

ICOOS Re-Authorization

- ICOOS Act expires September 30, 2013
- House Bill H.R. 2219, introduced by Don Young (R-AK) on June 3, to reauthorize the U.S. ICOOS Act.
 - Amends the ICOOS Act of 2009 by striking 'are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 such sums as are necessary' and inserting 'is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018 \$29,600,000'.
- The House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee and Senate Commerce Committee held a hearings on the ICOOS Act reauthorization in June 2013.
- The Senate is expected to introduce a Bill to reauthorize the ICOOS Act during the current session (no ETA).
- The IOOS Program Office will work with Congress, upon request, to support the re-authorization of the ICOOS Act.