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Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Spinrad:

Thank you for submitting the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee's statement, *Benefits from Ocean Information in the Smartphone Era*. I was pleased to see the Committee develop its strategic vision for IOOS within the first year of its existence. It appears the Committee took to heart my recommendation to develop messaging materials and examine how IOOS does business.

I appreciate the Committee's rigorous review and revisions, and that you took the extra step of public review. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) plans to use this information in adopting a new vision for the future of U.S. IOOS. Working across NOAA and in coordination with the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee and the IOOS Association, the NOAA IOOS Program Office will announce this new vision through multiple venues and share it widely with our partners. I look forward to hearing more about your planned review of the IOOS business model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KDS", written over a horizontal line.

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