



# **Contribution of NOAA to the U.S. and International Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)**

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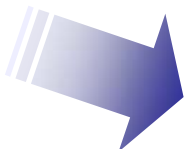
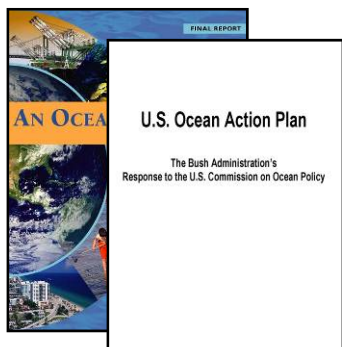
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# Background – IOOS the Big Picture

## Ocean Action Plan / Ocean Commission



## U.S. IEOS

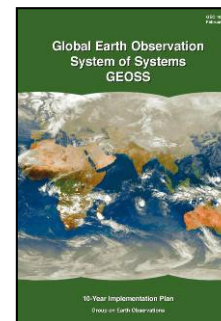


Ocean Component of U.S. IEOS



U.S. Component

## GEOSS



Ocean Component of GEOSS

**Ocean Action Plan – “Build a Global Earth Observation Network, Including Integrated Oceans Observation”**



## U.S. IOOS

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## GOOS



# GEOSS and IOOS Societal Goals Match NOAA's Mission Goals

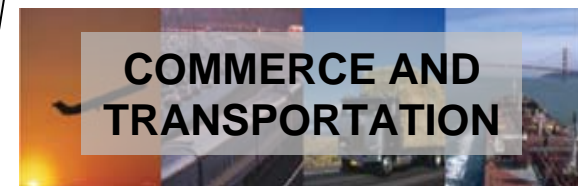
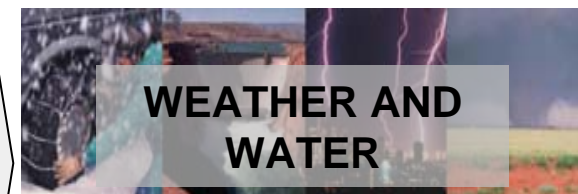
## GEOSS Goals

- 1) Improve Weather Forecasting
- 2) Reduce Loss of Life and Property from disasters
- 3) Protect and Monitor our ocean resources
- 4) Understand, Assess, predict, mitigate, and adapt to climate variability and change
- 5) Support Sustainable Agriculture and Combat Land Degradation
- 6) Understand the effects of environmental factors on human health and well-being
- 7) Develop the capacity to make ecological forecasts
- 8) Protect and monitor water resources
- 9) Monitor and manage energy resources

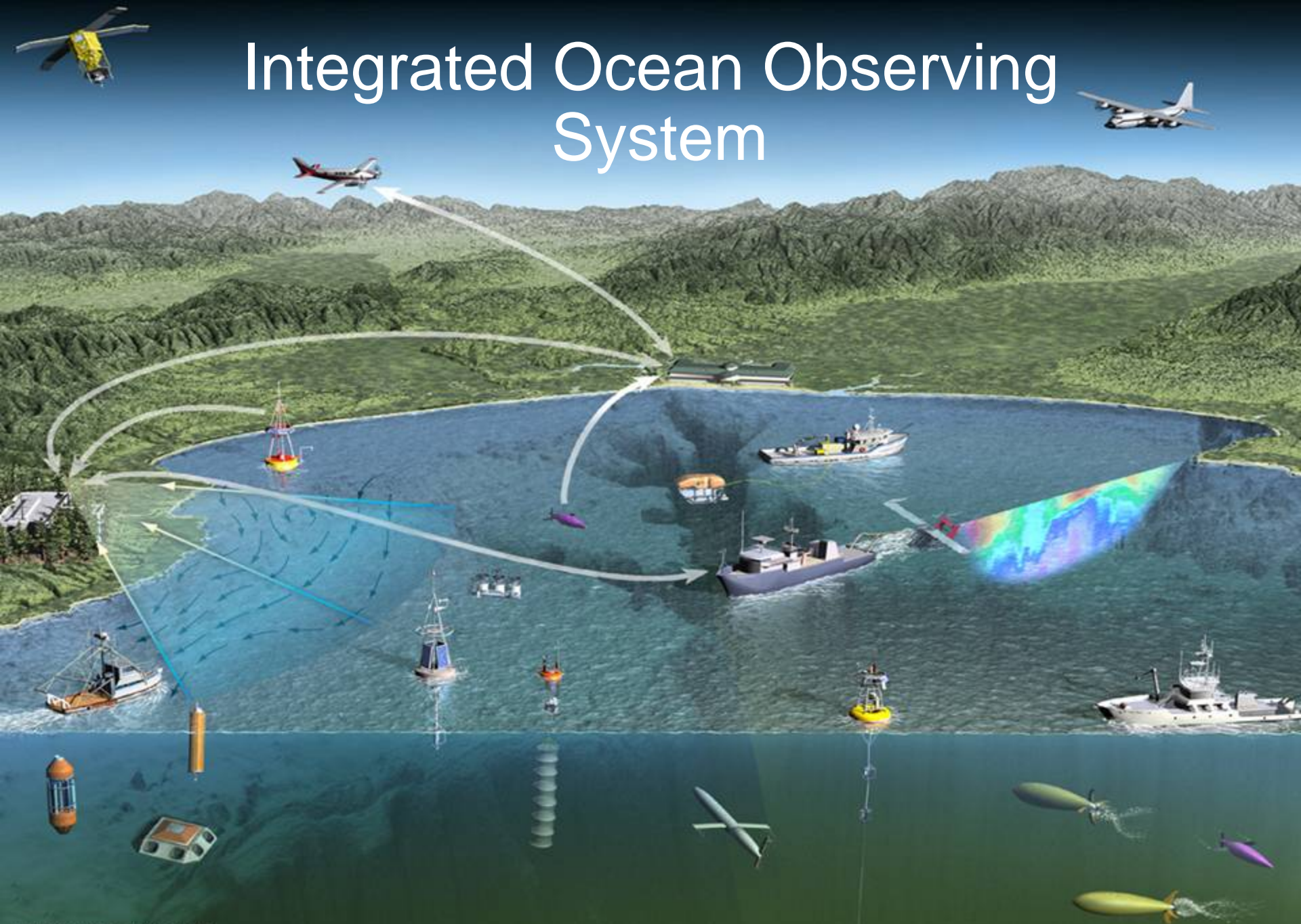
## IOOS Societal Goals

- 1) Improve predictions of climate change and weather and their effects on coastal communities and the nation;
- 2) Improve the safety and efficiency of marine operations;
- 3) Mitigate the effects of natural hazards;
- 4) Improve national and homeland security;
- 5) Reduce public health risks;
- 6) Protect and restore healthy coastal marine ecosystems; and
- 7) Enable the sustained use of marine resources.

