

do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

2. A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

• Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting; opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a hybrid meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is open to the public and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held virtually and in-person on January 20, 2026 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and January 21, 2026 from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EST). Registration is required to attend either virtually or in person; please register online at <https://forms.gle/J514DTapodxShqFC8> or email [laura.gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.gewain@noaa.gov).

If attending in-person, registration is required by 5 p.m. EST on January 13, 2026 to meet security requirements for visitor access at this location. If attending virtually, registration is required by 5 p.m. EST on January 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in-person at 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD, 4th Floor Conference Room. To register for the meeting and/or submit public comments, use this link <https://forms.gle/J514DTapodxShqFC8> or email [laura.gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.gewain@noaa.gov). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions and other information about public participation and special accommodations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 240-533-9455, [krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov) or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee website at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by section 12304(d) of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (the Act) as amended by Section 103 of the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (COORA) (Pub. L. 116-271, Title I), 33 U.S.C. 3603(d). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in the Act and other appropriate matters as the Administrator, the Ocean Policy Committee described at 33 U.S.C. 3603(c)(1), and IOOC may refer to the Committee for review and advice. The charter and summaries of prior meetings can be found online at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

##### II. Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will focus on: (1) updates from NOAA and key partners, including the NOAA Administrator, and (2) working sessions on work plan topics. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>. The times and the agenda topics described here are subject to change.

##### III. Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public participation (check agenda on website to confirm time). The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation

will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by January 12, 2026 11:59 p.m. EST, to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after January 12, 2026 11:59 p.m. EST, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please fill out the brief form at <https://forms.gle/J514DTapodxShqFC8> or email your comments and your organization/company affiliation to [laura.gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.gewain@noaa.gov). All comments received are a part of the public record. All personally identifiable information (name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Comments that are not responsive or contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. This NOAA public meeting will be recorded for use in preparation of minutes. If you have a public comment, you acknowledge that you will be recorded and are aware you can opt out of the meeting. Participation in the meeting constitutes consent to the recording.

##### IV. Special accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Krisa Arzayus, Designated Federal Official by phone (240-533-9455) or email ([krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov](mailto:krisa.arzayus@noaa.gov)) or to Laura Gewain ([laura.gewain@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.gewain@noaa.gov)) by January 6, 2026 11:59 p.m.

**Authority:** Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-11), and the Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. No: 116-271).

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