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# Toward an integrated environmental information system in the Gulf of Maine

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# Operational Goals

To provide data and information that serve public and private sector needs to:

- Solve practical problems,
- Predict events, and
- Further understand natural systems…

…in the Gulf of Maine.

A Coastal Oceanic Analog of…

…the National Weather Service.

# GoMOOS is Regional and Multisector

Serving all Gulf of Maine states and provinces:

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine,
New Hampshire, Massachusetts, on south…

Partners:

- Research Institutions
- Government Agencies
- Educational Institutions
- Private Industry
- Nonprofits

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# User Needs

- Mariners – safety, rescue
- Shipping – safety & efficiency
- Mammals – endangered species assessment
- Aquaculture – site selection & water quality
- Lobster fishing – recruitment prediction
- Petroleum Industry – spill response
- Shellfishing – spat collection, site selection
- Military – national security, operations test bed
- Coastal Management – eutrophication
- Commercial & Sport Fishing – stock assessments
- Research – long-term observations, infrastructure

# GoMOOS Members

**Research/Education**:

Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Canada)
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science
Bowdoin College
Dalhousie University (Canada)
Maine Maritime Academy
Rutgers University
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts
University of New Hampshire
University of Rhode Island
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

**Government**:

Maine Dept. of Marine Resources
Maine Science & Technology Foundation
Maine State Planning Office
Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

**Industry**:

Bath Iron Works
James W. Sewall Company
Maine Lobstermen's Association
Portland Pipe Line Corporation
Satlantic, Inc. (Canada)
RD Instruments, Inc.

**Marine Operations**:

Atlantic Pilotage Authority (Canada)
Eastport Port Authority
Federal Marine Terminals (Canada)
Penobscot Bay & River Pilots Assoc.
Saint John Marine Pilots (Canada)
Saint John Port Authority (Canada)

**Nonprofit**:

Gulf of Maine Aquarium
Island Institute
New England Aquarium

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# Technical Program

Real-time data acquisition:

Weather – surface winds, air temperature, visibility(fog), light flux, cloud conditions

Ocean conditions – current, waves, temperature, salinity

Water quality – dissolved oxygen, water clarity, turbidity, nutrients

Ocean biology – irradiance, algal biomass, productivity, community structure, acoustics (whales)

Modeling & Prediction: circulation & waves

Data & Information Management: adding value

# Science Team

## University of Maine

- **Neal Pettigrew (**Chief Scientist)**:** Buoys & Currents
- **David Townsend –** Nutrient measurements
- **Andrew Thomas –** Satellite remote sensing
- **Huijie Xue –** Circulation modeling
- **Lewis Incze –** Upper trophic levels

## Bigelow Laboratory

- **Collin Roesler –** Phytoplankton and bio-optics

## Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

- **James Irish –** Wave measurements

## Bedford Institute of Oceanography

- **Peter Smith –** Wave modeling & prediction
- **William Perrie –** Wave modeling & prediction

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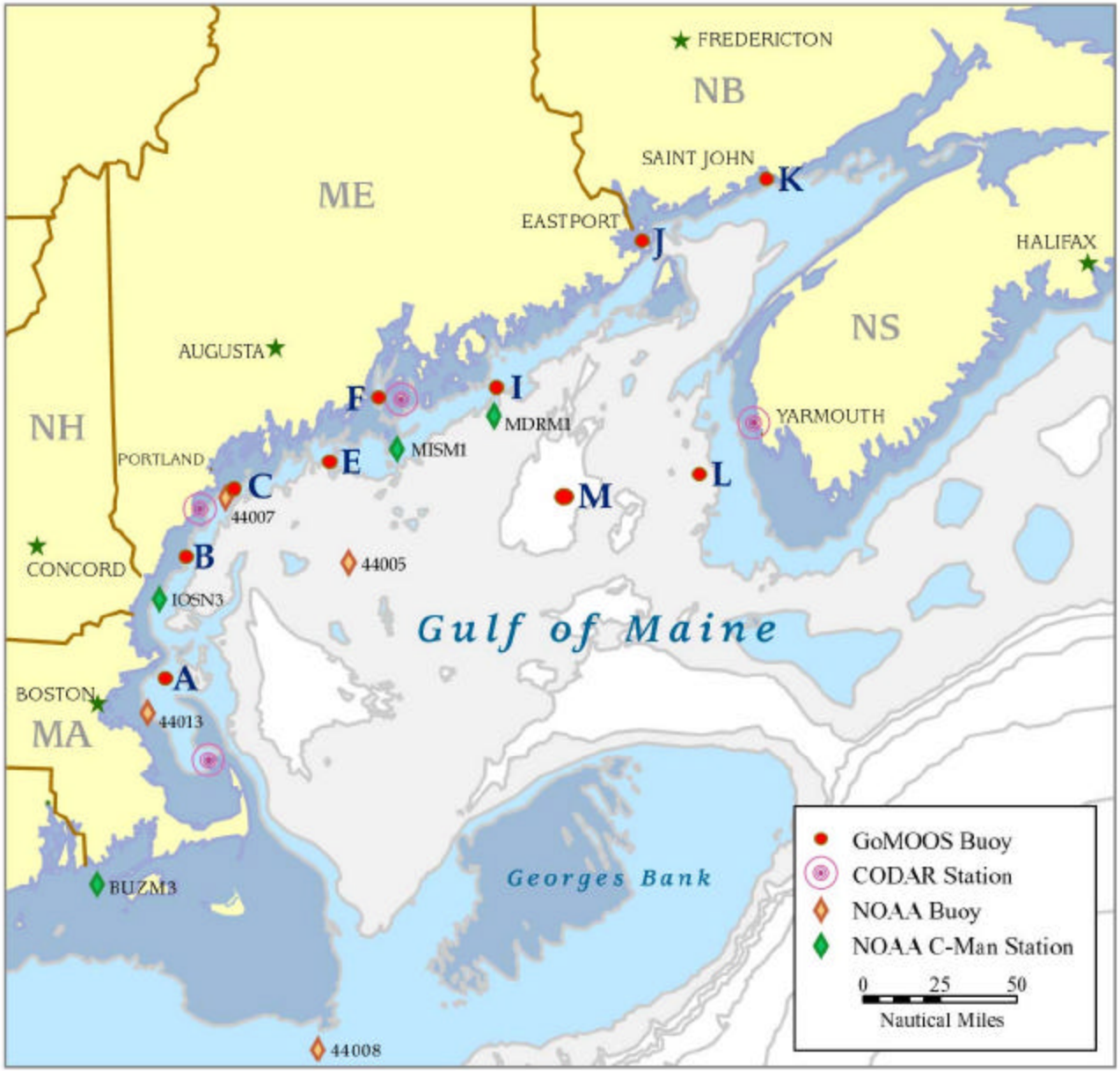
# GoMOOS Buoy Program



# Mooring Team

"Have buoy, will travel"

