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Update on IOOS Legislation

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Current federal IOOS Legislation

- S 950 - The Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2007 (S 950) was introduced on 21 March 2007.
  - Would establish a national integrated system of ocean observations and support a network of regional associations across the country, of which SCCOOS is one, to collect and manage information on ocean and coastal areas.
  - NOAA would coordinate all observation efforts. Regional activities would be organized under a federal interagency committee within NOAA.
  - Authorizes $150 million for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2012.

- HR 2337 - Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007, include IOOS legislation introduced by Rep Allen. Went to mark up this week. Only non-controversial part of the bill was Section 464, "Enhancing Climate Change Prediction".
  - Regional Information Coordination Entities (RICEs)
  - NOAA certifies or establishes RICES to:
    - a) manage and operate RCOOS; b) identify gaps; c) demonstrate organizational structure; d) must comply with financial oversight requirements; and e) must work with government and non-governmental agencies at all levels to serve the needs of multiple users.