## NOAA Mission Goals



# Integrated Ocean Observing System



MBARI MUSE

Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, MOOS Upper-water-column Science Experiment



# IOOS Components

**IOOS has three interdependent subsystems:**

- Observing (Global and Coastal components)
- Data Management & Communication (DMAC)
- Modeling and Analysis

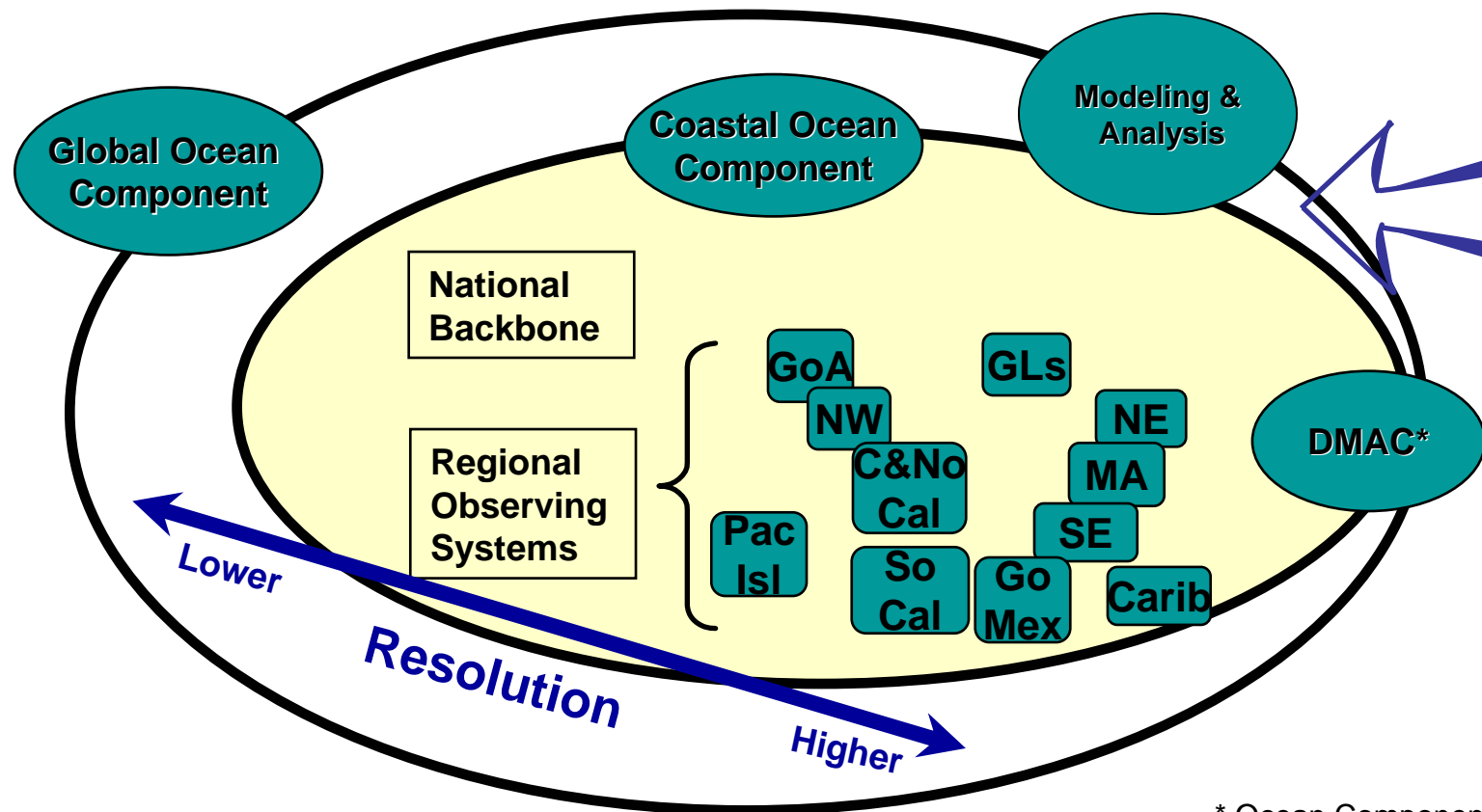
**Partners:**

**Federal Agencies**

- NOAA
- NSF
- Navy
- NASA
- EPA
- USGS
- MMS
- USACE

**Regional Associations**

- State Agencies
- WMO
- IOC



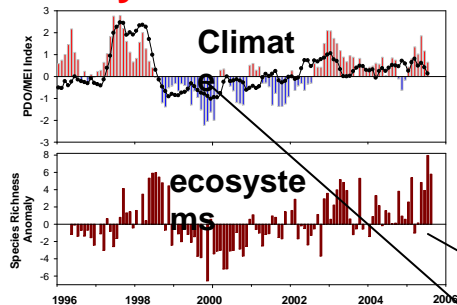


# Global Component



# Reasons for Global Ocean Observing System

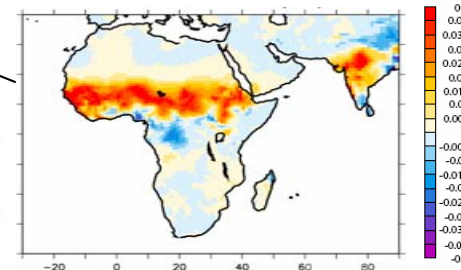
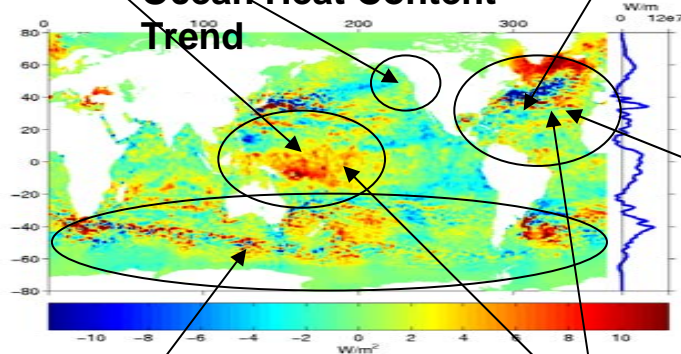
## Ecosystem and Climate