**University of Maine**

**Dr. Neal Pettigrew**

**John Wallinga**

**Linda Magnum**

**Robert Stessel**

**Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst**

**Dr. James Irish**

**Bigelow Laboratory**

**Dr. Collin Roesler**

**Dr. Andrew Barnard**

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# GoMOOS Shelf Buoy

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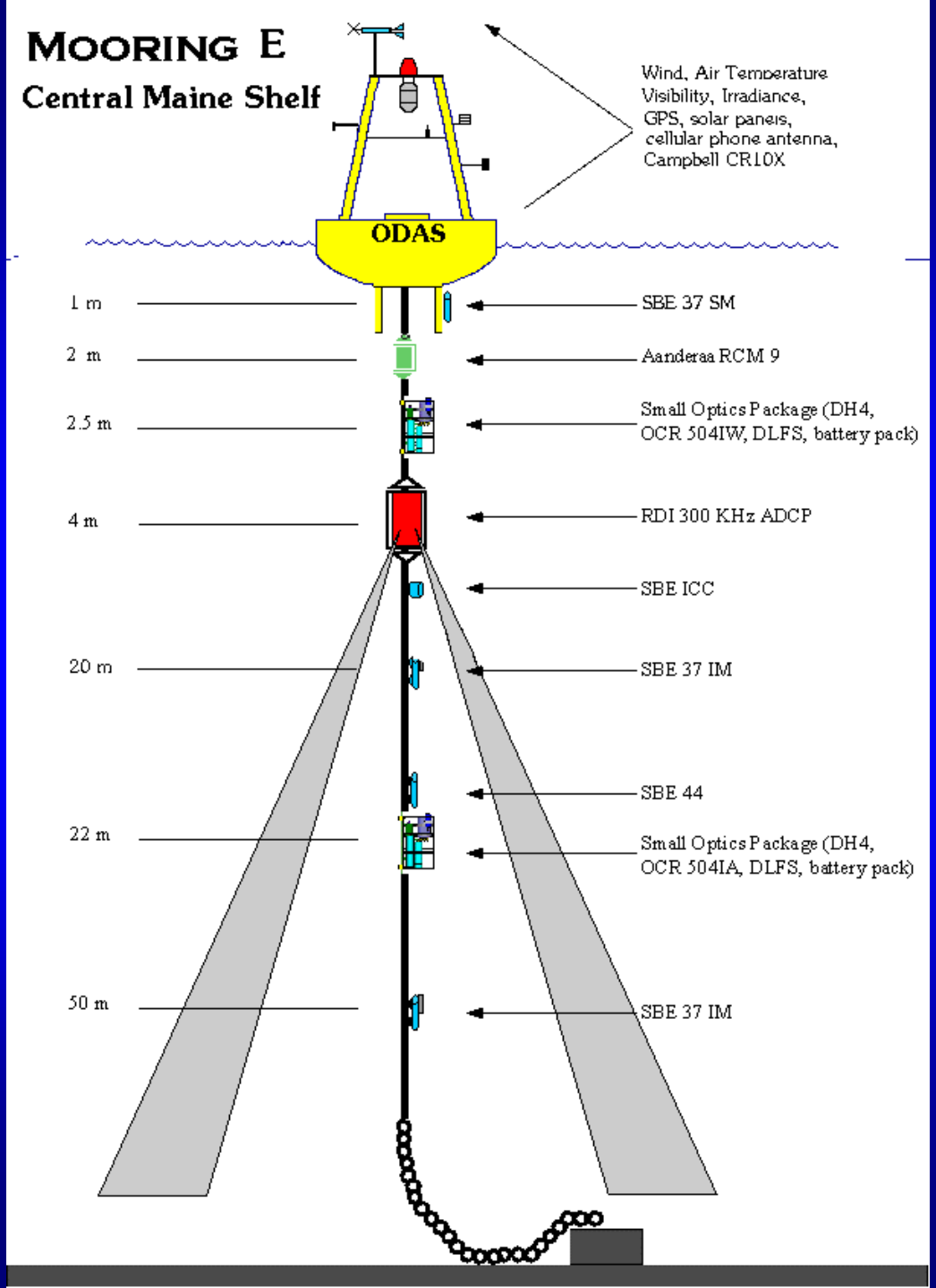

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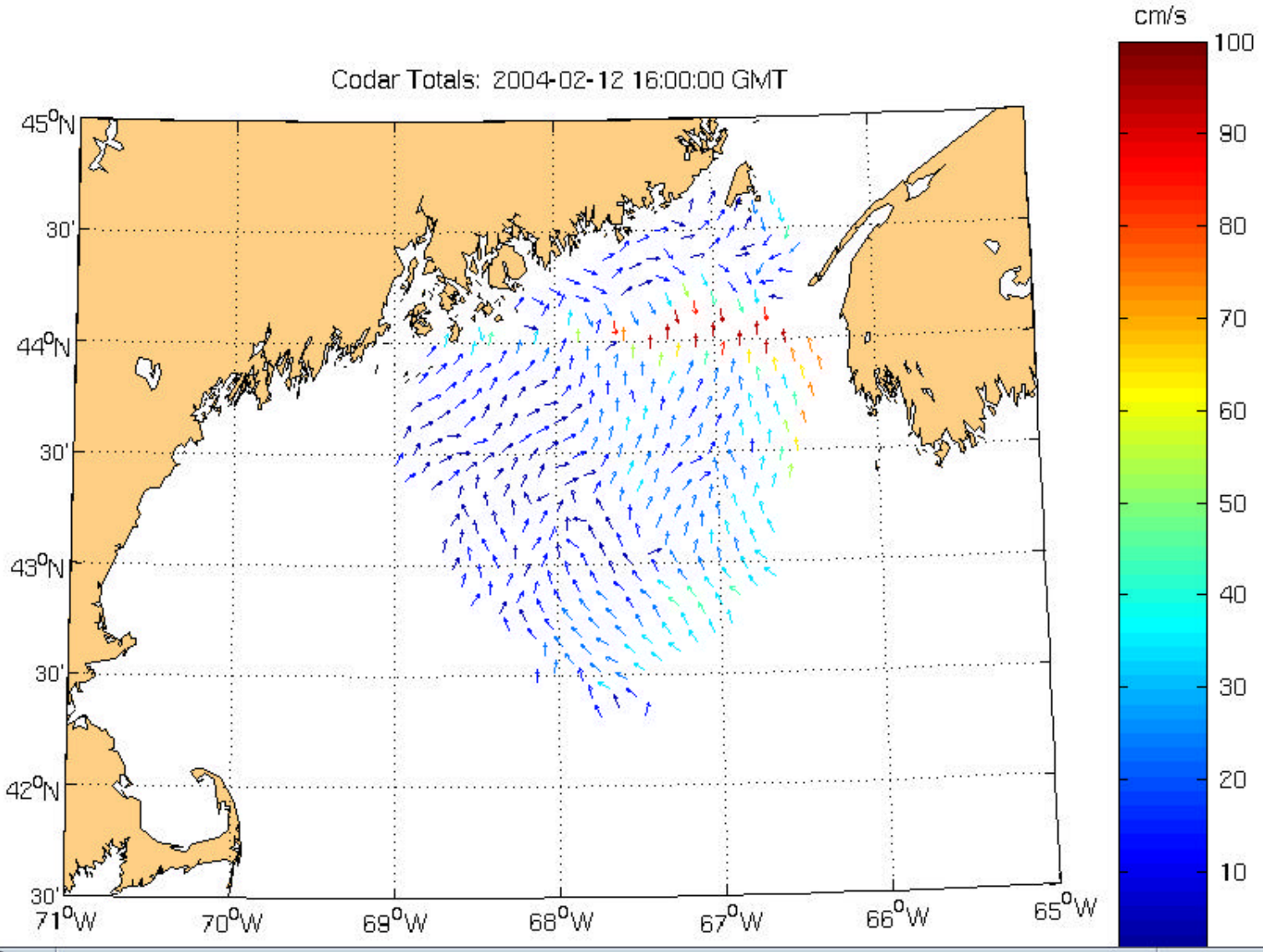


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Maine Dept. of Marine Resources
Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries
New Hampshire Fish & Game
U.S. Geological Survey

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Up-to-date information on weather and oceanographic conditions in the Gulf of Maine

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IOOS workshop report now available
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## Hourly Buoy Data

**Buoys and Stations Collecting Weather and Ocean Data**

Hourly information developed for marine operations includes wind, wave, visibility, air temperature, water temperatures at various depths, salinity and more. Real-time and historical data from GoMOOS and NOAA

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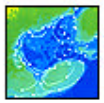

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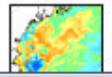
## CODAR Surface Currents

Hourly measurements of large-scale sea surface currents.



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## Northern Shrimp

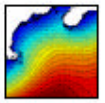
Explore northern shrimp fisheries information with this interactive mapping tool that brings together shrimp catch data with relevant environmental conditions.

**Data Providers**

- Maine Dept. of Marine Resources
- Northeast Fisheries Science Center

## Atmospheric Conditions

Information about the latest weather conditions on the ocean includes wind, air temperature, visibility, and cloudiness index along with descriptions of the data.



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## Wave Forecasts

Predictions - up to 48 hours - of wave height and period.

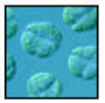
## Weather Forecasts

**Regional Weather**

- Coastal Marine Forecasts
- Marine Prediction Center Atlantic Forecast
- Mount Washington

**National and Canadian Weather**

- Weather Channel.com
- WeatherUnderground.com
- The Weather Network



## Ocean Biology Plant Life

Using light to measure chlorophyll, phytoplankton

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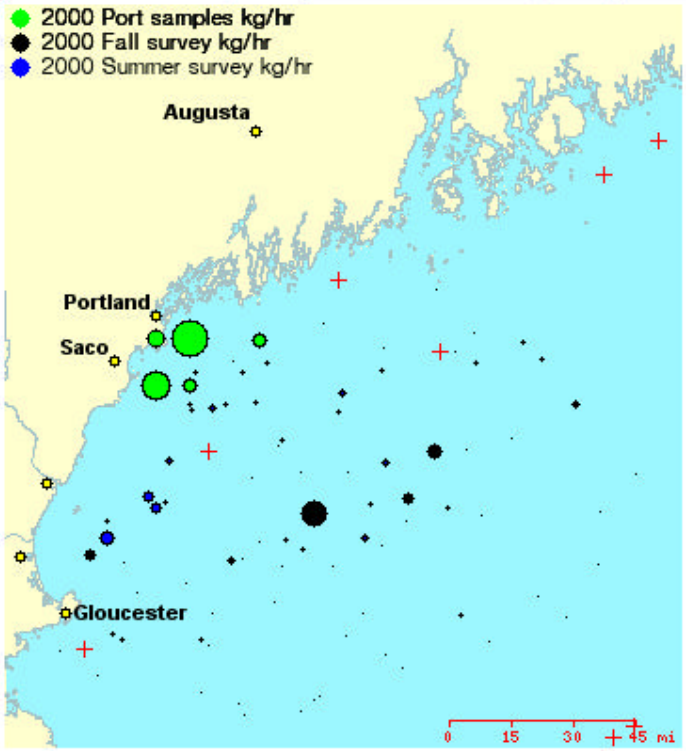


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| Method | Data | Year | Month or Week |
|---|---|---|---|
| Port samples | CPUE (kg/hr) | 2000 | All / All |
| Summer survey | CPUE (kg/hr) | 2000 | |
| Fall survey | CPUE (kg/hr) | 2000 | |

Units: kg lbs

## Query data

Click map symbol to view data.

