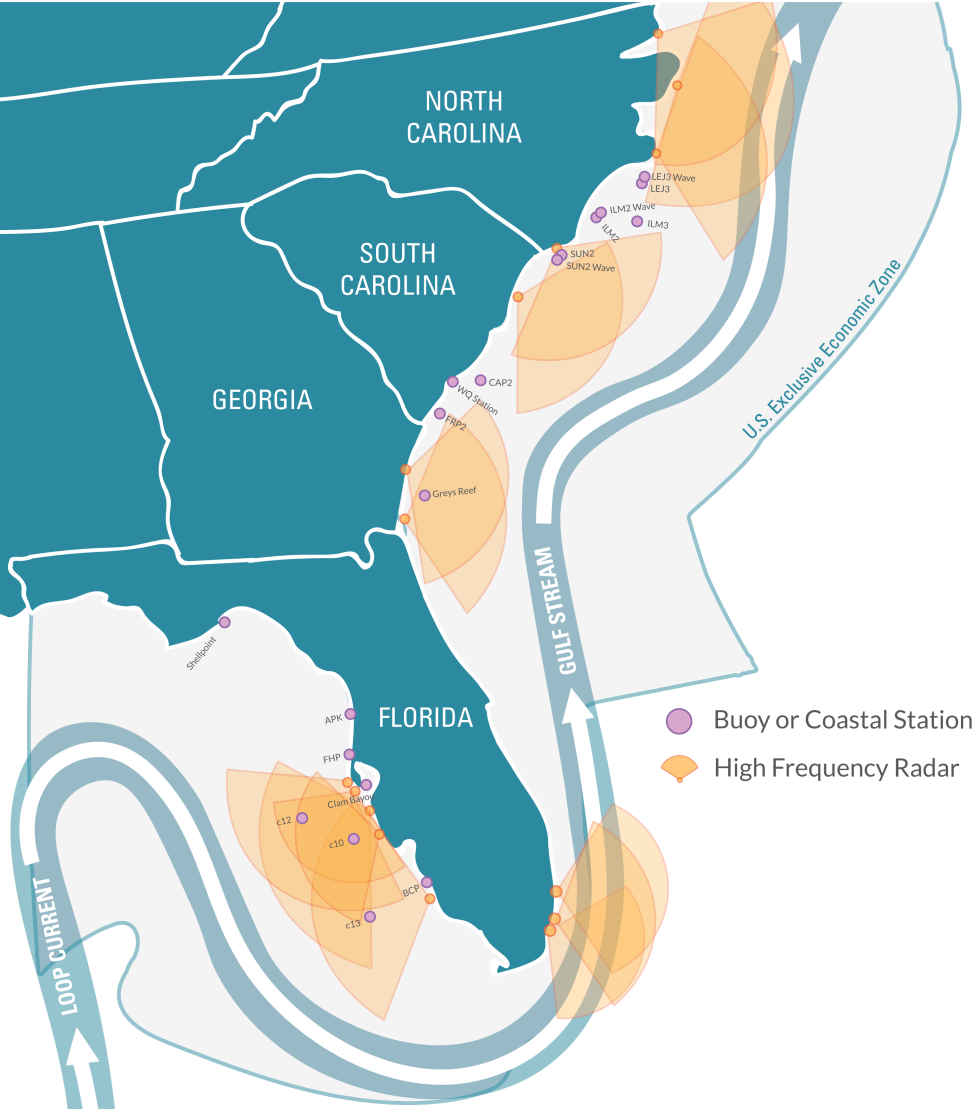


# Southeast Ocean And Coastal Acidification Network

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# Objective and Approach

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- Coordinate acidification science, stakeholder and outreach efforts in the U.S. Southeast
- Synthesize Southeast acidification science and prioritize monitoring locations
- Communicate with stakeholders and solicit their data and information needs

## Approach

- Workshops: Science, Monitoring & Stakeholder
- Working Groups: Science & Capacity Building (coming soon)
- Webinars
- Proposal efforts

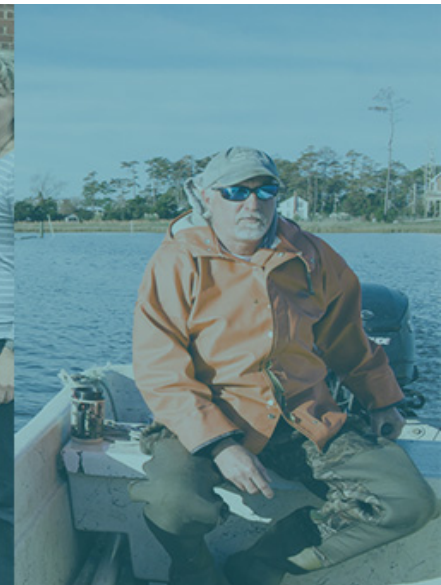
# Accomplishments

## A look back....

- State of the Science Workshop
- Monitoring Workshop
- Presentations: OAP PI Meeting, Duke Ocean Policy Working Group
- Establishing our online presence: website, newsletters, OAIE

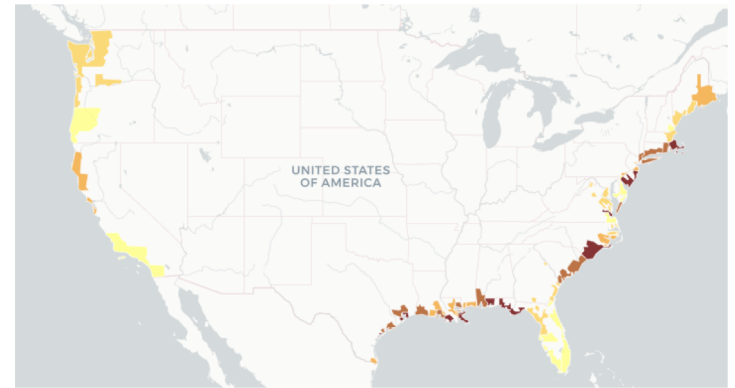
## May 2017 - May 2018

- North Carolina Stakeholder Workshop
- Lead PI for a NERRS proposal
- Presentation for NWQMC and a focus on **coastal acidification**
- Program update accepted by EOS
- Multipurpose communications
- Active Science Working Group



# Impact

*The U.S. Southeast's economically valuable coastal resources-including shellfish and coral reefs- are among the most vulnerable to acidification. The rate of development and trends in eutrophication suggest threats from coastal acidification will increase.*



- Difference: raising awareness of COA and momentum for acidification research in the region
- Coordinating efforts among scientists (e.g. ECOA)
- SOCAN is developing and utilizing unique approaches for communicating COA (NOAA OAP Webinar coming soon)
- Users: NOAA's Ocean Acidification Program, resource managers, regional scientists, and eventually industry stakeholders