Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009: High Level Summary

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ICOOS Act Highlights

• Became law March 30, 2009 (up for reauthorization in 2013)

• Identifies NOAA as the lead Federal agency

• Defines the System as described in the IOOS Development Plan

• Defines System governance bodies:
  – Council (National Ocean Council Deputy Level)
  – Committee (Interagency Ocean Observation Committee)
  – Integrated Ocean Observing System Program Office (U.S. IOOS Program)
  – System Advisory Committee (IOOs Advisory Committee)
• Defines Federal and non-Federal Assets

• Defines ‘regional information coordination entity’ (RICE)
  States that non-Federal assets must be certified in order to be integrated into the System.

• IOOC develops certification standards

• IOOS Program promulgates guidelines to certify and integrate assets.
ICOOS Act Accomplishments

- Certification
- ICE
- Biennial Report to Congress
- IOOS Advisory Committee