

FIRST NOTICE OF A WORKSHOP IMPORTANT TO USERS OF COOK INLET

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve and the Alaska Ocean Observing System invite you to participate in the Cook Inlet Physical Oceanography Workshop to be held February 21 and 22, 2005 in Homer Alaska at the Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitors Center. The purpose of the workshop is to learn about current research and monitoring in Cook Inlet waters and to help brainstorm ideas for valuable products and services to aid mariners, scientists, industry, resource managers, educators, and other users of marine resources.

Why attend?

- To better coordinate and integrate physical oceanography monitoring, research, and modeling efforts in the Cook Inlet region;
- To discover Resource Users' ideas for useful products, tools, and services that can be developed from this research and monitoring;
- To begin developing the Cook Inlet portion of the Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS).

What is AOOS?

AOOS is the Alaska component of a growing national network of integrated ocean observing systems that will improve our ability to rapidly detect changes in marine ecosystems and living resources, and predict future changes and their consequences for the public good.

Who should attend?

We welcome researchers, data collectors/monitors, modelers, and all users of Cook Inlet. This workshop is especially appropriate for the oil, gas and mining industry representatives, marine navigators, fishermen, community planners, and those involved with recreation and tourism and search and rescue operations. Since Cook Inlet is connected to the larger Gulf of Alaska, we also invite researchers, modelers and others who can speak to the information needs from areas outside of Cook Inlet that may influence the Inlet's water currents or are directly influenced by the physical oceanography of Cook Inlet.

Proposed sessions

- Ongoing or planned observational and research data collection
- Numerical Modeling: Limitations and Data Needs
- User needs breakout groups
- Coordination and Planning: Identifying Products and Tools for Users; Setting Priorities for Data Collections; Planning for a Cook Inlet Ocean Observing System

Survey

If you are an interested researcher, observer or potential product user please take five minutes to fill out our survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=56235779751> . This information will allow us to better organize sessions and breakout groups.

To register

If you are interested in attending please contact Misty Ott at mistyott@nprb.org or 907-644-6700 by February 1, 2005 to register. Additional information regarding hotels and other logistics will be sent later. The workshop is anticipated to begin at 9 am on Feb. 21 and end no later than 4:30 pm on Feb. 22.