

## Public Comments

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- The first statement notes that IOOS brings together 'federal, academic, commercial, and NGO and other partners' - as a public document I have concerns about states and Indigenous communities not 'seeing themselves' in this opening sentence. Request adding those to the list as well.
- In paragraph 2, suggest listing (or sharing the link to) the full list of BioEco variables since IOOS has interest/activity relevant for all:  
<https://goosocean.org/what-we-do/framework/essential-ocean-variables/>
- In para 3 the text about cross-panel EOVs is misleading/inaccurate. AniBOS is a GOOS project making oceanographic data available. The hope is that in the future GOOS can incorporate the movement/ecology information from AniBOS but it is not an initial priority for the project. More correct text about cross-panel EOVs would be: ',,,Finally, some of the EOVs are relevant across disciplines. For example, ocean acoustics is a cross-Panel EOV tracked by the GOOS Physics and Climate Panel and the BioEco panel; ocean color is a cross-Panel EOV tracked by the GOOS Biogeochemistry Panel and the BioEco panels.
- In the recommendations section there is reference to the 'National Marine Sanctuaries and the NOAA Soundscapes program' as carrying out passive acoustics measurements - this is confusing. Did the authors intend to refer to the Sanctuary Soundscape Monitoring Project and the NOAA Ocean Noise Reference Station Network?