

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 2018

Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal and Ocean Observing Systems
195 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 240
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Dear Friends,

I wish I could join you in person at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems. Thank you to Dr. Ru Morrison, the NERACOOS staff and its members for yet another year of dedicated research, advocacy and industry leadership.

I have always been a strong supporter of efforts to conserve our natural environment. In New Hampshire, our coastline is one of our greatest resources. Tourists and residents alike benefit from fishing, sailing and swimming in the oceans off our coast. Maintaining healthy oceans and coasts is an important environmental and economic priority for our state.

Through your dedicated research and outreach efforts, NERACOOS has expanded the understanding of the ocean and provided policymakers and officials with the information they need to manage coastal ocean systems most effectively. This input helps to ensure the long-term sustainability of this valuable natural resource and spread the message of responsible management of our coastal waters. Thank you all for your hard work and support of this important cause.

I wish you all the best for an informative annual meeting and productive year ahead.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator