

## NERACOOS Data Policy

**Rational** - The primary limit to the maintenance of instruments at sea is financial support. The primary mission of NERACOOS is to deliver actionable data and products from sustained observations and models and to generate support for these. Herein data refers to observations as well as model output including, nowcasts, forecasts and hindcasts. Partners that distribute data without adequately recognizing NERACOOS, IOOS and the original data sources dilute the efforts of all to sustain the measurements with external support and the support of their institutions. Others might make use of data in any way that they wish but partners supporting NERACOOS commit to the principles listed below to enhance the longevity of sustained multi-use observations.

- Partners that are funded by NERACOOS will provide their data in compliance with the current Regional Data Management Framework<sup>1</sup>.
- Partners agree to share all data that is collected using NERACOOS support. Data may be delayed or restricted due to specific programmatic requirements, for example data collected for the NOAA Ocean Acidification Program and harmful algal blooms.
- Partners agree that after appropriate and documented quality control/ quality assurance procedures, the data will be distributed via the NERACOOS data system and may be also shared from the originators.
- Partners agree to not distribute data obtained from other partners through their own web sites without clear attribution to NERACOOS and the data provider.
- Partners will provide NERACOOS their usage data (or access to it) for websites where data is accessible to users. This is to help measure performance of the system, and to understand at how data is used.
- Partners agree to acknowledge NERACOOS on their own websites in a consistent manner and to inform NERACOOS of any data dissemination in routine reports.
- When using any data from NERACOOS in oral papers, written publications or abstracts, NERACOOS should be acknowledged properly and notified.
  - Example of citation: Data was provided by NERACOOS ([www.neracoos.org](http://www.neracoos.org)), which is a part of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), funded in part by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Award #NA11NOS0120034.

If necessary, exceptions to this policy should be negotiated in writing with the NERACOOS office.

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<sup>1</sup> Link to web available Framework document when available