



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

December 15th, 2018

Mr. Julio M. Morell
Executive Director
CARICOOS
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Dear Morell:

On behalf of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, Office for Coastal Management and Climate Change, I endorse the valuable data and services provided by the CARICOOS, part of the National Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS).

CARICOOS is our main science, data, information and ocean knowledge provider. The Puerto Rico Coastal Management administered by our Office is charged with the responsibility to guide public and private development in the coastal zone, as well as to conduct active management of coastal and marine resources within the 9 nautical miles of Puerto Rico's territorial waters. Our Office has initiated storm risk management projects in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that require wave climate, ocean currents and modeling support that can be provided by CARICOOS.

I understand that CARICOOS is funded primarily by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in addition to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and various industry partners. Sustained funding for CARICOOS will be crucial to the maintenance of the program's observing networks and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observations enable. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ernesto L. Diaz
Director
Office for Coastal Management
and Climate Change