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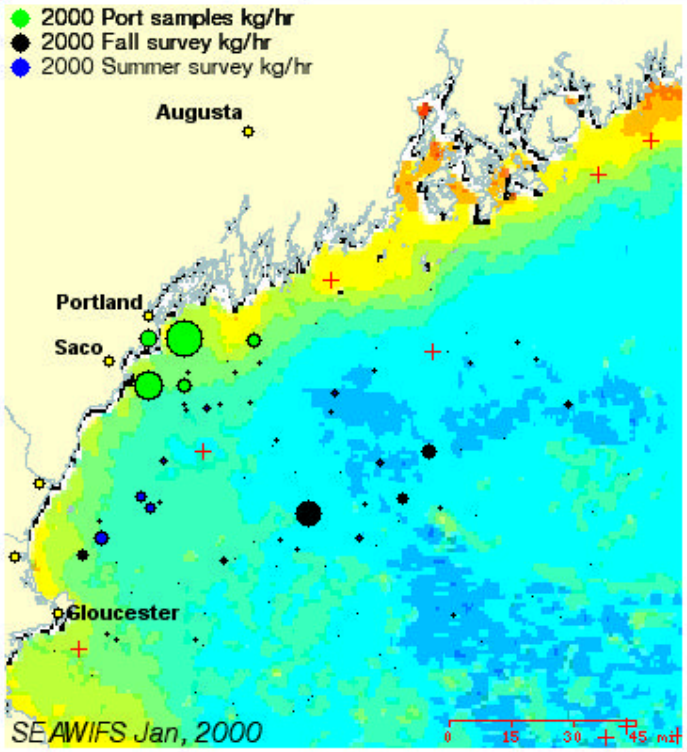


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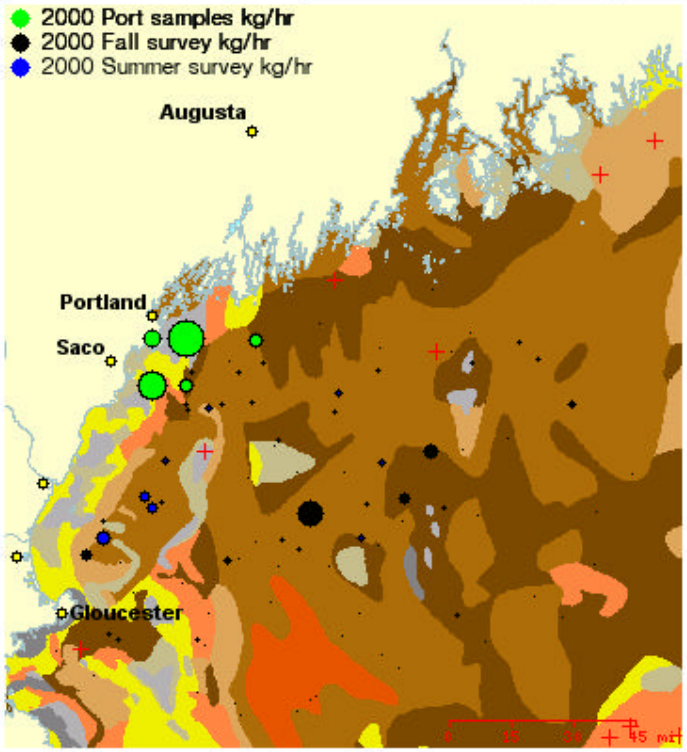


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- Sand
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- Clay
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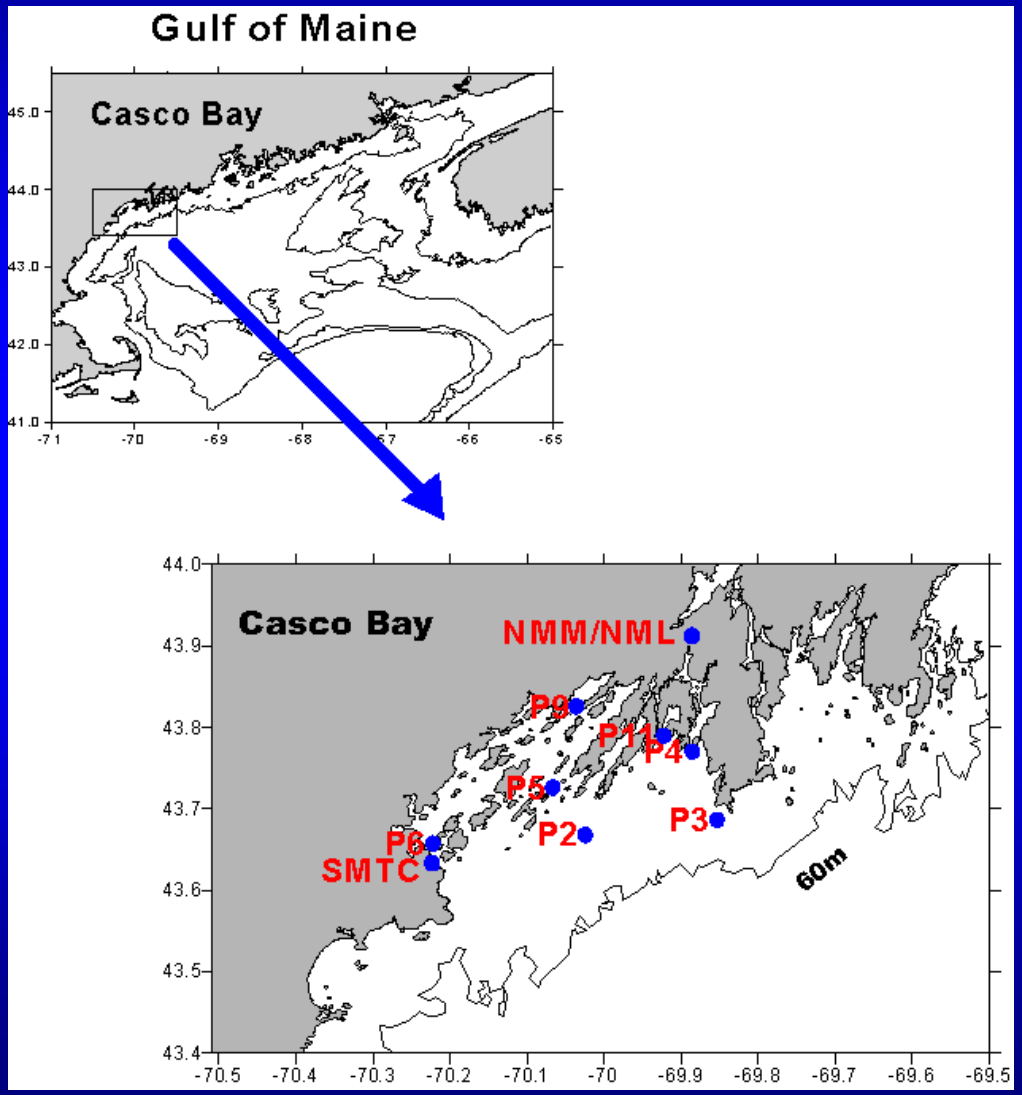
# The System is Evolving

Nutrient Monitoring

Dave Townsend
(Univ. of Maine)
&
Friends of Casco Bay

(…& EPA?)



