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## **IOOS Pays Tribute to Dr. Ru Morrison**



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*IOOS pays tribute to Dr. Ru Morrison, former Director of the Northeast Regional Association for Ocean Observing System (NERACOOS) and past Chair of the IOOS Association, who passed away on November 7, 2020. Ru's leadership, vision, and friendship touched us in many ways, leaving an indelible mark on the IOOS community. His extensive knowledge of marine science and technology, along with his collaborative nature made him a successful leader at the regional, national, and international levels. His insights, vision, and "can-do/let's-do" attitude helped transform IOOS from a concept into a comprehensive program that works, and works for people. Above all, Ru was dedicated to his family - his wife Ann Michelle and children Alistair and Marin. His insights, wit, and camaraderie will be deeply missed.*

*New Hampshire Senator Jeanne Shaheen gave a beautiful tribute to Ru Morrison when he left his role as the founding Executive Director of NERACOOS in July 2020. See the [tribute here](#).*



*We are collecting remembrances. If you would like to contribute, [please add them to this file](#) and we will forward them to his family.*



The IOOS Association is a nonprofit organization that supports the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (U.S. IOOS) and its mission to provide quality and timely information about our oceans, coasts and Great Lakes. The Association works with the 11 Regional Associations and 17 Federal partners to create a national network that meets the diverse needs of users across the nation and to educate the public about the system.

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