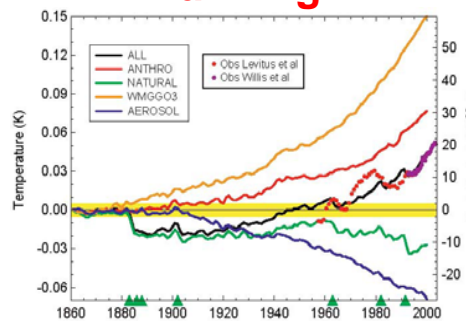
## Hurricanes: Intensity and Climate



## Ocean Heat Content Trend

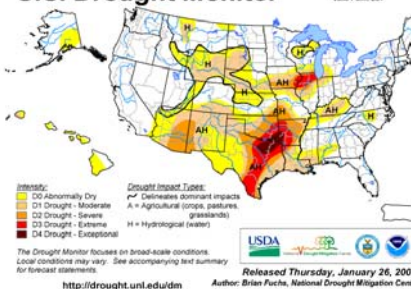


## Evidence for Global Warming



## S. Hemisphere most pronounced

## U.S. Drought Monitor



## Droughts: Global and U.S.

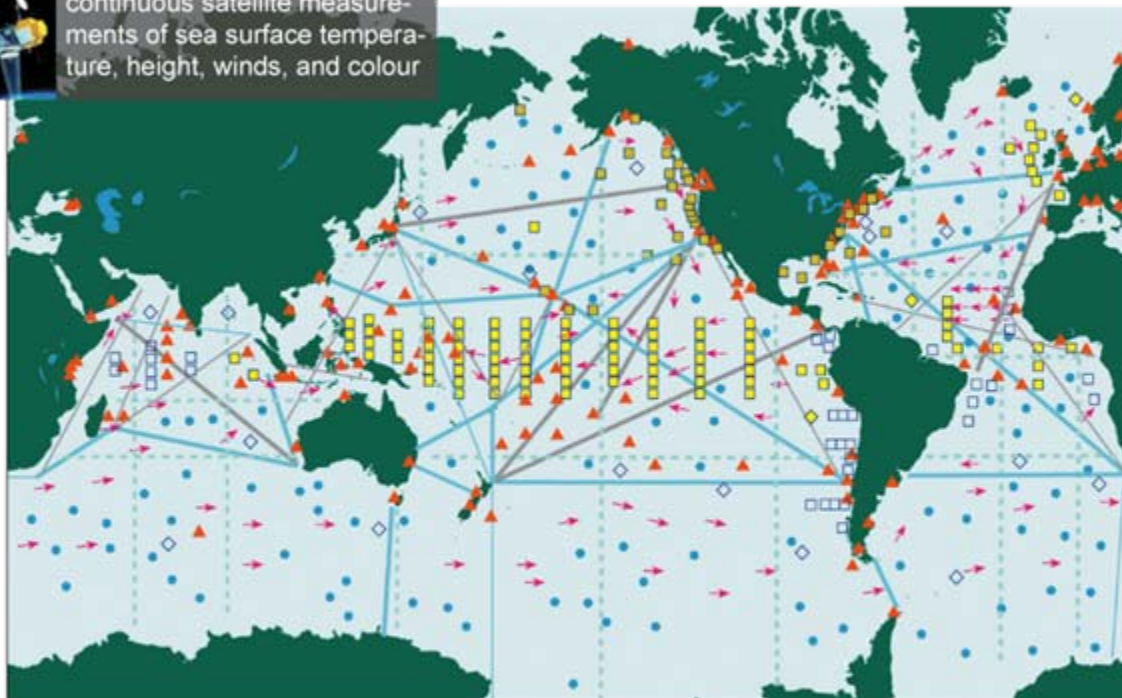


# Initial Global Ocean Observing System for Climate

Status against the GCOS Implementation Plan and JCOMM targets

Total *in situ* networks **55%** September 2005

continuous satellite measurements of sea surface temperature, height, winds, and colour



**57%** Surface measurements from volunteer ships (VOSclim)

200 ships in pilot project



**95%** Global drifting surface buoy array

5° resolution array: 1250 floats



**40%** Tide gauge network (GCOS subset of GLOSS core network)

170 real-time reporting gauges



**82%** XBT sub-surface temperature section network

51 lines occupied



**67%** Profiling float network (Argo)

3° resolution array: 3000 floats



**43%** Repeat hydrography and carbon inventory

Full ocean survey in 10 years

**Reference time series** **21%**

58 sites



**48%** Global reference mooring network



29 moorings planned



**72%** Global tropical moored buoy network



119 moorings planned

- A total of 4725 platforms are maintained globally.
- The U.S. supports 2758, of which NOAA supports 2591.







# Global Observing Systems



- Argo Floats**
- Temperature & Salinity profiles
  - 2240 active floats



- Global Drifting Buoys**
- First Complete System of GOOS – 1250 buoys
  - Sea Surface Temperature & surface velocity



- XBT**
- Upper Ocean temperature & salinity
  - 39 occupied lines



# Global Observing Systems



## TAO/TRITAN & PIRATA

- Sea surface temperature
- Sea Surface winds
- Air temperature
- Humidity
- Rainfall
- Radiation



## Tide Gauges

- Water Levels
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Winds
- Air Temperature
- Barometric Pressure
- 143 real-time stations

