



A Coupled Marine Environmental Assessment and Prediction System for the Southeastern U.S. Coastal Ocean in Support of Effective Marine Ecosystem-Based Management, Efficient Marine Operations, and Resilient Coastal Communities

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# **Objective and Approach**

## Objective

- Developing an advanced regional marine environment assessment and prediction capability
- Contributing to the effort of building a regional ocean observatory
- Providing marine environment hindcast, nowcast, forecast to support research and operations in climate change, coastal hazards, safe and efficient marine operations, water quality and living marine resource management

### **SECOORA Focus Area**

- Marine Operations
- Coastal Hazards
- Ecosystems: Water Quality and Living Marine Resources
- Climate Variability

### **Stakeholders**

- U.S. Coast Guard
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- NOAA Office of Response and Restoration
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- NC Department of Environmental Quality
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- individual fisherman
- Students (graduate, undergraduate, k-12)



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#### Forecast Valid: 12 Sep 2018 00Z UTC





Sea Surface Temperature

#### Multi-scale two-way nesting prediction: Ocean response to Hurricane Florence



# Accomplishments

#### **Peer-reviewed publications**

- Allahdadi, M. N., R. He, and V. S. Neary (2019) Predicting ocean waves along the U.S. east coast during energetic winter storms: Sensitivity to the whitecapping parameterizations, Ocean Science, 15, 692-725, doi: 10.5194/os-15-691-2019
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- McGee, L., and R. He (2018) Mesoscale and submesoscale mechanisms behind asymmetric cooling and phytoplankton blooms induced by hurricanes: A comparison between an open ocean case and a continental shelf sea case, *Ocean Dynamics*, doi: <u>10.1007/s10236-018-1203-3</u>
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- Zeng, X., A. Adams, M. Roffer, R. He (2018) Potential connectivity among spatially distinct management zones for bonefish (*Albula vulpes*) via larval dispersal, *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, doi: <u>10.1007/s10641-018-0826-z</u>

#### \_A dozen conference presentations