

MINUTES

PaCOOS Board of Governors Meeting

May 21-22, 2008

Best Western In by the Sea, La Jolla, California

BACKGROUND

The Board held its seventh meeting at which was co-chaired by Jonathan Phinney and John Stein. The focus of the meeting was to: (1) receive updates and on line demonstration on data portals from the Regional Associations and from US Federal and Government Agencies. For the past three years, data management (i.e. data access and integration) has been the primary focus of the NOAA IOOS funds to West Coast NOAA offices and the three Regional Associations; (2) develop long term collaborations between countries (Canada, US, Mexico); between government agencies; and between agencies, Regional Associations, and academia; and (3) provide a work plan for the PaCOOS staff to develop the ecological observing system in the CA Current Regional Ecosystem extending from Vancouver Island, Canada along the Western United States to Baja Norte, Mexico. The agenda is appended below and the (25) presentations at the meeting can be found on the PaCOOS website.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **PaCOOS Quarterly Update.** The PaCOOS staff will continue to develop quarterly updates summarizing ecological and climatic events in the California Current Regional Ecosystem with information culled from government agencies and academia. These updates are being created on a one year trail basis and will be review at the next Board meeting in 2009.
2. **Data Management Meeting on Zooplankton as Indicator of Climate in CA Current.** A two-day meeting at SIO with zooplankton scientists and data managers coast-wide will be held in the Fall or Winter 2009. The Executive Committee will oversee the meeting development and execution. A steering committee will be developed and the outcome will be a report on the state of zooplankton and climate data accessibility and interoperability as well as a summary of management products that can be developed from the data.
3. **Listserve.** The PaCOOS staff will develop a pilot Listserve where people can post unusual climate and/or ecosystem alerts in between the quarterly updates. The Board will review the need for this activity at the next Board meeting in 2009.

4. **Review Science Plan.** Elizabeth Clarke (NOAA) will lead a committee to revise the PaCOOS *Science Plan* (NOAA Administrative Report LJ-04-06) in light of the evolution of IOOS and PaCOOS since the original publication in 2004. The committee is open to any Board member and includes: Tony Koslow (SIO), Charlie Alexander (NOAA IOOS Program), Jonathan Phinney (NOAA), Laura Rogers Bennett (CDFG) and Jan Newton (NaNOOS). The Board will review the revisions at the 2009 Board meeting.

5. **Ecosystem Threats.** A questionnaire will be sent to the government agency members, Regional Associations, as well as Canadian and Mexican members on the board to prioritize ecosystem threats in the CA Current. The purpose of the questionnaire is to jointly develop ecological research directions on the West Coast- including the Gulf of AK. The survey is informal and no action will be taken on it until the Board agreement, likely at the next Board meeting in 2009.

6. **2007 Action Items still under review.**

PaCOOS-Regional Association Collaboration “white paper”. The PaCOOS staff and coordinators of the three Regional Associations (NANOOS, CENCOOS and SCCOOS) will draft a “white paper” defining the respective roles and responsibilities in developing the ecological observing system.

Action Item. Board will review and vote on to accept the revised Section 8.1 of the PaCOOS Science Plan at the next Board meeting.