



Our network of partners & technology advances decision-making for all who rely on the ocean

## INTEGRATING & COMMUNICATING OCEAN DATA

NERACOOS delivers real-time information on ocean conditions, and provides access to 20 years' worth of continuous observing data

## **ENSURING SAFETY**

Every week thousands of people depend on NERACOOS services to make decisions that affect the safety of both people & property

## MONITORING BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

The NERACOOS observing system & monitoring projects are essential to understanding the changes underway in our ocean

NERACOOS is the region's single largest provider of continuous ocean observing data. We integrate information from fixed buoys, high frequency radar, monitoring stations & more to build tools that address our community's unique needs





ACIDIFICATION/ NUTRIENT STATIONS



**BUOYS** 







TELEMETRY RECEIVERS



**MODELS** 











Contributions of NERACOOS funded buoys to continuous regional ocean observations:



**SURFACE MEASUREMENTS** (0-12 ft above sea level)



**SUBSURFACE MEASUREMENTS** (0-50 ft depth)



DEEP **MEASUREMENTS** (50-100+ ft depth)



Powering the Blue Economy

University of Maine, Orono

## **Advancing Understanding of Our Ocean**

U.S. Geological Survey

Darling Marine Center, University of Maine

Gulf of Maine Research Institute



Jordan Basin 140 mi E of Portland

Northeast Channel



"Simply put, our ability to safely conduct commerce along the coast of Maine would be severely compromised without the timely and accurate data that the NERACOOS system provides."

> -Captain Dave Gelinas Penobscot Bay & River Pilots Association



"The buoys greatly enhance the safety of the fleet by keeping them onshore when the weather is too rough and saves them the expense of steaming to fishing grounds only to learn that it is too rough to safely haul traps."

-Patrice McCarron, Maine Lobstermen's Association

"As the aquaculture sector grows in Maine and nationally there is going to be an increased need for the types of data and services the NERACOOS network provides."

-Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association





"The NERACOOS buoys help safeguard our passengers and operation. They give our captains a sense of security knowing that they are headed out into respectable weather conditions. [...] Since the availability of timely NERACOOS weather info, it is a rare occurrence to be surprised by offshore weather conditions."

-Larry Nuesslein, Bar Harbor Whale Watch