



NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) Major Facility Locations

Following the map clockwise from the Northeast to the Northwest, major NOS facilities are described below.

- **Joint Hydrographic Center – Durham, NH**
A research partnership between NOS and the University of New Hampshire for ocean and coastal mapping.
- **Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology – Durham, NH**
Develops and applies tools to detect, prevent, and reverse the effects of coastal pollution and habitat degradation on coastal ecosystems and communities.

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- **Coastal Response Research Center – Durham, NH**
NOS partnership with the University of New Hampshire to stimulate innovation in spill preparedness, response, assessment, and implementation of optimum spill recovery strategies.
- **National Ocean Service HQ – Silver Spring, MD**
Headquarters for NOS's eight program offices and two staff offices.
- **Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment – Silver Spring, MD**
Assesses and forecasts coastal and marine ecosystem conditions through research and monitoring.
- **Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research – Silver Spring, MD**
Funds research to help decision makers meet the challenges of managing our nation's coastal resources by examining issues in the nation's estuaries, coastal waters, and Great Lakes.
- **Cooperative Oxford Laboratory – Oxford, MD**
Investigates the role of disease in the distribution, abundance, and edibility of commercial marine resources.
- **Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research – Beaufort, NC**
Conducts laboratory and field research on estuarine processes and ecosystems, harmful algal blooms, and the dynamics of coastal and reef fishery resources.
- **Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research – Charleston, SC**
Conducts interdisciplinary research to resolve issues related to coastal ecosystem health, environmental quality, and related public health effects.
- **Coastal Service Center – Charleston, SC**
Partners with state and local organizations to address coastal resource management issues, particularly the issues of hazards and coastal development.



- **Hollings Marine Laboratory – Charleston, SC**
Provides science and biotechnology applications to help sustain, protect, and restore coastal ecosystems, emphasizing links between environmental and human health.
- **Pacific Services Center – Honolulu, HI**
Works in partnership with the coastal and ocean management communities of the Pacific, including Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and makes NOAA's products and services available to these communities.
- **NOAA Hazardous Materials Response Division – Seattle, WA**
Provides scientific support for oil and chemical spill response and damage assessments in coastal waters.
- **Kasitsna Bay Laboratory – Kachemak Bay, AK**
A unique marine research and teaching facility with a focus on cold water subtidal and intertidal communities as well as the deeper waters of Kachemak Bay.

Complete details on these facilities can be found on NOAA's NOS website at: <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/>

NOS also helps monitor, protect, and conserve ocean and coastal resources around the nation through:

- 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and one National Marine Monument
- 27 National Estuarine Research Reserves
- 34 Coastal Zone Management partnerships with states
- 200 National Water Level Observation Network Stations
- 14 Physical Oceanographic Real Time Systems (PORTS)
- 11 Integrated Ocean Observing System Regional Associations

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