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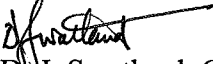


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## MEMORANDUM

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Reply to  
Attn of:

To: Chris Ostrander, Regional Coordinator  
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Subj: USCG PACIFIC ISLANDS OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM AND NATIONAL IOOS  
SUPPORT

1. The U. S. Coast Guard strongly supports the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System and the national IOOS in its efforts to provide timely and reliable oceanographic information.
2. The data provided by PacIOOS has the potential to make a huge positive impact on a number of Coast Guard missions, including Search and Rescue, Marine Environmental Response, and Protection of Living Marine Resources. We have partnered with the Hawaii Ocean Observing System (HiOOS), the pilot program of PacIOOS in the development of high frequency radio equipment on Oahu, and are excited about using the real-time current and wave data derived from those systems to assist with our planning and response efforts. Easy access to real-time, comprehensive data on the marine environment is critical to our missions, and we look forward to future, productive partnerships with HiOOS, PacIOOS, and the national IOOS programs.

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