

U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Office Updates

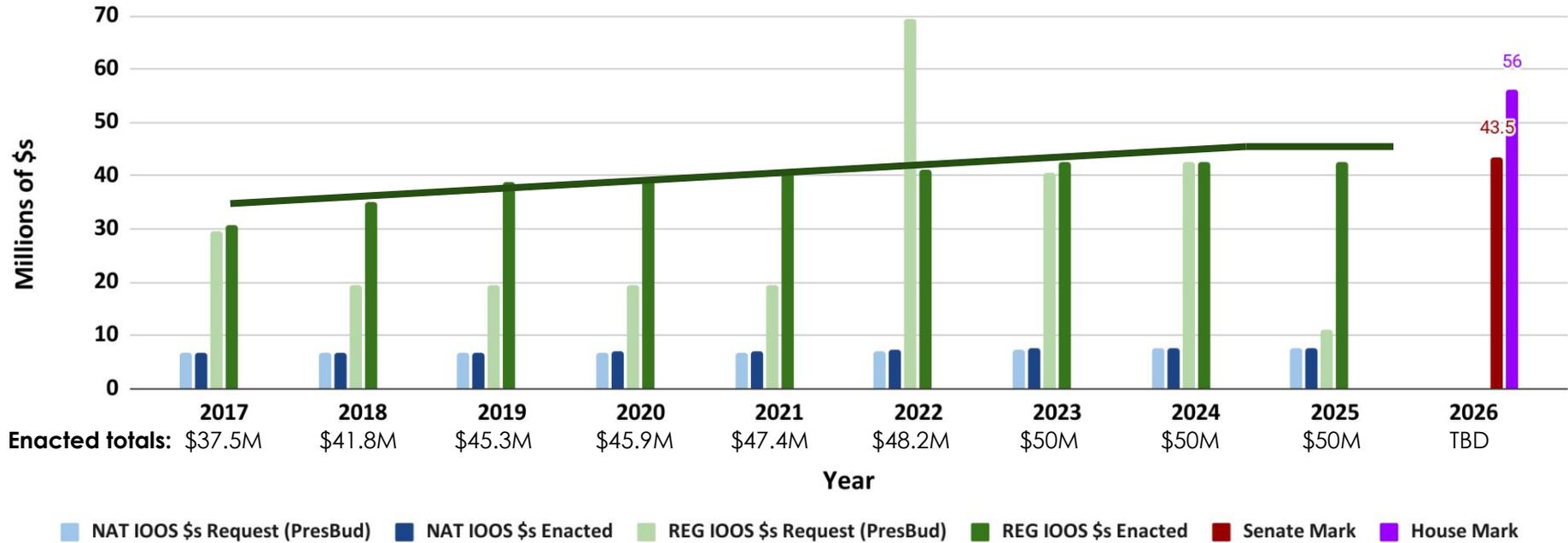
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U.S. IOOS Enacted and President's Budgets FY17–26

President's Budget Request & Appropriation History

IOOS Office and Regional Only



CJ Highlights relative to FY24 Enacted (June 30):

- NOAA: \$4.51B (-\$2.3B)
- **NOS: \$434M (-\$250M)**
 - **Includes \$100M transfers from OAR** (OAR eliminated; transfers include OAP, OE&R, GOMO) - **none currently moving forward**
 - NWS/NDBC transferred to NOS**
- **Navigation, Observations, Positioning (NOP) PPA: (-\$34M)**
- **Zeroes out IOOS Regional Observations PPA**
- Current status: House and Senate CJS full committee markups
- **FY26 CR Prospects? - Update with just passed legislation**

FY26 Senate and House Marks

- **Senate Full Committee Mark (July 17)**

- \$6.1B for NOAA
- \$686M for NOS (\$2M above FY24; *\$252M above FY26 PresBud (PB inflates \$100M)
- \$184M for NOP PPA; level with FY24
- **Restores proposed terminations – numbers speak**
- **\$43.5M for IOOS Regional Observations (+\$1M from FY24)**
- \$55M in Community Projects (assigned after enacted)

