

IWG-1/25



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Ms. Giselle Creeser
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Dear Ms. Creeser:

We are writing in support of the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), an interagency effort composed of Federal, state and local stakeholders. IOOS enables the nation's first opportunity to comprehensively form ocean and climate-related policy based on credible, real-time, three-dimensional views of our oceans, coastal watersheds and Great Lakes, sustained across time.

President Obama signed the Omnibus Public Lands Bill (PL 111-11) in March of this year, thereby codifying Congressional and Administration support for IOOS and giving NOAA federal lead agency authority for its implementation.

One of the key components of IOOS is the need for a national ocean surface current mapping network composed of high frequency (HF) coastal oceanographic radars. The data provided by these radars is being used by numerous state, local and commercial interests throughout US coastal waters. The applications include: oil spill and point source pollution tracking and prediction, Search and Rescue, commercial and recreational marine navigation, harmful algal bloom forecasts, marine protected area and ecosystem management, commercial and recreational fishing, and coastal zone management.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is seeking to obtain frequency allocations within the HF band at WRC-12 so that the oceanographic radars, now operating in a demonstration mode on a not-to-interfere basis, can transition to a fully operational mode to provide products and services for the benefit of coastal stakeholders.

As representatives of the IOOS user community, who care deeply about the ecological, social and economic benefits of healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems, we urge the IWG to seek a positive solution to this World Radiocommunication Conference agenda item (Item 1.15), allowing U.S. coastal oceanographic radar to transition from demonstration mode to operational status. Once the technical studies near completion, NFRA will provide the IWG a draft proposal for WRC-12 Agenda Item 1.15. In the meantime, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Josie Quintrell'.

Josie Quintrell, Director, National Federation of Regional Associations for Coastal and Ocean Observing

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