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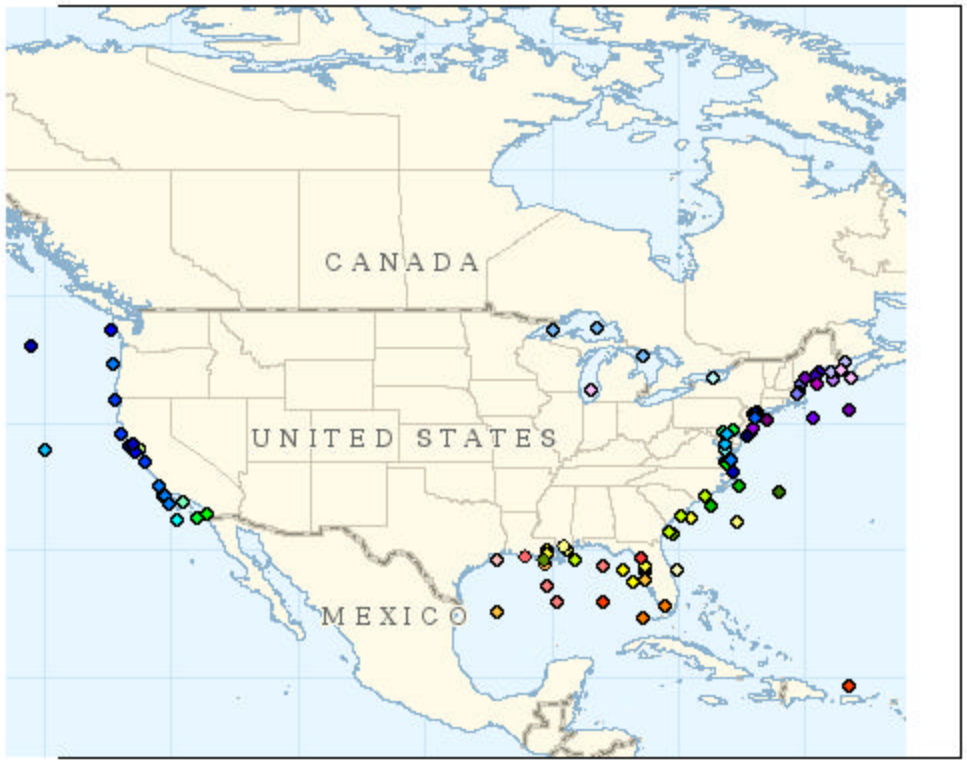


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- Wavcis (LSU)
  - Sea Surface Temperature
- NOAA CSC
  - Sea Surface Temperature
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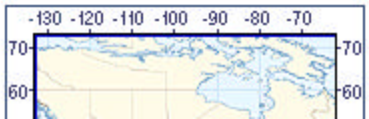

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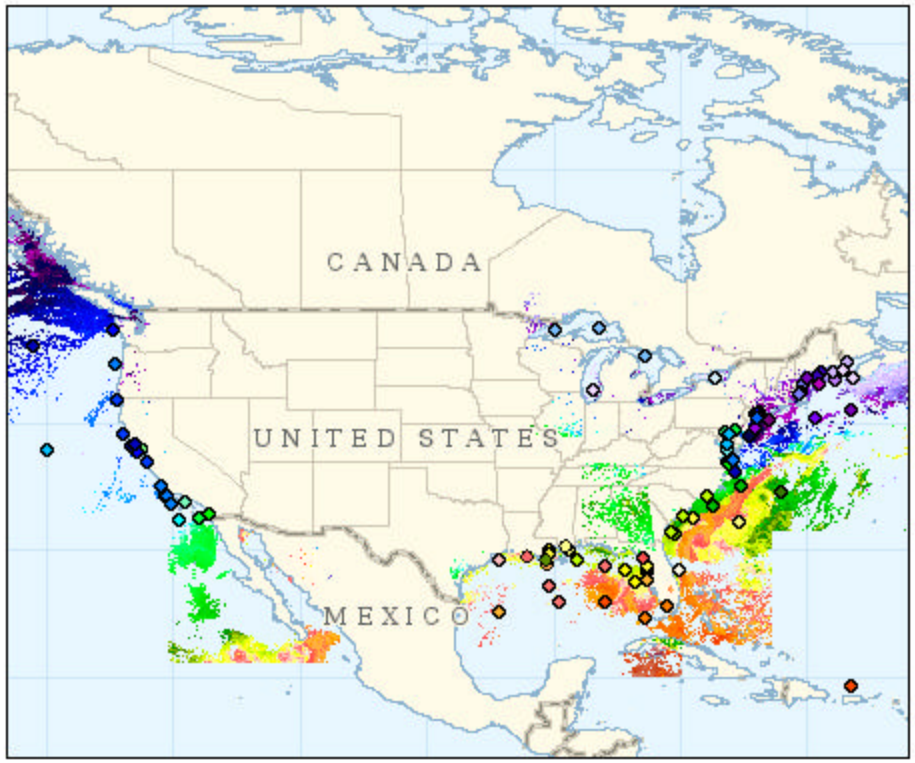


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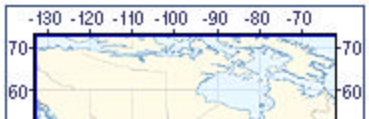
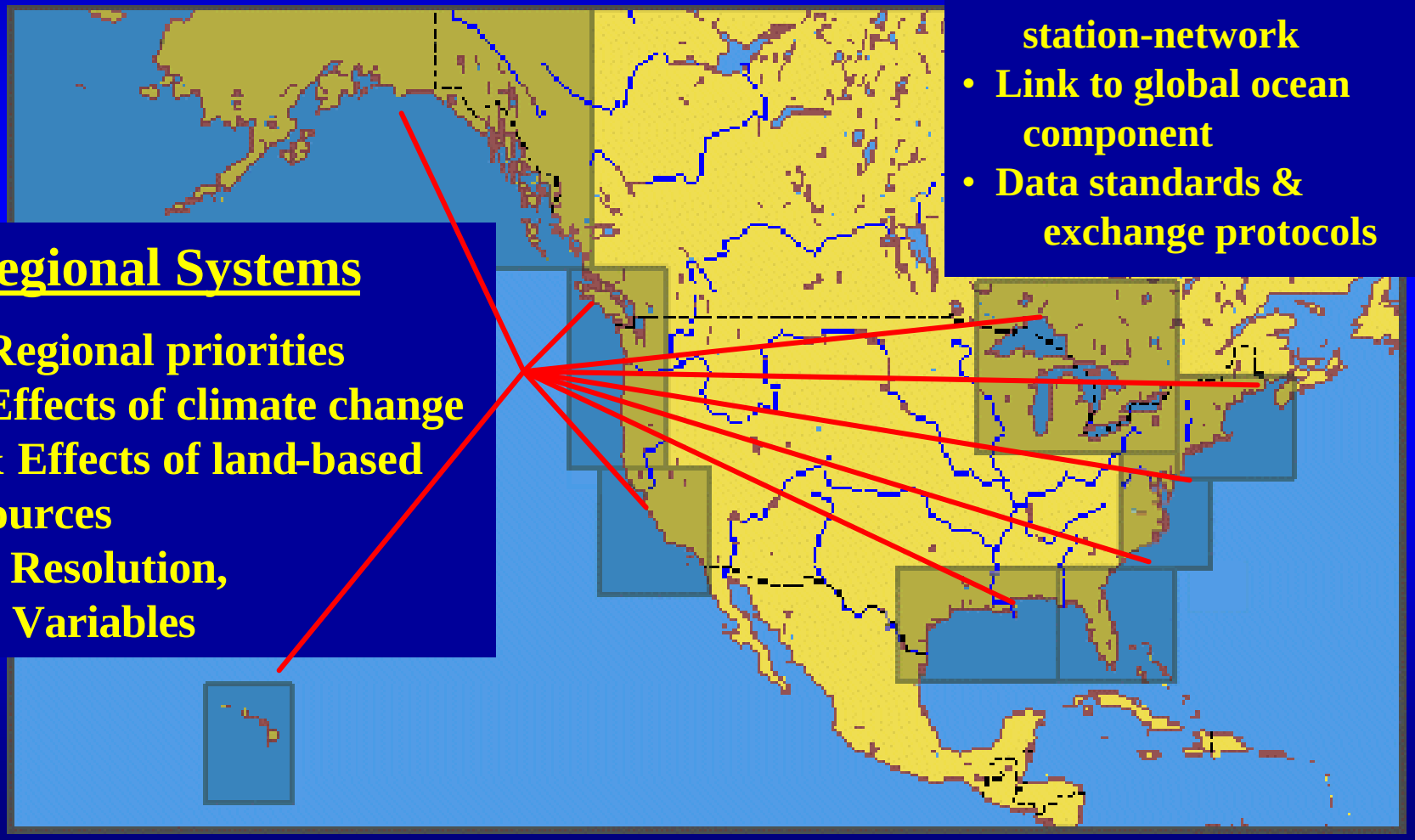


# National Federation of Regional Systems

## National Backbone

- Satellite remote sensing
- In situ sensing reference & sentinel station-network
- Link to global ocean component
- Data standards & exchange protocols



## Regional Systems

- Regional priorities
- Effects of climate change & Effects of land-based sources
- - Resolution,
- - Variables

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Thank You

# Ocean Observing Systems
# -- The GoMOOS Prototype --

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# Basic Science (old paradigm)

Exercise: Justify the infrastructure ($) needed to enable testable hypotheses for all of:

a) North Atlantic Oscillation
b) Wind-Driven Circulation
c) Bio-physical coupled models

*Correct answer must address two points:*

- *NSF can't afford it.*
- *Congress needs a cost/benefit analysis.*

# User-Driven Science (new paradigm)

a. North Atlantic Oscillation…

*Fisherman: "That NAO index looks like my revenues over the last 20 years."*

b. Wind-Driven Circulation…

*Headline: "USCG improves search & rescue, saving $30M in one year."*

c. Bio-physical coupled models…

*Headline: "HAB warning saves lives!"*

*This System Must Operate 24/7!*

# Maritime Shipping Industry

3,500 transits/yr
50 million tons

202,000 transit hrs
$43 million ops.

1% time savings
= $500,000/yr

# Commercial Fishing Industry

Time and safety

Average value per fishing day = $4.1M

"…I check for the official gale warnings, then go to the [GoMOOS] web site to see if the wind is actually blowing now. I can get a day's work in…"
--Scalloper from Stonington, Me.

# Connecting Fisheries to the Physical Environment

Climate change

Stock assessment

-- chlorophyll/productivity

-- circulation

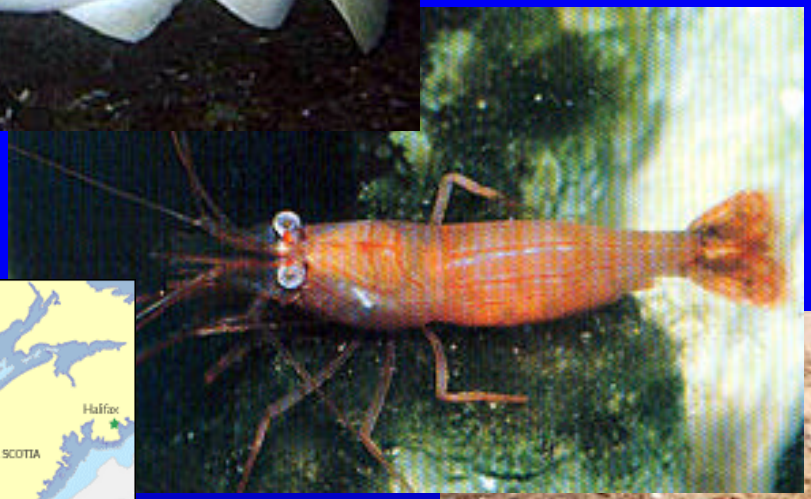
Aquaculture siting

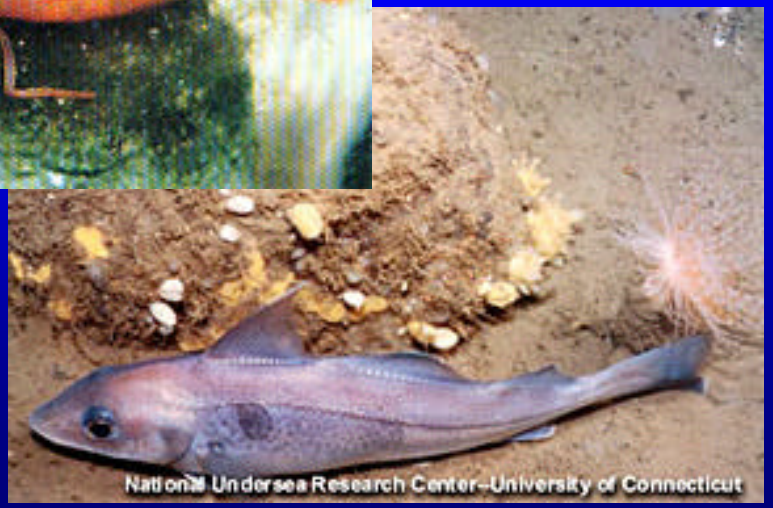
-- dissolved oxygen

-- salinity

-- sea surface temp.

-- currents





# Oil Spills: Contingency Planning, Prevention, and Recovery

Julie N –
180,000-gal. spill,
Portland Harbor
September 1996

Real-time
- -- Wind
- -- Waves
- -- Currents
- -- Predictive models

# Search & Rescue

U. S. Coast Guard:

2nd largest user of GoMOOS web site

6000 missions/yr
500 saved lives
28 lives lost/yr

4% success after 2 hours,
1% increase in effectiveness = 6 more lives saved per year

# 24/7 User Need For HF Radar:

Coast Guard Search & Rescue

# Wastewater Management

New Boston Harbor Sewage Outfall

- Boundary conditions
  for nutrients & currents
- Dissolved oxygen

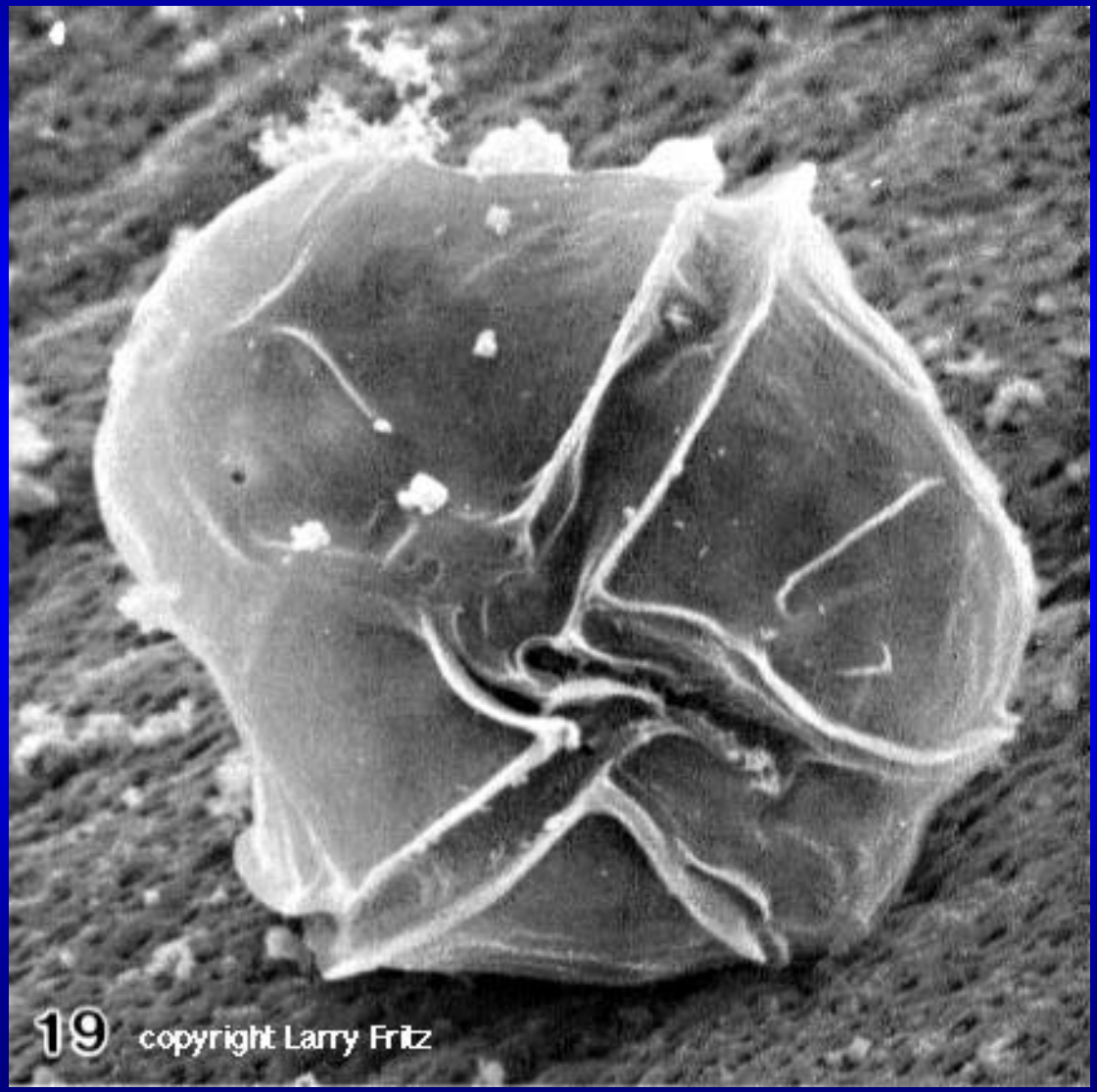
Helps meet costly
monitoring requirements

# New Frontiers for Resource Management: Biological Observations

*Alexandrium tamarence*:
Agent of paralytic shellfish poisoning (red tide)

Experimental technologies

Future: Red Tide predictive index

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# Cost-Effective System for Research and Operations

- The system must produce long-term research-quality data.
- The system must operate 24/7 to accommodate user needs.
- No individual user can afford to pay for the entire system.
- The U.S. national system will be a federation of linked regional systems.

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# Estimated Annual Benefit
## Potential for 5 Sectors

1. Search and rescue (lives saved)
2. Oil spill mitigation
3. Efficiencies in commercial fisheries
4. Recreational fishing days
5. Maritime transportation – vessel operating costs

**$33+ million per year**

Source: Kite-Powell and Colgan, 2001, for NOAA

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# Estimated Annual Costs
## For a Regional Ocean Observing System

Capitalization (over 3 years): +/- $12M

- 10 – 13 buoy locations
- 4 CODAR units
- Data management system

Operation & Maintenance: +/- $4 M/yr

…Conservative cost-benefit ratio = 1:10.

# Lessons Learned So Far…

1. Useful information is Critical
   - Data **?** Information. The path is **not** obvious.
   - Users must be engaged – we're market driven.
2. Operational needs (24/7) are strenuous!
   - Just ask the scientists involved in the system.
   - The model is new to researchers, and evolving.
3. Research & Operations must be linked!
   - System must be based on sound science.
   - Real-time QA/QC can't wait for peer review.

If GoMOOS were a car…?

…Honda Insight, Volvo, Chrysler

# Ocean Observing Systems
# -- The GoMOOS Prototype --

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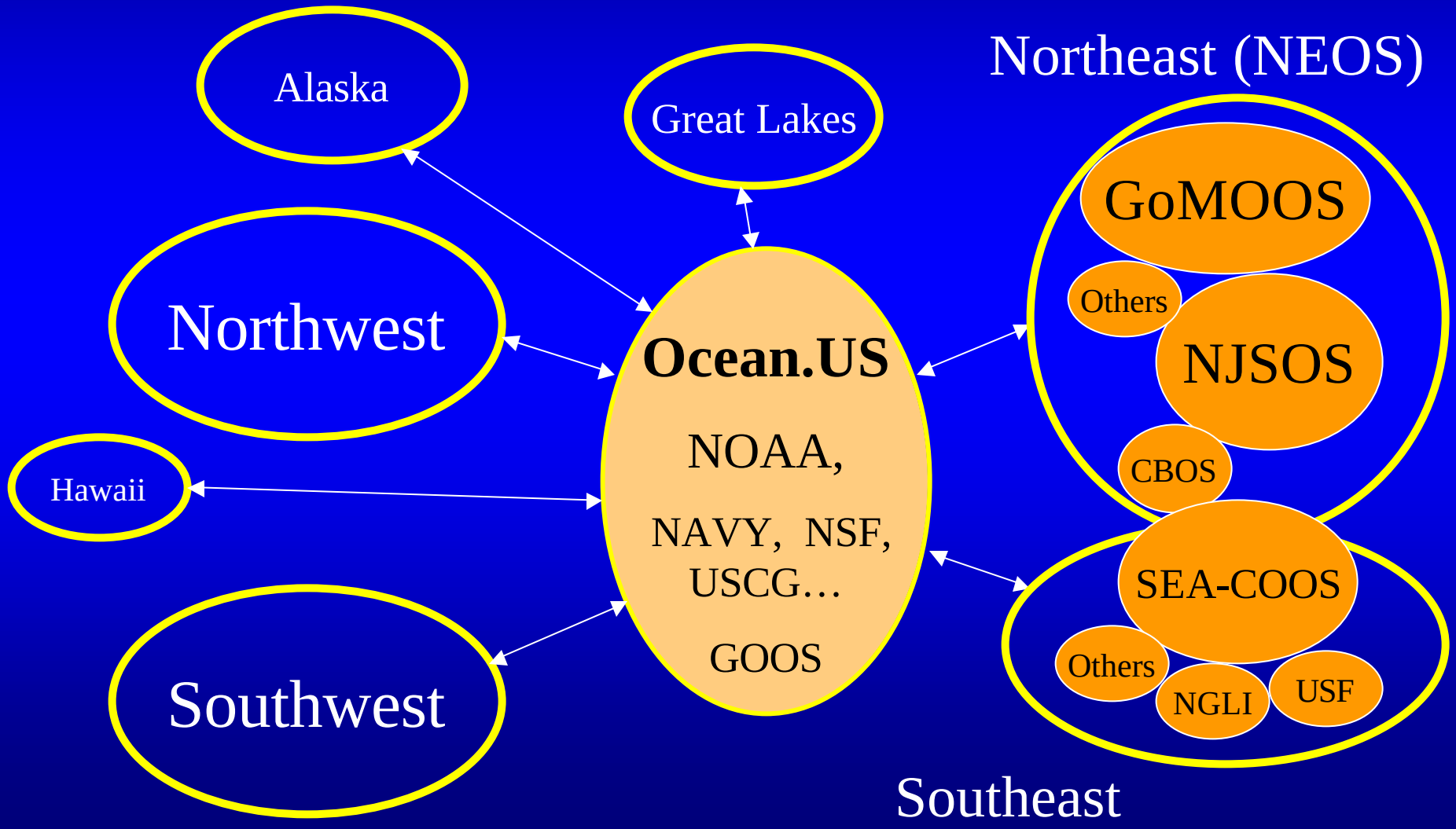
# Is GoMOOS a Regional Prototype?

- Congress is discussing legislation that will establish the agency framework for a national coastal ocean observing system.
- The U. S. Ocean Commission on Ocean Policy is making the recommendation.
- Ocean.US, under the auspices of NOPP and the NORLC, is preparing the plan.

# Present Status of National OOS

# Notional & National Federation of Coastal Regional Systems



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## National Backbone

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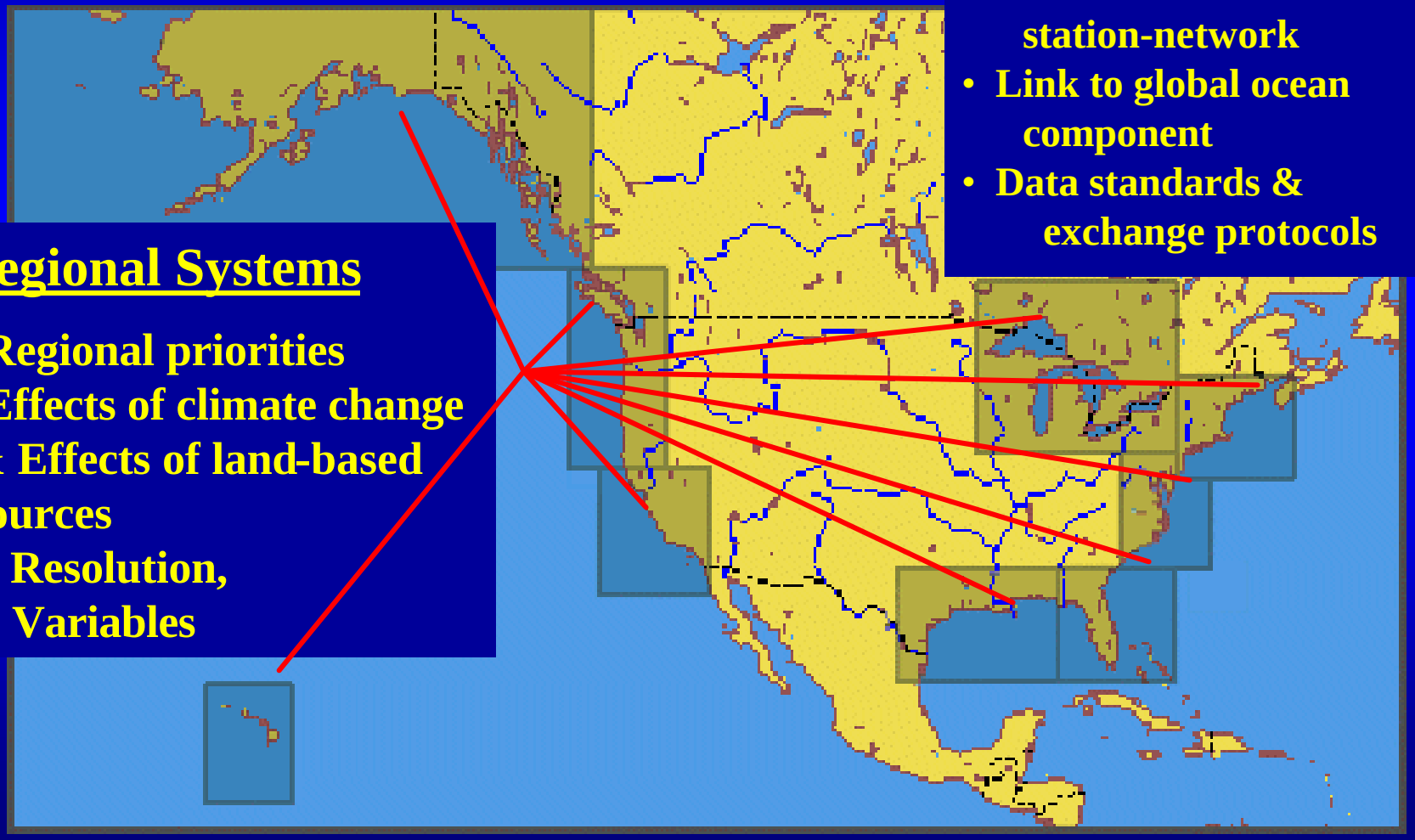
- In situ sensing reference & sentinel station-network
- Link to global ocean component
- Data standards & exchange protocols



## Regional Systems

- Regional priorities
- Effects of climate change & Effects of land-based sources
- - Resolution,
- - Variables

# Why GoMOOS, Inc?

GoMOOS provides a single voice to:

- Link research & operations
  - Leverage local infrastructure via partnerships
  - Work efficiently with operational agencies
- Provide governance with accountability
  - Respond to subregional user needs
  - Respond quickly & remain innovative
- Justify long-term funding
  - Engage local constituencies
  - Provide a multipurpose utility, based on sound science, to support research and the public good

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# Updates – March 2004

- HF Radar (CODAR) is on line
- Wave Forecasts are on line
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On the National Scene:

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Two Themes: (1) Need , (2) Integration

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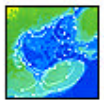

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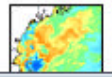

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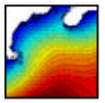

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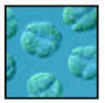

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Photo: Karl Schlenker

CODAR transmitting antenna located on the coast of Maine.