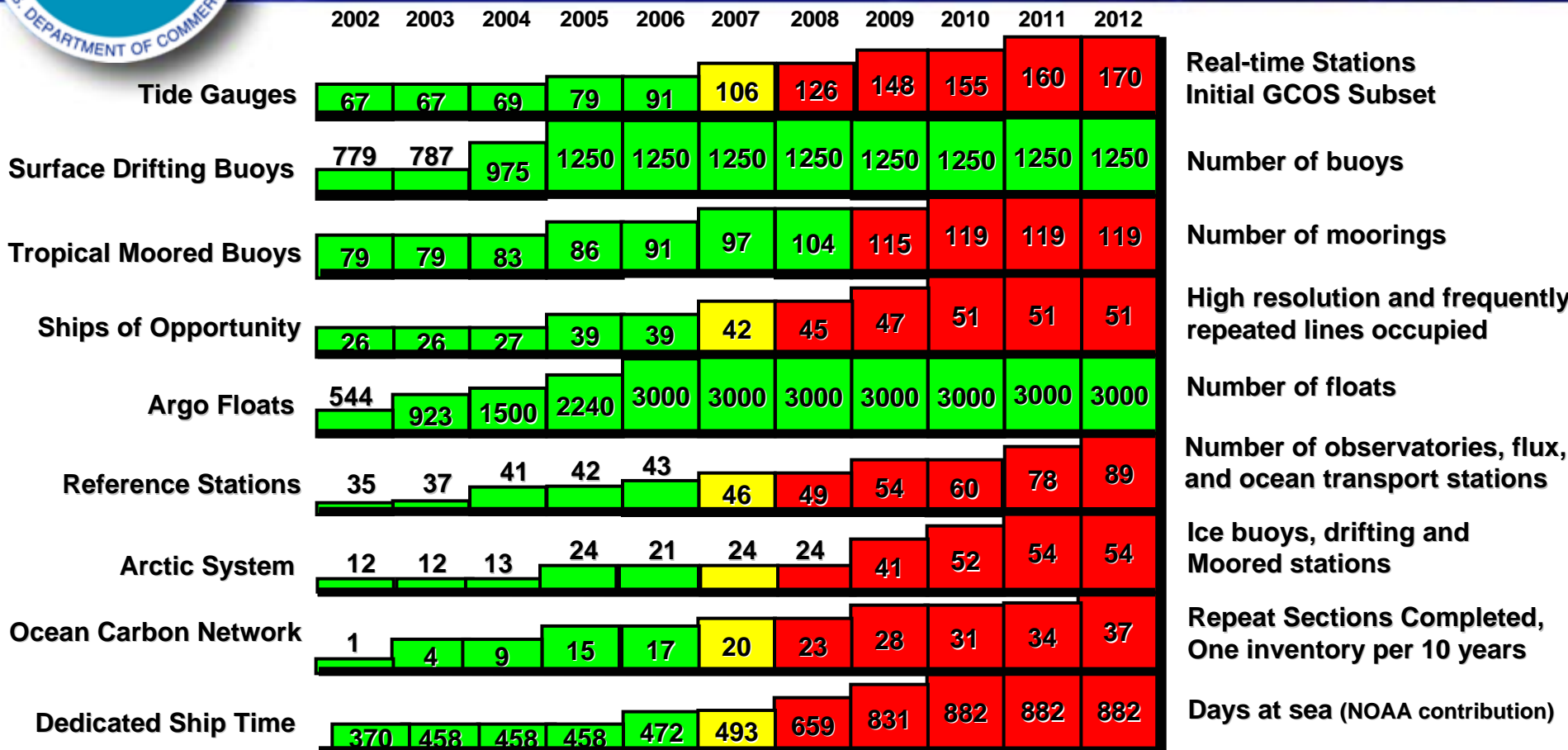


## Ocean Reference Stations

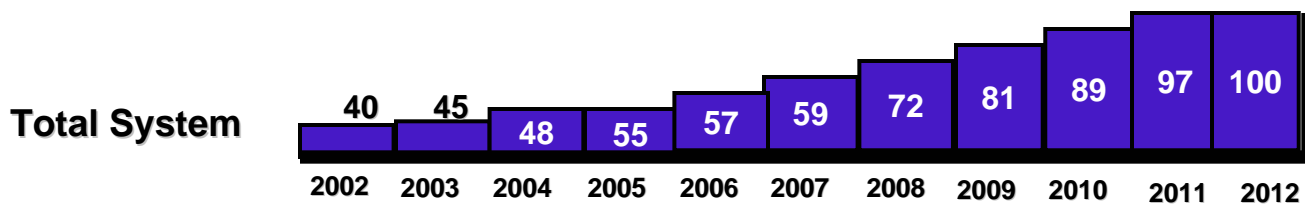
- Meteorological & ocean profile data
- 42 active stations



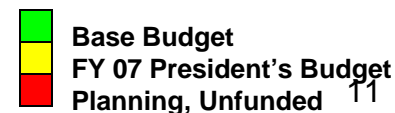
# Multi-Year Phased Implementation Plan (NOAA), 100% Requirement

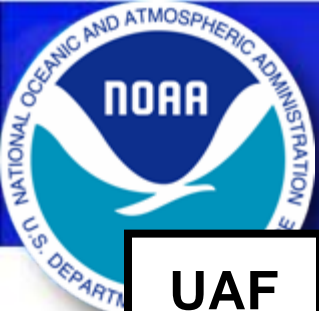


Representative milestones including international contributions

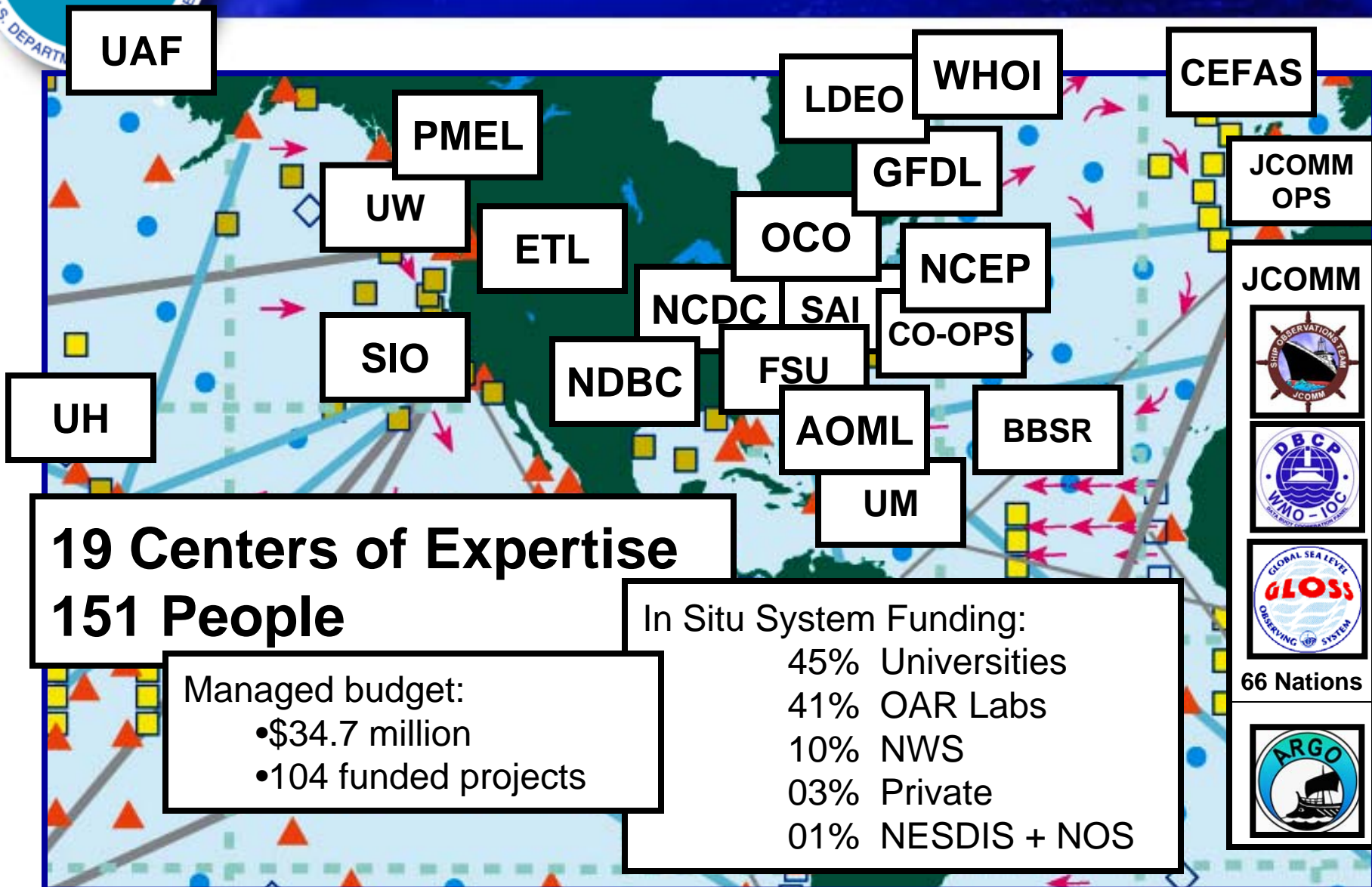


System % Complete





# Where the Work gets done





# International Partnerships

***A global system by definition crosses international boundaries.***



In the USA: the 4 Ns  
NOAA, Navy, NASA, NSF

**Global IOOS contributions are managed in cooperation with the Joint WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM) -- presently 66 nations.**



# U.S. Coastal Component



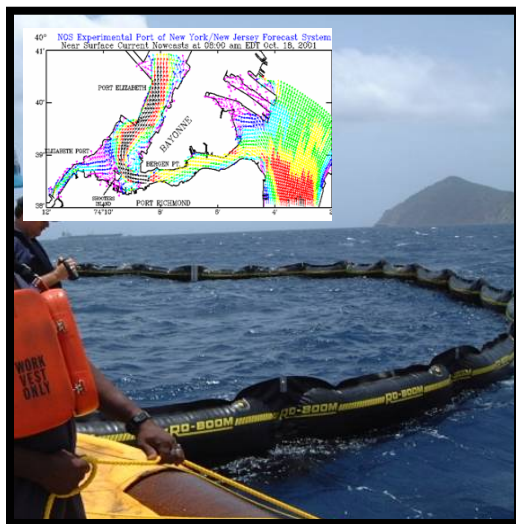
# Reasons for Coastal Ocean Observing System



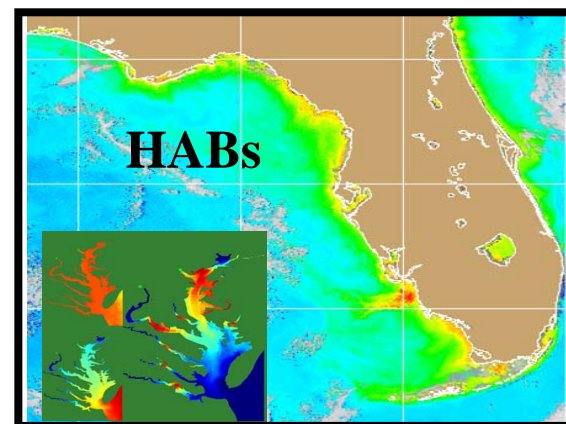
**SAFE AND EFFICIENT NAVIGATION**  
avoid groundings  
avoid collisions  
Increase throughput



