



U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee

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What is the IOOS Association?

- Membership of all 11 IOOS RAs
- Communication and coordination across IOOS regions, NOAA, and the broader enterprise
- Promote the value and increase visibility of IOOS and coastal observing
- **Bipartisan / policy neutral advocacy** for IOOS funding and related policy



Appropriations at a glance

IOOS Regional Observations line; Amounts in millions of dollars.	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Authorization Level	48	50	52	54	56	56**	56**
President's Budget	19.4	69.5	40.5	42.5	10	0	0
House Approps	40.5	50	44	41	56	56	56
Senate Approps	40	47	46	42.5	43.5	43.5	
Enacted	40.5	41	42.5	42.5	42.5	47.5	
IA request	<u>45.25</u>	<u>56.5</u>	<u>75.3</u>	<u>80.5</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

- Table = IOOS Regional Observations funding line (in \$millions)
- **Pending reauthorization bills in Senate and House (FY26-30); authorization levels to be reconciled between chambers
- Early stages of FY27 appropriations cycle
 - NOAA Congressional Justification released April (terminates IOOS regional)
 - House CJS FY27 mark passed full committee markup on May 13: \$56M
 - Senate delayed previously scheduled CJS markup

FY27 Appropriations



Request: \$56M (last authorized level)

- IOOS is core national operational infrastructure for safety and economic strength
- IOOS data:
 - improve weather and coastal hazard forecasts and search and rescue operations
 - support safe, efficient maritime and coastal operations
 - is relied on by major sectors of the U.S. economy—maritime transportation, fisheries, offshore energy, recreation and tourism
 - underpins our maritime industrial base and national security goals
- Eliminating IOOS Regional Observations would save little but pose significant costs on public safety, economic resilience, and NOAA's ability to fulfill its mission

IOOS has broad bipartisan Congressional support



House letter

- FY26 (last year):
 - Led by Ezell, Weber, Pingree, Bonamici, Radewagen, Carbajal
 - 97 signers (18 Rs)
- FY27 (this year):
 - Led by Ezell, Weber, Pingree, Carbajal
 - 104 signers (19 Rs)

Senate letter

- FY26 (last year):
 - Led by Wicker, Cantwell → 28 signers (3 Rs)
- FY27 (this year):
 - Led by Wicker, Cantwell → 29 signers (2 Rs)

IOOS Reauthorization

THIS WEEK: U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2294 – that reauthorizes IOOS through 2030

“IOOS is a national asset that connects observations across U.S. coasts into actionable information. Reauthorization through 2030 not only sustains these critical systems, but strengthens the partnerships and data sharing needed to support resilient coastal communities and our Blue Economy.”



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Authorization versus Appropriation

- Legislation mandating IOOS expired end FY25
- Authorizes funding level, → basis for our recent requests

H.R. 2294 – Ezell + 25 bipartisan co-sponsors →

- **House passed** its version March 16, 2026

S.2126 – Wicker + 7 bipartisan co-sponsors

- October 2025 = passed Committee (CST)
 - Reported out of Committee May 11
- March 2026 = submitted as an amendment to the Weather Act → passed Commerce committee March 4

Next steps:

- Multiple pathways
- Resolve differences between House & Senate bills

Thank you!