

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee  
Hybrid Public Meeting  
January 20-21, 2026**

*All session times listed in EST (Eastern Standard Time)*

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/J514DTapodxShqFC8> - Registration required for in-person or virtual attendance.

**In-Person Meeting Information**

4th Floor Conference Center, Building 3  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD

**Virtual Meeting Information**

To attend virtually, please register at the link below:  
<https://forms.gle/J514DTapodxShqFC8>

**Tuesday January 20**

**8:45 AM**

**Meeting Welcome and Goals**

*Krisa Arzayus, IOOS Advisory Committee Designated Federal Officer and  
Deputy Director, IOOS Office*

*Debra Hernandez, IOOS Advisory Committee Chair*

- Opening remarks by Chair
- Meeting Goals

**9:00 AM**

**U.S. IOOS Office Update**

*Jeff Payne, Acting Director, IOOS Office*

**9:45 AM**

**NOAA Update and Discussion**

*Neil Jacobs, NOAA Administrator*

**10:45 AM**

**Break**

**11:00 AM**

**NOS Modeling**

*Rachael Dempsey, NOS Deputy Assistant Administrator*

**11:45 AM**

**Ocean Enterprise Finance**

*Zack Baize, Ocean Enterprise Program Manager, IOOS Office*

*Hans VanSumeren, Senior Director, Ocean Enterprise Initiative, Marine  
Technology Society*

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch**

- 2:00 PM**                    **IOOS Private Sector Engagement**  
*Tiffany Vance, Ocean Technology Transition Program Manager, IOOS Office*  
*Zack Baize, Ocean Enterprise Program Manager, IOOS Office*
- 2:45 PM**                    **Working Session**
- 3:30 PM**                    **Break**
- 3:45 PM**                    **Working Session**
- 4:45 PM**                    **Public Comment Period**
- 5:00 PM**                    **Adjourn**

**Wednesday January 21**

- 8:45 AM**                    **Welcome**
- 9:00 AM**                    **NOAA Mesonet**  
*Curtis Marshall, Director, Commercial Data Program, NWS*
- 9:45 AM**                    **Overview of New Role**  
*Ruth Perry, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy*  
*Assistant Secretary for Ocean, Fisheries, and Polar Affairs in the*  
*Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific*  
*Affairs, Department of State*
- 10:15 AM**                    **Break**
- 10:30 AM**                    **Working Session**
- 11:45 AM**                    **Public Comment Period**
- 12:00 PM**                    **Adjourn**