**PUBLIC HEALTH**



**NATURAL HAZARDS**  
warnings for  
high winds/waves  
rip currents/storm surge



**ECOLOGICAL FORECASTING**

**PROTECTION OF OCEAN & COASTAL RESOURCES**



# Coastal Component

## Regional Systems

### • Regional Associations

- Develop
- Operate
- Contribute to national backbone

### • Involve User Groups

- Conduct needs assessments
- Tailored product definition

### • Incorporate

- Sub regional systems
- Observations – resolution and variables

## National Backbone

### • Operated by

- NOPP Agencies & partners

### • EEZ & Great Lakes

### • Core variables

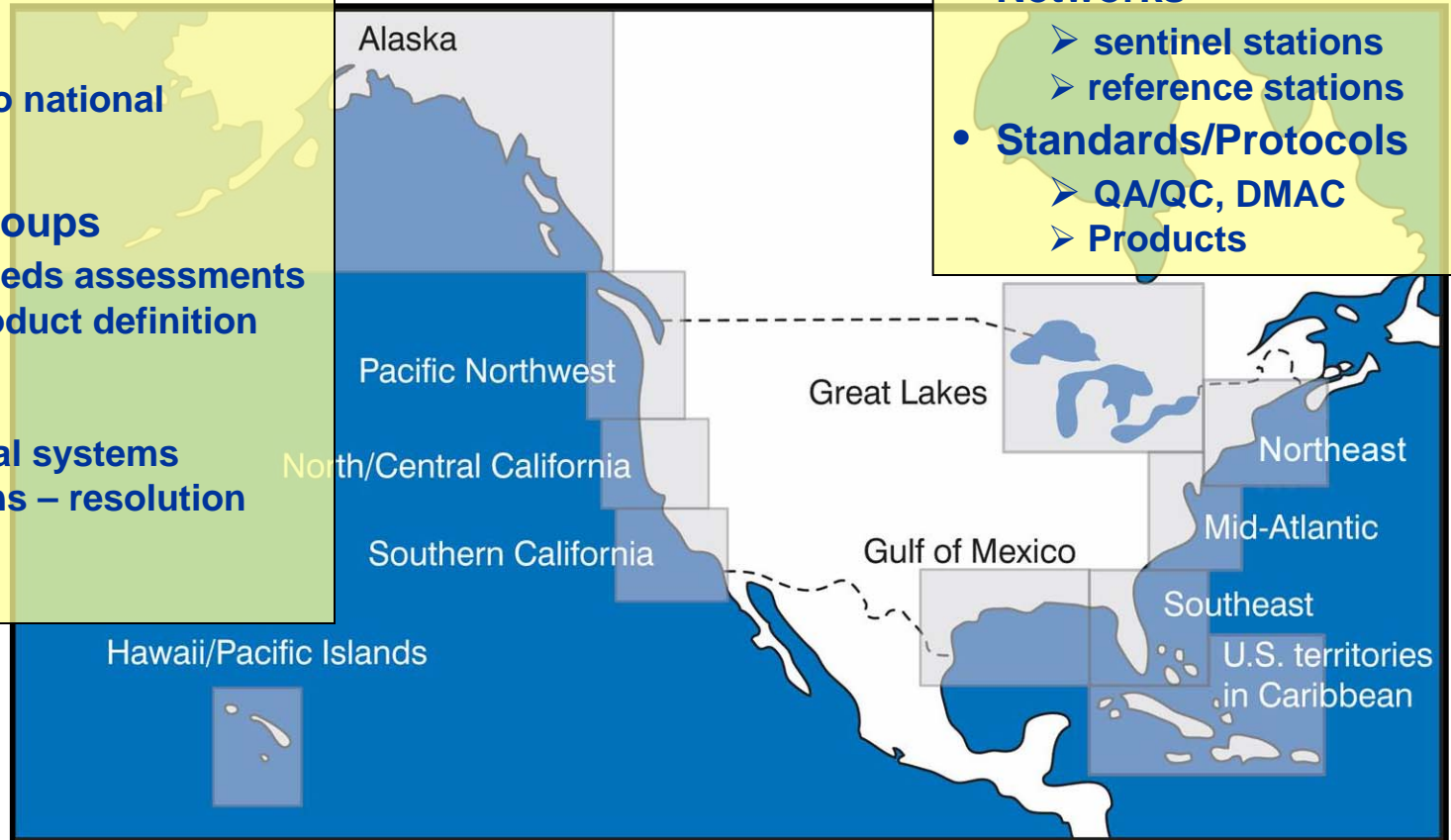
- required by regions

### • Networks

- sentinel stations
- reference stations

### • Standards/Protocols

- QA/QC, DMAC
- Products







# IOOS Observing Subsystem Components: NOAA's Contributions

- Designed to meet IOOS societal goals and all 5 NOAA Mission Goals
  - Also supports other agency and partner efforts to manage our Nation's oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes
- Coordinated nationally and regionally focusing on partnerships.
- System 25 – 35% complete.
- Better defining objectives and working on developing strong GPRM measures.
- NOAA capacities:
  - 24 programs contribute, 8-9 major contributors
  - Project Office in NOS AA's office coordinates NOAA-wide activities
  - NOAA contributes 55 - 65% of the present national effort.

Mussel Watch (NST)

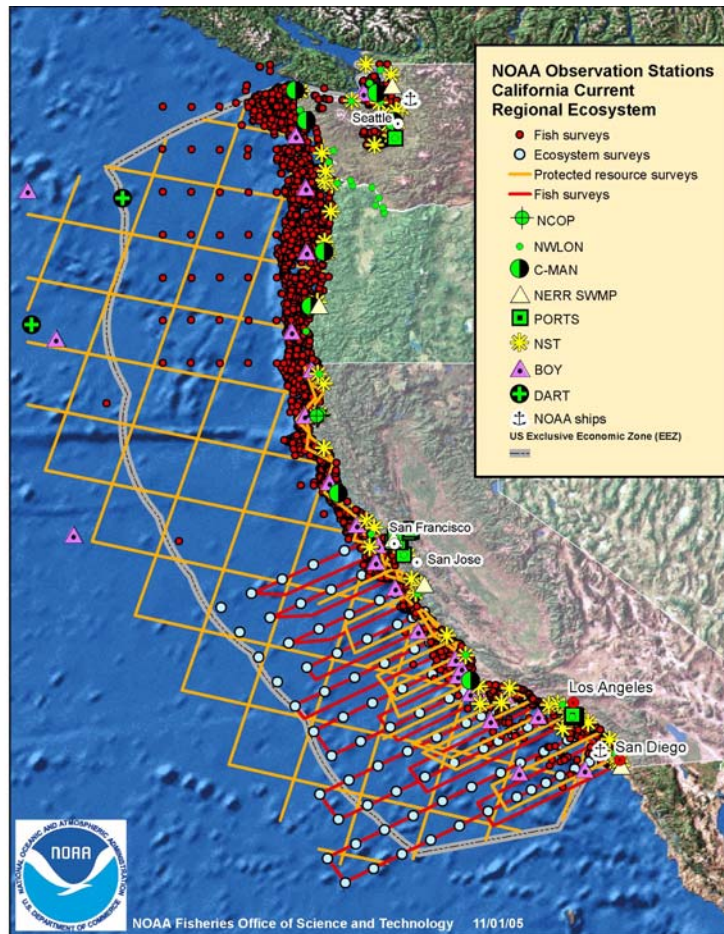
Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS)

Hydrographic Surveys

Ecosystem surveys

Deep Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART)

National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON)



Protected resources surveys

Fish surveys

Moored Buoys (BOY)

Coastal-Marine Automated Network (C-MAN)

NERR System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP)

NOAA Ships



# Coastal Observing Systems

## Commerce & Transportation

- Hydrographic Surveys (includes bathymetry)
- National Current Observations
- National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON)
- Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS)
- Shoreline Surveys

## Weather & Water

- Coastal Marine Automated Network (C-MAN)
- DART
- Voluntary Observing Ships
- Weather Buoys
- SEAWIFS\*

## Mission Support

- NOAA Ships
- NOAA Aircraft\*
- NOAA Satellites

## Ecosystems

- Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP)\*
- Coral Reef Ecosystem Integrated Observing System (CREIOS)
- Commercial Fisheries-Dependent Data
- Economic/ Sociocultural Observing System\*
- Ecosystem Surveys
- Fish Surveys
- National Observer Program
- Protected Resource Surveys
- Recreational Fisheries-Dependent Data
- System-Wide Monitoring Program (SwiM) for Marine Sanctuaries\*
- System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP) for National Estuarine Research Reserves
- Passive Acoustics Observing System\*
- National Status and Trends Program\*