- **House Full Committee Mark (September 10)**

- \$5.8B for NOAA
- \$699M for NOS (\$15M above FY24; *\$265M above FY26 PresBud (PB inflates \$100M)
- \$184M for NOP PPA; level with FY24
- **Restores proposed terminations – numbers speak**
- **\$56M for IOOS Regional Observations (+\$13.5M from FY24)**
- \$56M in NOAA CZM Community Projects (assigned after enacted)

- **Report Language**

- Grant Actions - post Secretary's review
 - **Full FY25 Core funding for each RA approved & allotted (\$46.6M)**
 - Obligating \$7.3M external partner funds (primarily NOAA)
 - **BIL Year 3-5 funding approved & allotted (repair/replace/modernize)**
 - **NOFO for next 5-year funding for RAs in process for approval - PRIORITY!**
- **ICOOS Act Reauthorization and other relevant legislation**
 - **Thank You IOOSA and RAs – & thank you Congressman Ezell**
 - ICOOS authorization expires 2025; bipartisan House & Senate versions
 - Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2025
 - Regional Innovation clusters for R&D and blue economy growth
 - Weather Act Reauth (ships pilot; coastal flooding; HAB network)
- **NOAA and IOOS staff losses (probationary, DRP, VERA); many Actings**
- **IOOS Leadership Team building, continuity, and staff support**

IOOS Leadership Team Purpose Statement

The IOOS Leadership Team provides strategic vision and direction that advances the IOOS mission and impact across NOAA and the nation; fosters a collaborative, inclusive, respectful, and equitable office culture; models transparency and open communication with staff; and ensures cohesive, accountable execution of the IOOS mission — empowering staff, aligning priorities, and championing the program across NOAA and beyond.

FY26 IOOS Office Priorities

- *Maintain excellent administration – focus CAs and contracts*
 - Publish new RA NOFO, OTT NOFO, Disaster NOFO
 - Complete the 2025 Ocean Enterprise Study
 - Establish new technical services contracts
- *Refine office operations and processes – focus EC priority*
 - Complete EC reviews for existing awards and submitted questionnaires
 - Pressure of sheer volume of new awards with existing backlog of actions
 - Direct additional 8 staff to work on EC actions
 - Established Tiger Team (processes, tools, training)
- *Advance DMAC – focus core capability to manage, steward, disseminate*
 - Conduct 2-5 Community of Practice events to advance DMAC best practices
 - Enhance DACs (HFR, Glider, ATN) to ensure data access and distribution

FY26 IOOS Office Priorities (con't)

- *Support modeling and cloud computing – focus on connections between RA modeling activities and NOS modeling plans - Administrator interest*
 - Support NOS MIP to align community modeling efforts with NOAA/NOS priorities
 - Enhance service delivery through community engagements and outreach
 - Facilitate use of the NOS sandbox as platform for model testing and evaluation
- *Maximize impact and recognition of IOOS observing program in NOAA*
 - Share **your** success stories and benefits to NOAA
 - Promote relationships with: Glider program; HFR network; ATN DAC; IOOS and NCCOS-led HAB networks; NDBC – RA attribution in NDBC products for usage and user dependencies on RA buoy data
- *Engage in AI advancement for NOAA, NOS, and IOOS*
 - Understand where AI most benefits IOOS mission and where IOOS supports NOAA AI
 - Define role for additional AI hackathons
 - Participate in NOAA governing groups

- Continued DOC oversight of grants and contracts
- IOOS Budget Scenario Planning
- Continued workload and capacity issues - hiring?
- IOOS Leadership Team continuity

- Twenty years of ocean observing in the Gulf!
- Another hurricane season working with partners to improve models
- HABs monitoring
- Support for students and interns



Questions?