



INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (ICOOS) ACT OF 2009 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

DOCUMENT INCLUDES 2 ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Council Activity*
- 2. Committee Activity*

ACTIVITY 1: “The Council shall establish or designate an Interagency Ocean Observation Committee which shall – prepare annual and long-term plans for consideration and approval by the Council for the integrated design, operation, maintenance, enhancement and expansion of the System to meet the objectives of this subtitle and the System Plan”.

ICOOS ACT REFERENCE: §12304 (c)(2)(A)

PLAN:

- **Objectives/Milestones:**
 - a. Produce an annual plan for IOOC and Council actions to meet the requirements of the ICOOS Act and the System Plan.
 - b. Determine a path forward for the development of a long term plan addressing IOOS integrated design, operation, maintenance, enhancement and expansion as directed in the ICOOS Act.
- **Execution Plan:**
 - Initiate a planning subgroup.
 - Review existing efforts related to the ICOOS Act and System Plan.
 - The subgroup will draft an annual plan for the IOOC and submit it to the IOOC.
 - Submit approved annual plan to the JSOST.
- **Dependent Activities:** Receipt of the lead Federal agency annual report as required in §12304(c)(3)(L).

Additional actions which may inform the annual and long-term plans include:

- Develop an annual coordinated comprehensive budget.
- Develop contract certification standards.
- Establish required observation data variables.
- Establish protocols and standards for System data.
- Identify gaps in observation coverage or needs for capital improvements.

- Obtain an independent cost estimate.
- Periodically suggest revisions to the System Plan.

- **Additional Needs:** N/A

GROUP RESPONSIBLE: Interagency Ocean Observation Committee

DELIVERABLES: Subgroup approved draft annual plan, IOOC approved annual Plan for submission to Council.

DUE DATE: This is a standing requirement without a specific deadline.

OUTSTANDING DECISIONS NEEDED: The IOOC must decide on a structure for the Planning subgroup.

ACTIVITY 2: Develop and transmit to Congress at the time of submission of the President's annual budget request an annual coordinated, comprehensive budget to operate all elements of the System identified in subsection (b), and to ensure continuity of data streams from Federal and non-Federal assets;

ICOOS ACT REFERENCE: § 12304(c)(2)(B)

PLAN:

- **Objectives/Milestones:**
 - a. Attaining and relaying to Congress agency budgets for System-related requirements.
- **Execution Plan:**
 - Meet with the U.S. Global Change Research Program to receive recommendations on conducting a budget crosscut.
 - Develop definitions for a data call template form for federal agencies to self-select IOOS programs and assets.
 - Coordinate activities with the Office of Management and Budget.
 - Letter from Office of Science and Technology Policy or the Office of Management and Budget to request agencies provide budget information.
 - Agencies submit budgets to the Committee.
 - The Committee compiles and transmits to Congress.
- **Dependent Activities:** Blueprint Assessment Definitions, Independent Cost Estimate, Agency budget submissions.

- **Additional Needs:** TBD

GROUP RESPONSIBLE: Interagency Ocean Observation Committee

DELIVERABLES: Coordinated, comprehensive budget due to Congress by February 2011

DUE DATE: Due in conjunction with delivery of annual President's Budget Submission

OUTSTANDING DECISIONS NEEDED: