



Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) for a Community-based Unified Modeling System



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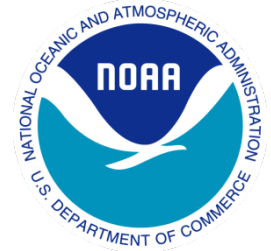


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.... meet the needs of the broader research and operational communities for marine modeling applications (ocean, sea ice, waves, tides, storm surge, etc.) as it relates to integration within a unified modeling framework with time scales ranging up to 1 year across all spatial scales with global geographical coverage.



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Initial Recommendations



- Establish strong ties with existing communities of operational marine models and help build consortiums for next generation models
- Adopt common coupling infrastructure (NEMS-NUOPC, FMS) for marine models
- Plan on workshops, training, webinars and documentation covering operational marine models and associated tools
- Expand existing visiting researcher programs to address development and improvement of operational marine models
- Establish new standing Working Sub-Groups to advise on specific issues related to marine modeling (e.g. Storm-Surge, Ecosystems)
- Establish programs/projects which provide sustained programmatic resources for R2O and O2R activities



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Barriers/Challenges



- Provide training in established procedures, model codes and tools available for data processing and model applications. These could be in the form of workshops, summer schools, webinars with supporting documentation
- Allowing researchers access to operational systems would help in the transfer of validated model components and parameterizations to operational systems (R2O focus)
- Operational centers should build on knowledge gained by researchers in exploring optimum marine forecast system configurations for existing and new operational models (O2R focus)
- Unavailability of programmatic funds for dedicated R2O and O2R projects
- Increase the ocean community's access to shared computing hardware and software