

IOOS Enterprise Excellence

IOOS FAC Provisional Working Group

Last full WG meeting was June 2

Current IOOS FAC meeting at MBARI, June 27-29

Goals of Provisional Working Group

- Assess components of the IOOS Enterprise
- Identify some key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, issues, lessons learned, best practices
- Have more comprehensive discussion w/full FAC at June meeting
- Are there a few overarching issues that need a deeper dive? How can FAC be most useful/impactful? What would be helpful for IOOS program review in 2025 and ICOOS Act Reauthorization in 2026?
- Develop preliminary recommendations for full FAC consideration – tentatively in fall 2023
- FAC develops report to NOAA Administrator, IOOS Program Office, and IOOC

IOOS Enterprise

- IOOS FAC
- IOOS Program Office
- IOOS Regional Associations & their regional observing systems, IOOS Association
- IOOC
- Stakeholders

IOOS FAC

- Develop survey of current and past members
- Identify organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, lessons learned
- Discuss findings
- Develop recommendations for improvements

IOOS Program Office

- Work with senior leadership team to develop questions/issues
- Help identify PO strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, issues of concern
- Make recommendations that could be helpful to the PO
- Identify topics that could be included in the upcoming IOOS program review slated for 2025
- Initial discussion with Carl Gouldman and Krisa Arzayus – how to help with new funding initiatives: IRA and BiL

IOOS Regional Associations, IOOS Association

- Briefed RAs and IA on May 16, identified Kristen Yarincik as POC for RAs
- Initial brainstorm w/Kristen on June 15
- She will work with the RAs to help our WG
 - Brainstorm ideas for survey/interview questions (Molly & Catherine will develop preliminary survey)
 - Identify those that would be most helpful
 - Identify the best approach to assessing RA stakeholder engagement, including PIs and partners (not using a formal survey since it would require OMB approval)
 - Identify best approach to assessing data management & integration
 - Conduct a written survey of the RAs
- Follow up with one-on-one or small group conversations
- Identify RA strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, lessons learned
- IOOS Association feedback will be captured directly through WG discussion with KY

IOOC

- Co-chairs were briefed May 16; briefed full IOOC May 22
- Developed questions in survey format to help identify IOOS Enterprise and IOOC strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and possibly some best practices and lessons learned
- Draft survey received no comments, so survey sent out as is to full IOOC. After 2 weeks, no responses to date.
- <https://forms.gle/p9Xpj8Mc8y3cVw6QA>

IOOC Survey Questions: From your perspective as an IOOC member agency

- On a scale of 1-5, how familiar is your agency with IOOS program activities overall?
- How has the IOOS program positively impacted your agency's work regarding ocean observation and data management?
- What are the current challenges or gaps in the IOOS program or its structure that need to be addressed to better support the broader ocean observation community?
- How effective has the coordination been between different agencies within the IOOS community? Are there any areas that require improvement and how could the IOOC help?
- What are the most pressing interagency needs or priorities for the IOOS program in terms of advancing ocean observation capabilities and communicating and disseminating data, products, and services to end-users?

Stakeholders

- RAs are most direct connection to local & regional stakeholders – we will work with them to identify best approach
- IOOC stakeholders include larger, more global programs (e.g., ARGO, GOOS, GO-SHIP), but also national programs such as Coast Guard SAROPS, BOEM offshore energy, NOAA water levels, NOAA IEAs, US Navy and NOAA Ocean Modeling (glider data)
- What kind of assessment would be helpful to the IOOC?