## CODAR or Coastal Ocean Dynamics Application Radar

- Is a land-based high-frequency radar system
- Makes long-range measurements of sea surface currents
- Measures sea surface currents independent of fog or cloud cover
- Can measure currents for areas where two or more stations overlap

View map of Gulf of Maine CODAR stations

## Uses of CODAR sea surface current measurements

- Provides real-time information to assist with search and rescue operations
- Predicting oil and hazardous material spill movement
- Safe and efficient navigation and marine operations
- Monitoring large ocean currents that transport lobster and other larvae around the Gulf
- Education

## Links to learn more about CODAR

The Physical Oceanography Group at the University of Maine

The COOL Room CODAR tutorial

CODAR Ocean Sensors, Inc.

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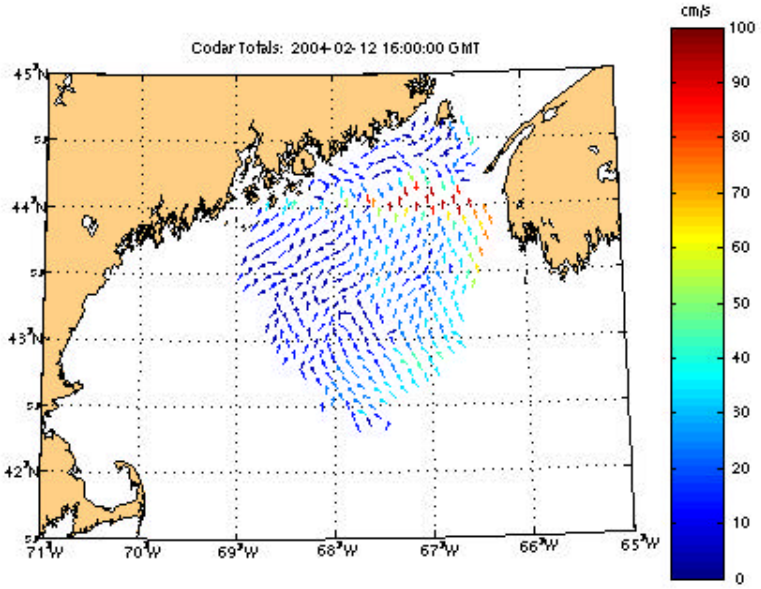



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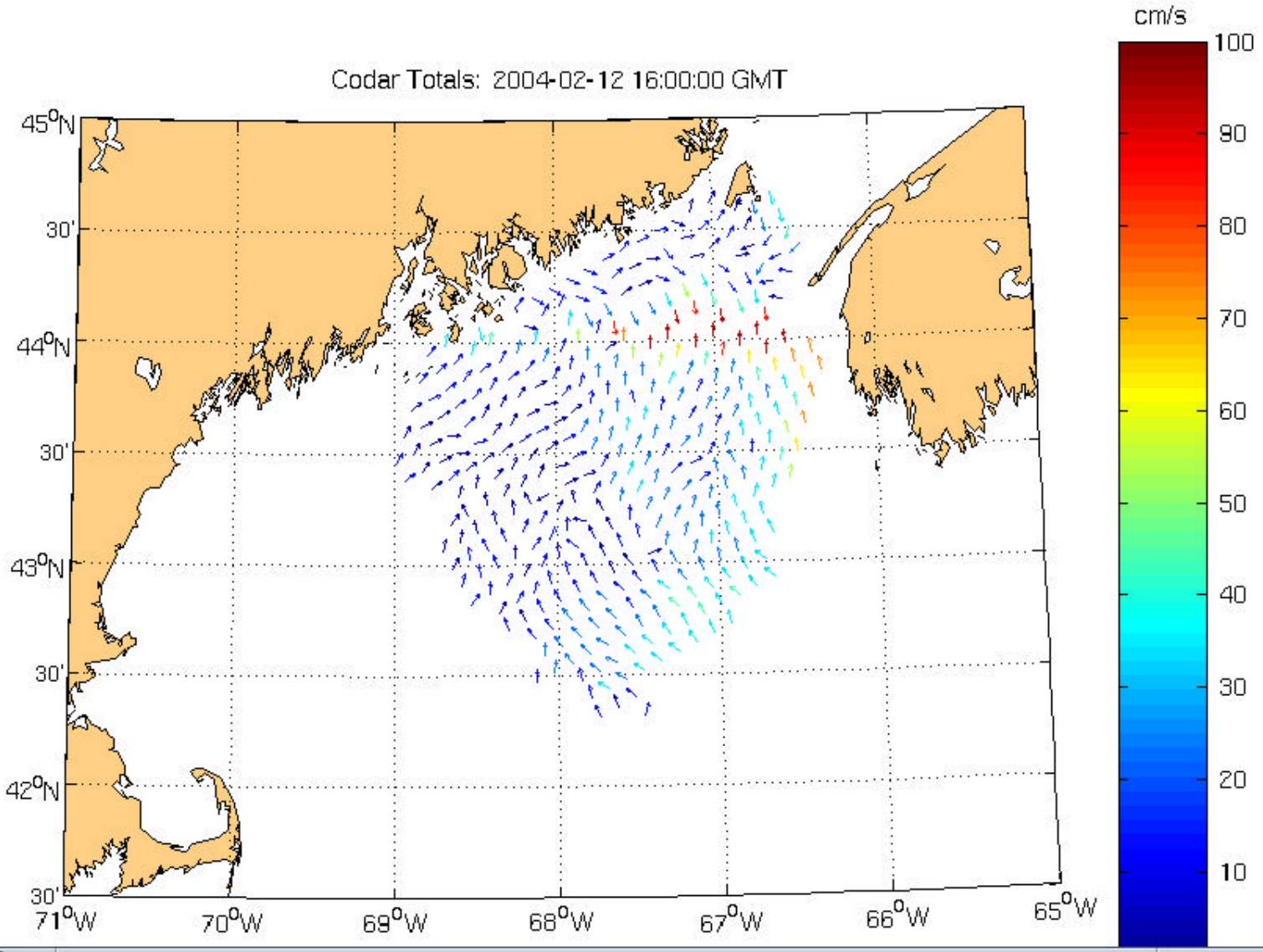


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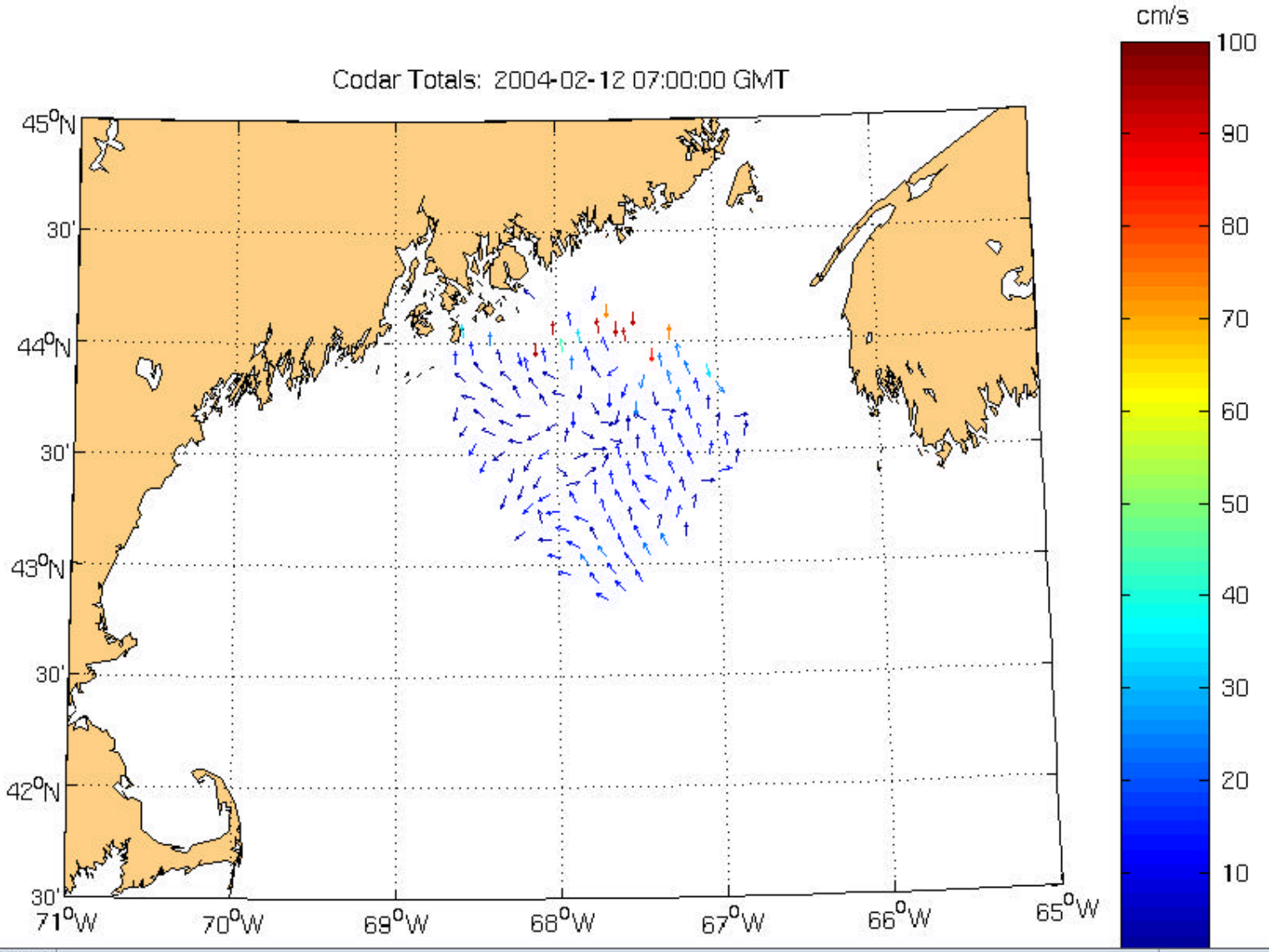