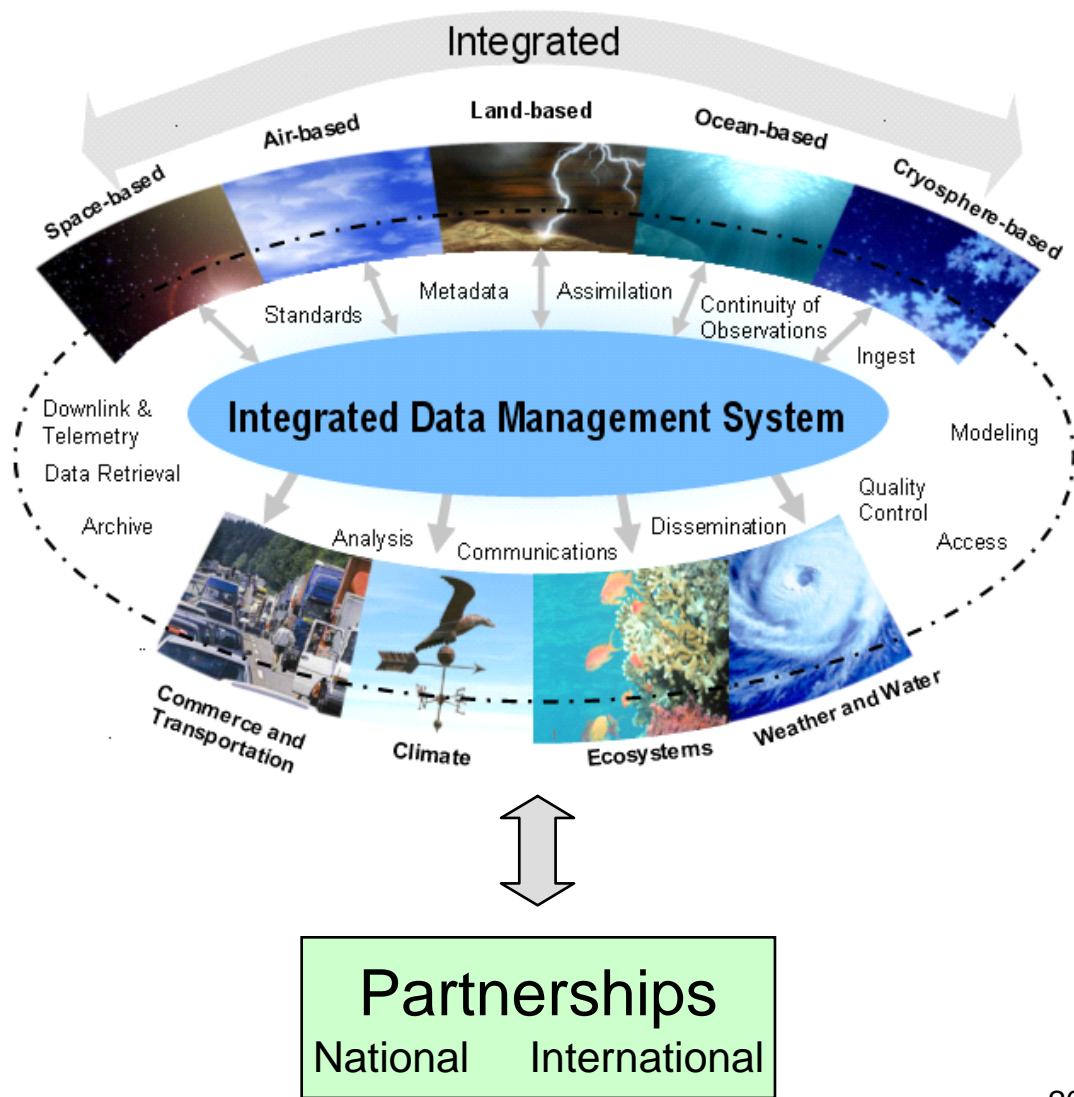
# Data Management & Communications



# NOAA's Observation System Target Architecture

## Target Architecture Principles:

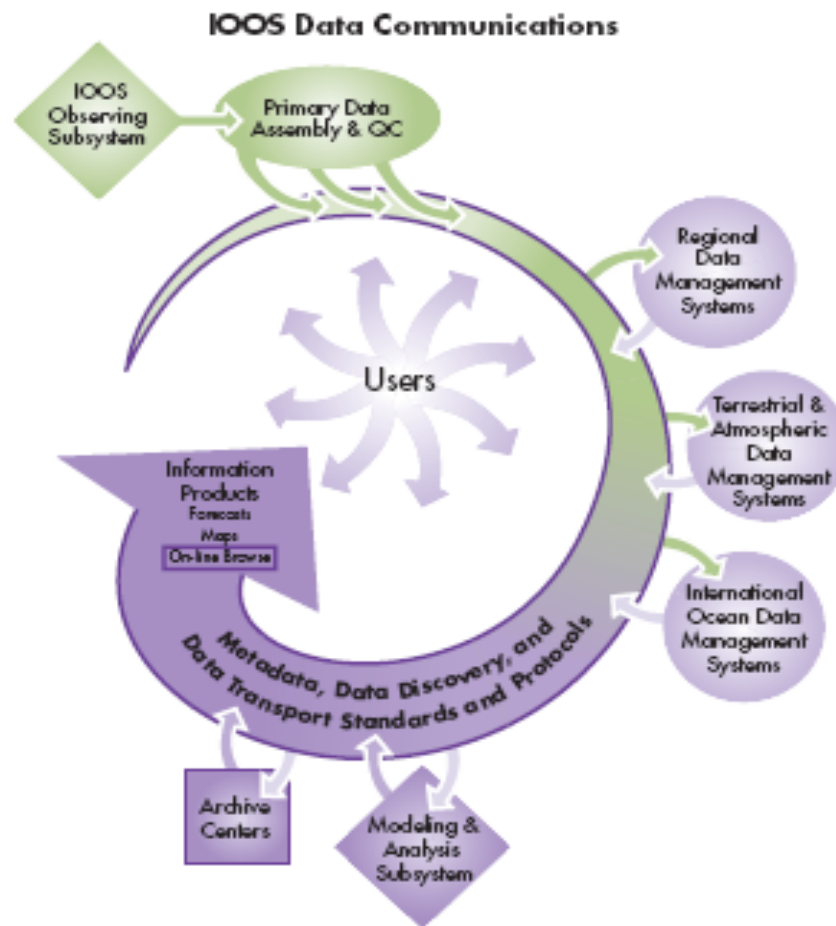
- Utility
  - Focus on societal benefits
  - Requirements-based
  - All data archived and accessible
- Interoperability
  - Full and open data sharing
  - Standards-based
- Flexibility
  - Leverages new technology
- Sustainability
  - Build on existing systems
- Affordability
  - Effectively use non-NOAA systems





# DMAC Work Areas

- Metadata
- Discovery
- On-Line Browse
- Transport
- Access
- Archive
- IT Security
- QA/QC
- System Design

