Advancing HAB Ocean Sensor Technologies

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Harmful Algal Blooms – A National Problem





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A National Response to HABs – NOAA's Mandate

2014 - Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research & Control Act

- Improve interagency coordination
- Conduct research
 - Understand causes & impacts
 - Develop better monitoring, prediction and response
 - Understand roles of climate, nutrients, etc.
 - Toxins in foods and water
 - Methods to suppress\control, prevent.
- Event Response
- Reports to Congress



Satellite detection\tracking: Karenia & Microcystis blooms. R. Stumpf. NCCOS



Breve Buster\Glider *Karenia* cell counts. G.Kirkpatrick Mote,. NOAA ECO\PCMHAB & NCCOS



Science toxin

kits. NCCOS

and partners

SPATT toxin sampler. R.Kudela UCSC. NCCOS and partners



A National Response to HABs - Accomplishments

- Guidelines for freshwater toxins, health advisories
- Enhanced HAB Detection
 - low cost\simple screening
 - Better regulatory confirmation
 - Real-time HAB sensors
- HAB modeling & forecast products
- HAB event response
- Understanding effects of HAB toxins on human, animal health



HAB-scope:" *Karenia* cell counts. G.Kirkpatick Mote. NASA & NCCOS labs



"Tricorder:" *Karenia* cell counts. J.Paul USF. NOAA ECO\PCMHAB



POSSE: Alexandrium cell ID. L. Connell U.Maine. NOAA MERHAB



NOAA Mandate for National Ocean Observing System

Integrated Coastal & Ocean Observation System Act of 2009

Created IOOS, with NOAA as lead Federal agency "The purposes of this subtitle are to-

(1) establish a **national integrated System** of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems, comprised of **Federal and non-Federal** components coordinated at the national level by the National Ocean Research Leadership Council and at the regional level by a network of regional information coordination entities, and that includes in situ, remote, and other **coastal and ocean observation**, **technologies, and data management and communication systems**, and is designed **to address regional and national needs for ocean information**, to gather specific data on key coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes variables, and to ensure timely and sustained dissemination and availability of these data..."



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CONSISTENT NATIONAL CABABILITY



DIVERSE LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS



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Ocean Technology Transition

- IOOS advances technology through the transition of ocean, coastal, and marine sensors and platforms to operations
 - Sponsors the transition of emerging marine observing technologies;





HAB Sensors – Ocean Conditions

- Nitrate sensor (U. Maine)
- Northeast Nutrient Observatory
- SST/HAB pigments (Satellites)
- Surface current data (HF radar)



Temporary HF Radar Site. Credit: Libe Washburn



California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife



NE Nutrient Observatory, Credit: NERACOOS



HAB Sensors – Cells and Toxins

- In situ observations
 - cells
 - toxins
- Remote Detection
 - Proxy measurements
 - **Satellites** •
- Rapid "hand-held" field tests
 - Toxins in water
 - Toxins in shellfish/fish













HAB Sensor Examples - ESP and IFCB

Advancing Harmful Algal Blooms, Water Quality, Ocean Observing, Aquaculture Missions





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HAB Sensors - ESP Story



- Gulf of Maine (2013-2014)
- Pacific Northwest (2014-2017)





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HAB Sensors - IFCB story





HAB Sensors : IFCB story

Reduces Harmful Algal Bloom Impacts



Efficient and Effective Shellfish Monitoring

7 HAB early warnings since 2007

• Confidence in Shellfish Product Safety No shellfish recalls since 2008.

Dinophysis spp. Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning



Karenia spp. Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning



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HAB Sensors : IFCB story

HAB Shellfish Harvesting Closures March 7-April 12, 2008



Oyster Festival in Fulton, TX March 7-9, 2008



Oysterfest in Fulton, Texas

Cash Prizes Men's & Women's Raw Oyster Eating Contests 1st – Prize \$200, 2nd – Prize \$100, 3rd – Prize \$50 Oyster Shucking Contest 1st – Prize \$700, 2nd – Prize \$200, 3rd – Prize \$100





HAB Sensors : ESP and IFCB story

In situ measurement of phytoplankton cells and toxins





IFCB and 2G ESP in Nauset Marsh, Cape Cod Spring 2016

IFCB powered by solar panels and generator



HAB Sensors: ESP Summary

Active NOAA Program Investments	NOS\NCCOS HAB Research IOOS Ocean Tech Transfer OAR GLERL, NMFS NW Fisheries Science Ctr.	HAB species & toxins Observations & Technology Transfer Ecological Forecasting Aquaculture
Partnerships Universities, States, Companies	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, MBARI, U.C. Santa Cruz, USC, U. Washington, NANOOS, and NERACOOS. Washington Departments of Health and Fish & Wildlife McLane Research Laboratories, Inc. Taylor Shellfish, Lummi Indian Tribe	

ESP Capabilities

- Continuous, autonomous HAB species and toxin abundance + pathogen detection.
- 10 yrs of buoy, pier-based, and cabled underwater deployments
- Data supporting NOAA and state science and management needs
- 2nd generation commercially available
- New applications and next generation formats emerging

HAB Sensors: IFCB summary

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IFCB Status

- Continuous, autonomous ID & counts of phytoplankton species.
- 10 yrs of shipboard, pier-based, and cabled underwater deployments
- Data supporting NOAA and state science and management needs
- 1st generation commercially available
- New applications and next generation formats emerging



NCCOS HAB Programs

- FY17 PCMHAB and ECOHAB FFO closed, peer review underway
- Future FFOs for ECOHAB, MERHAB and PCMHAB programs likely to continue HAB sensor technology advances.

Disclaimer: plans are pending federal appropriations



Ocean Technology Transition

- FFO Open Closes March 20, 2017
- Innovative proven tech
- Proof of Concept
- Proof of Operational Need
- Committed Sponsor

http://www.ioos.noaa.gov// project/ocean-technologytransition/









National HAB Forecasting and Sensor Networks





What can sensor industry and partners do?

- Support NOAA Operational HAB Forecasting System to provide early warning for HABs useful to industry
- Educate partners on how sensors can address about HAB-related disruptions to their businesses.
- Engage in developing of monitoring networks and foster regional collaborations.
- Develop regional collaborations
- Support regional Integrated Ocean Observing System associations—urge them to include HAB sensors



Thank You!

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