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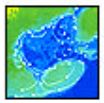

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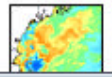

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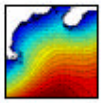

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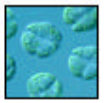

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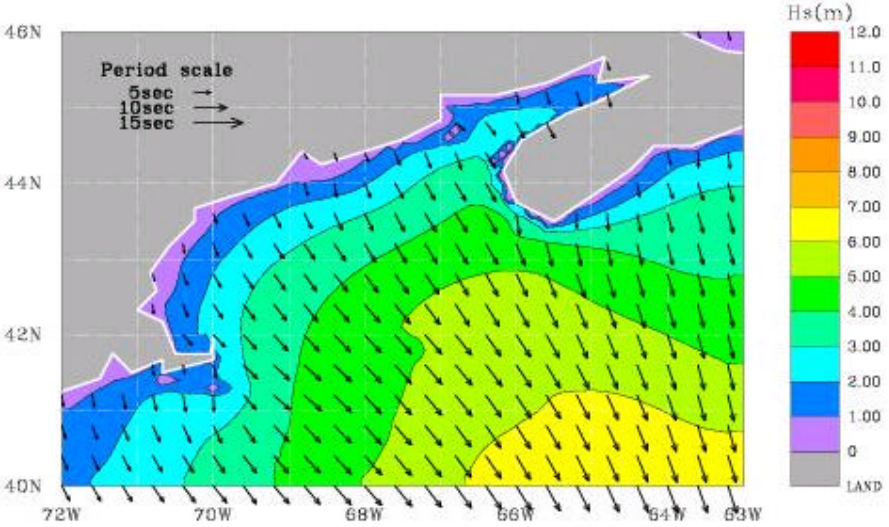


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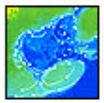

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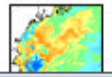

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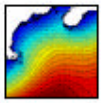

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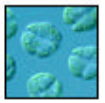

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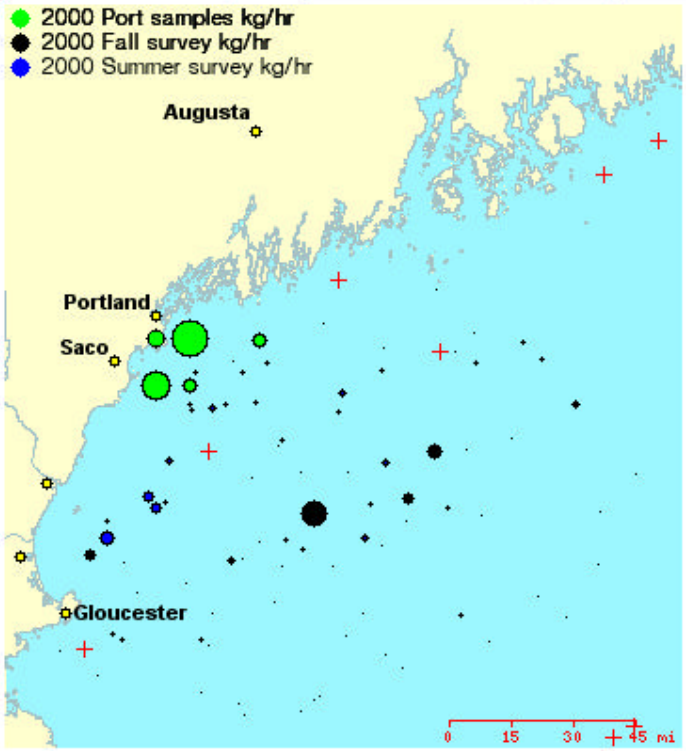


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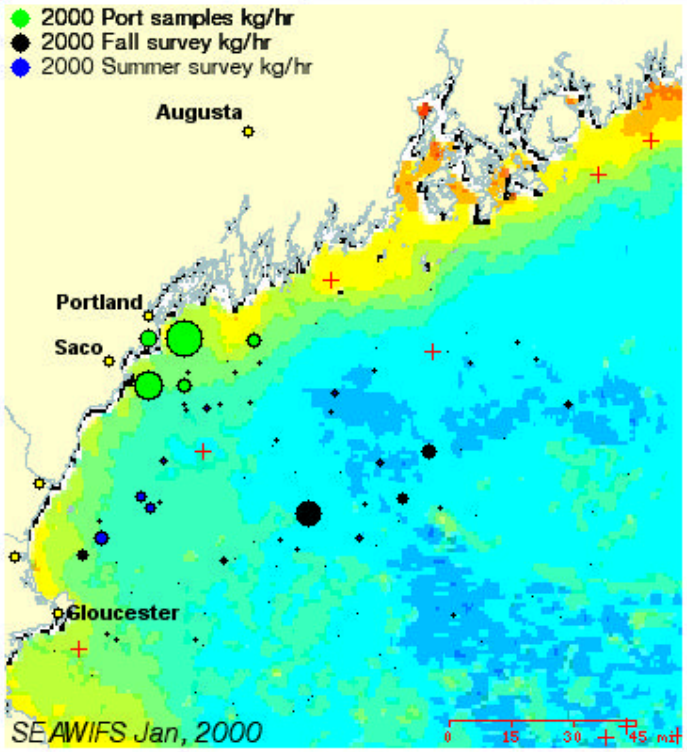


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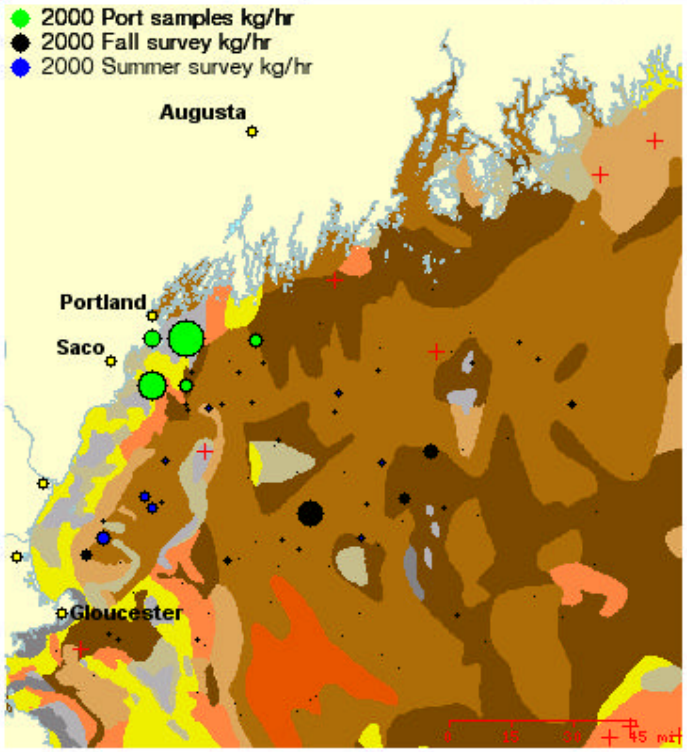


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# Updates – March 2004

- HF Radar (CODAR) is on line
- Wave Forecasts are on line
- Northern Shrimp Tool is on line

<u>On the National Scene</u>

- OpenIOOS.org is on line

Two Themes: (1) Need , (2) Integration

# Ocean Observing Systems
# -- The GoMOOS Prototype --

1. GoMOOS – User-Driven Nonprofit
   (Bridging the valley of death)
2. Toward a Regional Association
   (System of interoperable systems)
3. What makes you think it can happen?
   (Standards enable innovation)