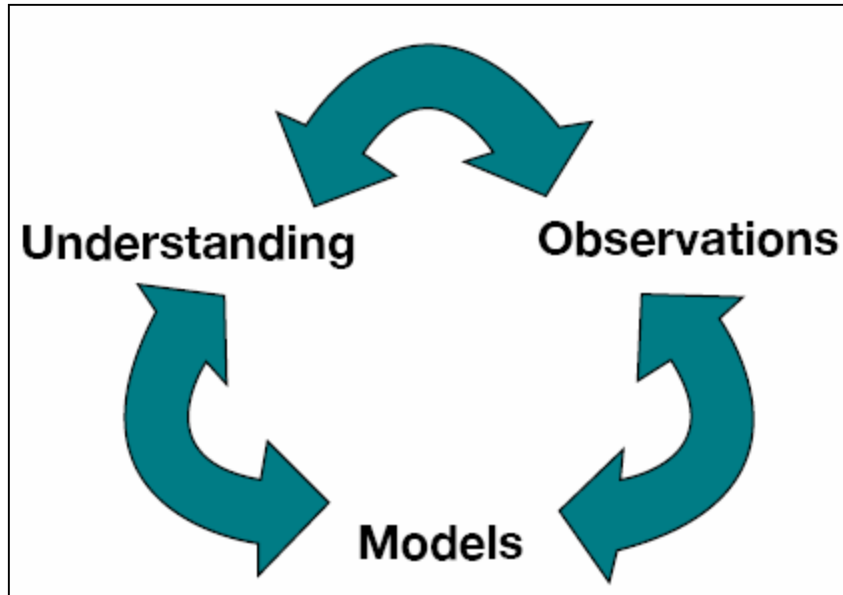




# Modeling & Analysis



# Role of Modeling & Analysis



## Mechanism to

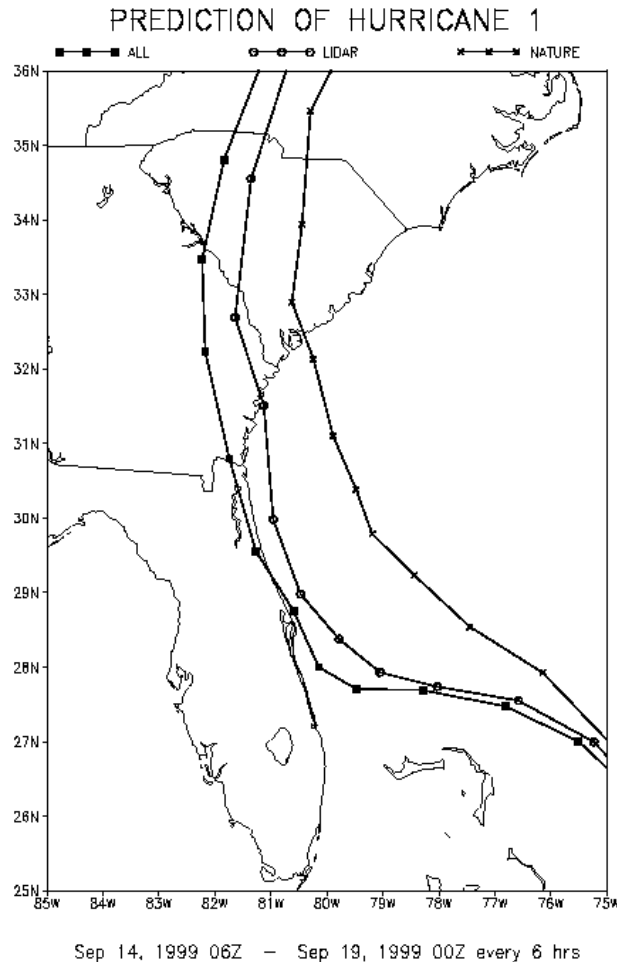
- **Optimize observations**
- **Generate products**

## Includes

- **Observing System Simulation Experiments (OSSE)**
- **Data assimilation**
- **Coupled ocean models**



# Observing System Simulation Experiments (OSSE)



Observing System Simulation Experiments (OSSEs) provide an effective means to:

- Evaluate the potential impact of proposed observing systems
- Determine tradeoffs in their design
- Evaluate new data assimilation methodology

Provide quantitative information on observing system impacts

- New instrumentation
- Alternate configuration of existing instrumentation
- Data assimilation system diagnosis and improvement

X nature track

■ forecast beginning 63 h before landfall using current data

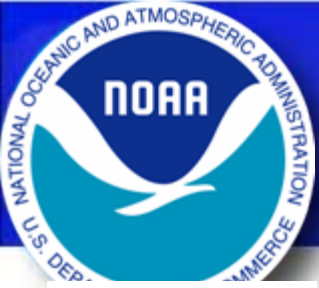
● circles denote the improved forecast for same period using simulated lidar data.





# Next Steps – FY06 Milestones

- **Complete IOOS Conceptual Design**
- **Develop NOAA IOOS Project Plan**
- **Complete Interoperability Plans for NOAA's IOOS Systems**
- **Continue implementation with other IOOS and GOOS partners**



# The Big Picture: A Product & Service Delivery Tool

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## Weather Regional Metro Section

°Fahrenheit

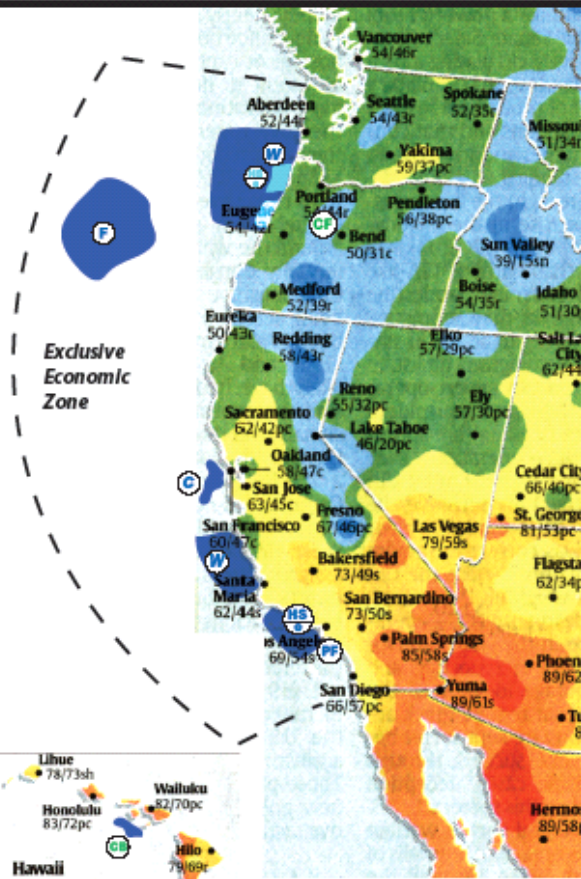
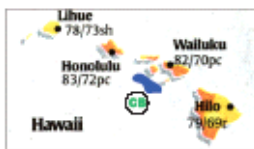
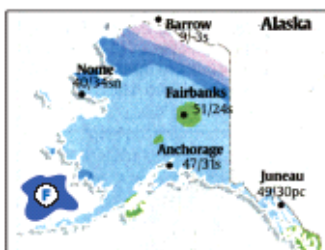
Below 10	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s
°Fahrenheit	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
°Celsius	-12	-7	-1	4	10	16	21	27	32	38

**Forecast legend**

c	cloudy	r	rain	sh	showers
pc	partly cloudy	s	sun	sn	snow
l	ice	sf	snow flurries	t	thunderstorms

**CONCEPTUAL  
DRAFT**

- Rip Currents
- Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
- Over-Enrich/Hypoxia Eutro
- High Surf / Erosion
- High Coastal Winds
- Coastal Flooding
- Port Forecast
- Salinity/Temperature
- Fishery Status
- Coral Bleaching
- Shellfish Bed Closure



### IOOS is:

- A federally-led, NOAA-managed partnership
- Web-based
- Fully interoperable
- A data and information delivery tool
- Integrates physical, biological, chemical, geological observations
- Scalable to regional needs
- Addresses a wide range of applications – both internal and external
- Enables improved decision making through national and regional models
- A prime example of “One NOAA”



**Questions?**