



Building a Cost-effective Coastal Biogeochemical Observing Network in Collaboration with the Commercial Fishing Community An OCB Scoping Workshop in Woods Hole, MA, Jan 18-20, 2023



Learn more at tinyurl.com/fish-obs-workshop or QR code

This 3-day scoping workshop will initiate a dialog among key stakeholders and collaborators across the commercial fishing community, federal and state governments, technology companies, and academia to focus on building a cost-effective, coastal biogeochemical (BGC) observing network. Existing data coverage often lacks the spatial and temporal resolution to characterize key processes in dynamic coastal systems. What is needed is a more sustainable model for collecting high-resolution data, including BGC data, at a significantly lower cost that can provide improved spatial and temporal coverage. Fishing activities are uniquely well suited for such a sustainable model. A fishery-based BGC coastal observing network will provide data products that directly benefit fishing operations, marine resource management, coastal research, climate change mitigation, the Blue Economy and beyond. Building on decades of collaboration with the commercial fishing industry, this workshop will provide a platform to share diverse stakeholder perspectives and end goals, learn about new and emerging observing capabilities and technologies, and discuss viable approaches to establish a fishery-based BGC observing network. If you are interested in remaining informed about this workshop (e.g., receiving notification when registration opens), please fill out the brief expression of interest form (this doesn't commit you to attend): <https://tinyurl.com/fisheries-collab>

The workshop will provide 15 honorary stipends of \$500 to fishing community participants.

