

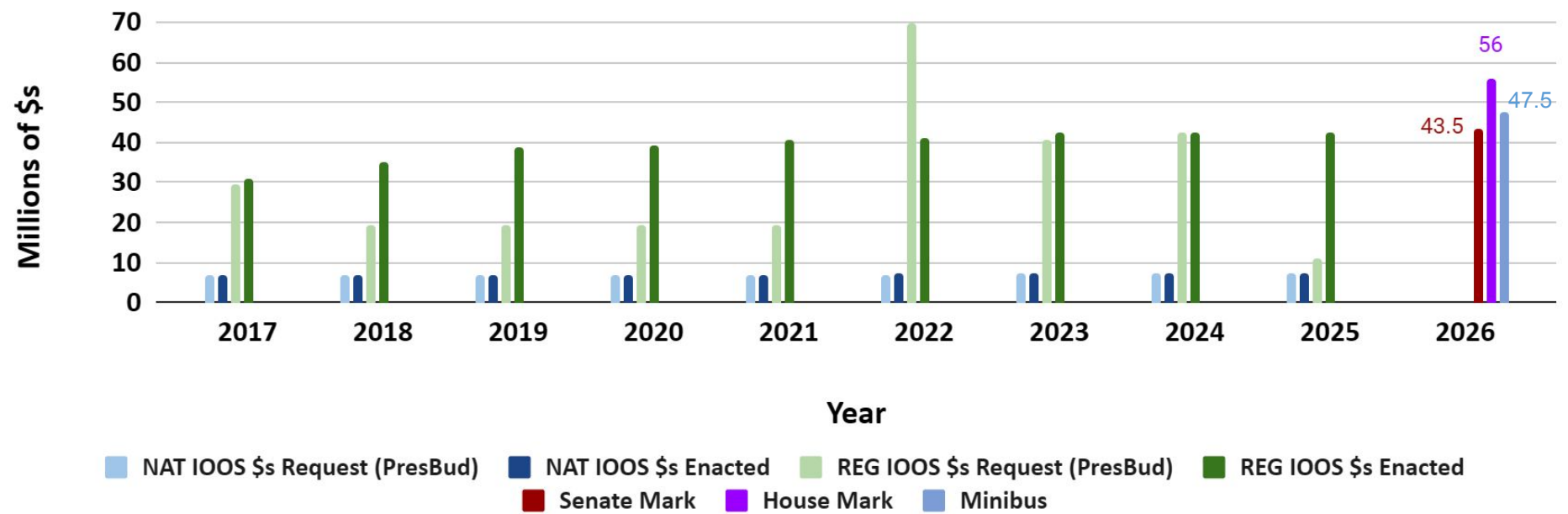
U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Office Updates

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President's Budget Request & Appropriation History

IOOS Office and Regional Only



- **FY26 President's Budget and Congressional Action:**
 - NOS: \$434M (-\$250M); \$100M transfers from OAR – none moving
 - Navigation, Observations, Positioning (NOP) PPA: (-\$34M)
 - Zeroes out IOOS Regional Observations PPA
 - Current status: CR and bicameral, bipartisan Minibus
 - \$47.5M for IOOS Regional Observations (+5M over FY24)
 - Level (FY24) funding for NOP base PPA (\$184M)
 - Previous House and Senate marks report language
 - HABs, CIs, response, weather, hurricanes, WQ, ocean planning, leverage commercial sector: uncrewed systems and data buys
- **FY27 Budget:**
 - Still close hold
 - Target release 1st week February

- **Grant Actions**

- \$46.6M obligated to RA awards in FY25, including \$7.3M external partner funds (primarily NOAA) – 100% of RA core funding
- BIL Year 3-4 funding approved & allotted (repair/replace/modernize); BIL Year 5 unobligated balances reallocated in Minibus
- NOFO for next 5-year funding for RAs at OMB for approval - PRIORITY!

- **ICOOS Act Reauthorization and other relevant legislation**

- ICOOS authorization expired 2025; bipartisan House & Senate versions
 - Wicker and Cantwell (Senate); Ezell and Bonamici (House)

- **NOAA and IOOS staff losses (probationary, DRP, VERA)**

- **IOOS Leadership Team building, continuity, and staff support**

- Immense change & uncertainty, LT purpose, IOOS value TPs

IOOS Leadership Team Purpose Statement

The IOOS Leadership Team provides strategic vision and direction that advances the IOOS mission and impact across NOAA and the nation; fosters a collaborative, inclusive, respectful, and equitable office culture; models transparency and open communication with staff; and ensures cohesive, accountable execution of the IOOS mission — empowering staff, aligning priorities, and championing the program across NOAA and beyond.

FY26 IOOS Office Priorities

- Maintain excellent administration and oversight – grants, NOFOs, contracts (ISS)
- Continuous process improvement – EC, integrate AI, IOOS leadership transitions
- Maintain and improve the National Network of Regional Coastal Observing Systems; Maximize impact, recognition, and value of RCOS observations in NOAA and strengthen partnerships including with IOOSA (Gliders, HFR, ATN DAC, NHABON with NCCOS, NDBC); Curate and share success stories (Kate)
- Advance DMAC core capabilities (manage, steward, disseminate) – oversee IJA Cloud Optimized-DMAC project; IRA projects (data standards, access, interoperability: e.g., water levels); 2-5 DMAC communities of practice events
- Support modeling & cloud computing – connect RA community modeling activities and NOS Model Implementation Plan (MIP); facilitate NOS Sandbox for collaborative platform testing and evaluation
- Help advance AI in NOAA (AI Hackathons; IOOS AI strategy; governing groups)
- IOOS Leadership Team continuity

Program Execution Challenges

- Evolving approval processes for grants and contracts
- IOOS budget uncertainties, scenario planning, NOFO timing
- Continued workload and capacity issues – hiring status
- IOOS Leadership Team continuity (Jeff, Dave, LCDP)
- Role/Function of Interagency Ocean Observation Committee



Questions?

Backup Slides

FY26 IOOS Office Priorities

- *Maintain excellent administration – focus CAs and contracts*
 - Publish new RA NOFO, OTT NOFO, Disaster NOFO
 - Complete the 2025 Ocean Enterprise Study
 - Establish new technical services contracts
- *Refine office operations and processes – focus EC priority*
 - Complete EC reviews for existing awards and submitted questionnaires
 - Pressure of sheer volume of new awards with existing backlog of actions
 - Direct additional 8 staff to work on EC actions
 - Established Tiger Team (processes, tools, training)
- *Advance DMAC – focus core capability to manage, steward, disseminate*
 - Conduct 2-5 Community of Practice events to advance DMAC best practices
 - Enhance DACs (HFR, Glider, ATN) to ensure data access and distribution

FY26 IOOS Office Priorities (con't)

- *Support modeling and cloud computing – focus on connections between RA modeling activities and NOS modeling plans - Administrator interest*
 - Support NOS MIP to align community modeling efforts with NOAA/NOS priorities
 - Enhance service delivery through community engagements and outreach
 - Facilitate use of the NOS sandbox as platform for model testing and evaluation
- *Maximize impact and recognition of IOOS observing program in NOAA*
 - Share your success stories and benefits to NOAA
 - Promote relationships with: Glider program; HFR network; ATN DAC; IOOS and NCCOS-led HAB networks; NDBC – RA attribution in NDBC products for usage and user dependencies on RA buoy data
- *Engage in AI advancement for NOAA, NOS, and IOOS*
 - Understand where AI most benefits IOOS mission and where IOOS supports NOAA AI
 - Define role for additional AI hackathons
 - Participate in NOAA governing groups