upon data and services from NANOOS. Checking the NANOOS app before seeding a beach or filling a setting tank has become standard practice.

- Margaret Barrette, Director Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association

The coastal tribes of Washington State are shellfish harvesters and at mercy of changing winds that transport HABs from incubation sites offshore. Having the NANOOS automated HAB sampler, with toxin assessment capability, offshore between our harvest beaches and the HAB generation sites will give tribes **the forewarning they need** to adjust sampling protocols and **better protect the health of coastal residents, tribal and non-tribal.** *"* - Joe Schumacker, Quinault Indian Nation Department of Fisheries

What's at Stake for Washington's Economy?



The most productive commercial shellfish industry on the West Coast

- Washington's shellfish industry generates \$270 million annually, and directly and indirectly supports 3,200 jobs.
- Annual sales of farmed shellfish from Washington account for almost 85% of U.S. West Coast sales (including Alaska).

Source: Washington Blue Ribbon Panel on OA; Photos: Benjamin Drummond (left and right); Bryan Penttila (center)

What's at Stake for Washington's Economy?



Valuable wild and recreational fisheries

- Impacts to marine food webs could affect Washington's seafood industry, which generates over 42,000 jobs in Washington and contributes at least \$1.7 billion to gross state product.
- Recreational oyster and clam harvesters contribute more than \$27 million annually to coastal economies.

Source: Washington Blue Ribbon Panel on OA; Photos (left to right): Washington Association of Conservation Districts, US Dept. Agriculture, City of Seattle

What's at Stake for Washington's Tribes?



Continued identity and cultural survival of Washington's coastal tribes

• Washington tribes depend upon shellfish for food, income, and connection to their cultural heritage.

Source: Washington Blue Ribbon Panel on OA; Photos: Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

Real-time Water Quality Data for Shellfish Growers in the Pacific NW









A partnership btwn NANOOS, NERRS, and shellfish growers since 2004



Cha'ba & NH-10 are national OA buoys...





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NOAA OA Plan NOAA researchers and managers are working to

Strategy for OA Observations

PMEL is developing a global network of ocean acidification observations

The existing global carbon observatory network of repeat hydrographic surveys, time-series stations and ship-based underway surface observations in the open ocean provide a strong foundation of carbon chemistry observations to begin addressing the problem of ocean acidification. Indeed, much of our present understanding of the long-term changes in the carbon system is derived from the repeat ocean sections and time-series measurements.

A major project for our group is to **expand the global moored and ship-based network by adding pH and other biogeochemical measurements** to provide important information on the changing conditions in the open ocean and coastal waters. See the map of planned monitoring sites to the right. This network will provide a better understanding of the temporal and spatial scales of variability in ocean carbon chemistry and biology and the observational basis for developing predictive models for future changes in ocean acidification and its consequences for marine ecosystems.



Location of planned OA monitoring and research sites and affiliated NOAA labs.

U.S. **coastal and estuarine environments** do not currently have coordinated carbon observing networks, as in the open ocean, and are presently grossly under-sampled. There is a critical need for intensive time series measurements on moored buoys and repeat hydrographic cruises in high productivity coastal and estuarine systems as CO₂ and carbonate ion concentrations in these waters can vary substantially on timescales from hours to decades due to tides, photosynthesis, and river or ground water inputs. In response to that need, we are adding carbon and pH sensors to

NOAA-UW-NANOOS



Figure 9. The mole fraction of carbon dioxide (xCO₂) in air at 1.5 m above seawater and in surface seawater at 0.5 m depth on the surface Chá Bă mooring off La Push, WA, and on the NDBC mooring 46041 off Cape Elizabeth, WA. Globally averaged marine surface air 2015 annual mean xCO₂ value of 399 ppm is indicated with a dashed line in each panel. Typical uncertainty associated with quality-controlled measurements from these systems is < 2 ppm for the range 100–600 ppm.

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'Like putting headlights on a car' Pacific oysters gain from IOOS® data

About six years ago, production at some Pacific Northwest oyster hatcheries began declining at an alarming rate, posing severe economic impact and challenging a way of life held by shellfish growers for more than 130 years.

By 2008, the oyster harvest at Whiskey Creek, a major Oregon supplier to the majority of West Coast oyster farmers, plummeted 80 percent. At about the same time, corrosive, acidified seawater was hitting the shores of the Pacific.

Something had to be done. Oyster production accounts for more than \$84 million of the West Coast shellfish industry, which supports more than 3,000 jobs.

"When you see oyster shells dissolving in water, there's a compelling need to know why," says Bill Dewey of Taylor Shellfish Farms in Washington state.

Thanks to a \$500,000 federal investment in monitoring coastal seawater strengthened by data and observational information from the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) and the NOAA Ocean Acidification Program, oyster hatcheries on the verge of collapse just a few years ago are again major contributors to the \$111 million West Coast shellfish industry.

IOOS is a NOAA-led interagency and regional effort aimed at "knowing" — that



IOOS partners in the Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (NANOOS) deployed this buoy in 2010 as part of a three-piece observing array to assess issues in the Northwest, including ocean acidification, hypoxia and harmful algal blooms, and climate change. The coastal buoy will aid computer models that predict ocean and atmospheric conditions. Known as "Chá bă," the buoy is named for the Native American word (pronounced "chay buh") for "whale tail."

(Photo courtesy of Dr. John Payne, Pacific Ocean Shelf

"Putting an IOOS buoy in the water is like putting headlights on a car. It lets us see changing water conditions in real time," says Mark Wiegardt, co-owner of Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery.

>> SEARCH



NANOOS focus group to ID what data sets and functions shellfish growers need

"I want it like THIS !"

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Photo: A. Sprenger

SHELLFISH GROWERS





IOOS OTT OA

"Turning the headlight on 'high': Improving an ocean acidification observation system in support of Pacific coast shellfish growers."

- New "ACDC" pCO₂ sensor
- Lower cost pCO₂ for "weather" grade data
- Strong support from shellfish industry
- Partnerships: UW, OSU, Sunburst, AOOS, CeNCOOS, SCCOOS, NOAA PMEL, PCSGA
- Builds on current MSI award for Burke-o-lators in more hatcheries and new IPACOA portal

Monitoring OA is more than a pH sensor need to understand aragonite saturation state

Burkeolator

ACDC



We have learned from growers that their **ideal monitoring technology** is: "a bullet proof sensor that delivers pH, aragonite saturation, T, and S. **Similar** to the system we have in place now **but lighter and not so crashy**" *Alan Barton, Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association monitoring lead*

IOOS Shellfish Industry Partnerships



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Science-Grower Partnerships

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Site	On-site	Regional support	Regional Expert
Alutiiq Pride Shellfish,	J. Hetrick* (APSH)	J. Ramsay (UAF/APSH)	W. Evans (Hakai Institute)
Seward, AK			
Taylor Shellfish,	B. Eudeline* (Taylor)	G. LeBon (NOAA/PMEL)	S. Alin (NOAA/PMEL)
Quilcene, WA			
Whiskey Creek Shellfish,	A. Barton* (WCSH)	S. Smith/D. Hubbard	B. Hales (OSU)
Netarts, OR		(OSU)	
Hog Island Oyster Co.,	T. Sawyer* (HIOC)	G. Susner (UCD-Bodega)	T. Hill (UCD-Bodega)
Marshall, CA			
Carlsbad AquaFarm,	T. Grimm* (CAF)	K. Shipley (UCSD-SIO)	T. Martz (UCSD – SIO)
Carlsbad, CA			

*Hatchery manager responsible for designating routine maintenance responsibilities to hatchery personnel.

This partnership will expand to other places, and has to BC thanks to Hakai:

From Ron Zebel: *"Fantastic job Wiley. At the OceansAlaska hatchery, we learned more about our water quality in 7 hours of Burke-O-Lator data than we did in 7 years of monitoring with off the shelf instrumentation. We have adjusted our soda ash injections upward and are going forward with expanded kelp bioconditioning."*

Working Together within the Pacific: **IOOS Pacific Region Ocean** Acidification data portal

- 5 IOOS Pacific Regions:
 - AOOS, NANOOS, CeNCOOS, SCCOOS, and PaclOOS
- One data portal (IPACOA) serves data from all five regions plus national data from NOAA
- Funded by a joint project to enhance OA monitoring in shellfish hatcheries

West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia asset inventory

WCOAH Panel developed an WCOAH monitoring framework

IOOS RAs are updating the inventory for optimizing the strategy

Pacific Coast Collaborative, state govt's, etc. involved on policy information needs

The GOA-ON interactive data portal

Featuring global OA data, asset inventory, metadata, data synthesis products, etc.

GOA-ON Global Ocean Acidification

The GOA-ON interactive data portal

GOA-ON Global Ocean Acidification

Observing Network

Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network

3rd workshop, Hobart, TAS

130 scientists from 37 nations

OA is a global condition with local effects

Decision critical info for adaptation

Real-time observations at the hatchery or growing sites

Real-time observations at the adjacent estuary, sea, or ocean

Communicated !!

Regional forecasts on days to weeks scale (weather)

Forecasts at months to years scale (seasonal to interannual)

NANOOS & WOAC: UW Live Ocean

MacCready et al., UW

Breaking ground to seasonal ecosystem forecasting: hypoxia, OA, sardines

Siedlecki et al., UW

Multiple stressors re supporting PNW economy

- OA
- HABs
- Hypoxia
- Marine heat waves
- Coastal resiliency: tsunami
- Navigation, safety
- Lack of knowledge

IOOS OTT: HABs

"Operational ecological forecasting of harmful algal blooms in the Pacific Northwest using an environmental sample processor"

- ESP on Cha'ba at La Push
- Detects *Pseudo-nitzschia* species and toxicity
- Strong support from coastal tribes and state
- Partnerships: UW, NOAA NWFSC, MBARI, NOAA CCEHBR, NWIC, Spyglass, WHOI
- NANOOS serving data
- HAB bulletin developments

Deploying ESP on an existing NANOOS real-time moored observatory in the U.S. Pacific Northwest

[[]modified from Hickey et al. 2013]

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U.S. Department of Commerce

National Oceanic and Atmospheric **NOAA** Fisheries Administration

Mickett (UW), Moore (NOAA) et al. US IOOS OTT funding

NEMO Environmental Sample Processor

• APL lead of 7-institution effort.

• designed and built the mooring infrastructure, pressure case, power system, telemetry system, and pump sampling system.

 significantly expands the scope of deployment environments for the ESP.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	FRAME BASE, GALVANIZED STEEL	1
2	NEWO MOORING CONTROLLER	- 1
з	ESP BATTERY HOUSING	2
4	ESP ASSEMBLY	- 1
5	750M SYNTACTIC FOAM	- 1
6	THRU LIFT FRAME, 31655	- 1
7	TELEDYNE SENTINEL ADCP	- 1
8	FIBERGLASS GRATING	2
9	SATLANTIC SUNA	1
10	SEABIRD 37	1
11	SATLANTIC SEAFET	1

ESP detected Domoic Acid

Predicting Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in the Pacific Northwest:

NCCOSS NOAA MERHAB award for a sustained early-warning HAB prediction system

Proposal to develop a forecast model that combines:

- Offshore sampling of known hotspots and beaches
- Short-term (~3 days) ocean forecasts with particle tracking and reduced false-positives
- Extended forecast based on historical conditions over many years

Produce publicly available forecasts and targeted predictions to managers for known shellfish harvesting dates

The Pacific Northwest HAB Bulletin

A full season HAB closure (e.g., 2002-03, 2007-08) causes \$20.4 million in lost spending, impacting 339 jobs and \$10.6 million in labor income

** Fall storms – toxic cells escape the eddy, reach the coast, contact humans

Source: Barbara Hickey and Vera Trainer; Trainer et al. (2009): Limnol Oceanogr; Dyson and Huppert (2010): Harmful Algae

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Track the "Blob" using the NANOOS Visualization System (NVS) Climatology App

http://nvs.nanoos.org/Climatology

Users can track anomalies for satellites, buoys and nearshore moorings in real time.

Monitoring fish kill risk using NANOOS NVS Climatology App and UW NANOOS profiling buoys

The warm, less dense 'blob' water did not flush Hood Canal, WA, resulting in extreme hypoxia. The Skokomish tribe & WDFW used our info to inform their response.

ORCA Twanoh @ 25 meter

Month

Extreme

hypoxia!

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2015 (12h smoothing)

Oxygen (mg/L)

2015 raw data (limited QC

 25 m O_2

http://nvs.nanoos.org/

- Tsunami preparedness
- Boating safety

What are people saying about NANOOS?

"NANOOS provides critical life safety information to the public, aiding coastal communities to build resiliency. "

- Jonathan Allan, Coastal Geomorphologist Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

** NWIC students are excited about because this buoy blends the latest technology with the needs of the Lummi Nation community. It will give students real-time place-based data ... a number of students have stated that going on NANOOS cruises solidified their desire to become marine scientists. ** Marco Hatch, NWIC, Salish Sea

Research Center Director

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Ships crossing the Columbia River Bar face **one of the most dangerous harbor entrances in the world**. The Columbia River Bar Pilots rely on weather forecasts, real time buoy data along with wave and current models when determining safe times for ships to cross the bar. **NANOOS provides an excellent location for us to see and compare all the available data sources**.

- Captain Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots

• Education ... ocean literacy

