

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee  
Administrative Virtual Meeting  
May 4, 2023  
11:00-12:30 PM ET**

**1. *Meeting Welcome, Roll Call, and membership updates***

K. Arzayus welcomed the Advisory Committee (AC) and roll call was taken. She informed the AC that Jennifer Read had resigned from the AC. Her suggestion was to hold off on filling her position until the full call for new members later this summer/fall, given the time and effort required for soliciting new members. This approach was agreed to by the AC.

**2. *Updates on Phase 2 Working Groups***

Each of the Advisory Committee Preparatory Working Groups (PWG) provided an update on their recent activities.

- **NOPP**
  - NOPP can serve as a springboard to work with IOOS to drive new scientific opportunities.
  - The PWG requested a timeline of the NOPP proposal process.
  - For the industry panel at the June meeting, the PWG wants to know how industry interacts with NOPP and how they see interactions moving forward.
  - R. Perry discussed offshore wind monitoring efforts by the Navy around marine mammals and how the Atlantic regions are involved. She suggested leveraging NOPP to make this more coordinated and integrated. Offshore wind could be used as a test case to determine what are the right observations in the right places.
  - D. West added that NOPP is a smaller part of a larger picture on partnerships.
  - K. Yarincik noted that historically, NOPP's funding model was more project-based, which was not the best way to keep improving IOOS. NOPP 2.0 can be more strategic.
- **Marine Life**
  - M. McCammon stated if there are topics that AC thinks need more of deep dive, they could send those ideas to or collaborate with the Science Advisory Board's Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group.
  - J. Virmani shared the [Nekton Ocean Census Project](#), which was launched last week with a goal to identify 100,000 new species globally in a decade.
- **Enterprise Excellence**
  - The PWG would like to get on the agenda for the next IOOC and IOOS Association meetings.
  - Since the PWG is unable to survey the public (due to Paperwork Reduction Act), their idea was to use other agencies as stakeholders.
    - They would like to get input from the IOOC as to which agencies to select.

**3. *Logistics for June Public Meeting***

A. Boone-Ofosu reviewed logistics for the June meeting, including hotel, flights, transportation, and meals. A question was raised as to if NOAA could ask the industry panelists to sponsor the reception. K. Arzayus will check with NOAA ethics.

**4. *Agenda for June Public Meeting***

The AC reviewed the draft agenda for the June meeting.

- S. Rayder still needs to touch base with Margaret Spring as a speaker.
- For the CeNCOOS session, a request was made to add [Oceans Visions AI](#) (Kakani Katija, kakani@mbari.org).
- M. McCammon suggested adding topics on the new El Nino year coming up and the West Coast marine heat wave, as they tie into the previous coastal climate signal recommendation by the AC.
- On the CEFI topic, it was noted that this is an active topic at NOAA that is supposed to involve all parts of NOAA. The Marine Life PWG could make recommendations around this. It was suggested that Kristen Koch should be invited and that she could talk about how IOOS could be involved.
- The AC was in agreement that they would like an IOOS Association briefing (as opposed to a written update).
- For the industry panel, we should provide panelists a list of topics/questions in advance to help them prepare.
  - SOFAR is another potential company to include on the panel. They provide wave buoys used in the backyard buoys project. The Navy has an agreement with SOFAR as well.
- For the Marine Life Observations session, suggestions were made for Brandon Southall, UCSC Center for Coastal Resilience, and the Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions (Fiorenza Micheli). It was also suggested to include industry in marine life conversations, such as for offshore wind.

**5. *Meeting wrap-up***

K. Arzayus concluded the meeting and informed the AC that the IOOS Office would be in touch with the final agenda and any additional meeting logistics.