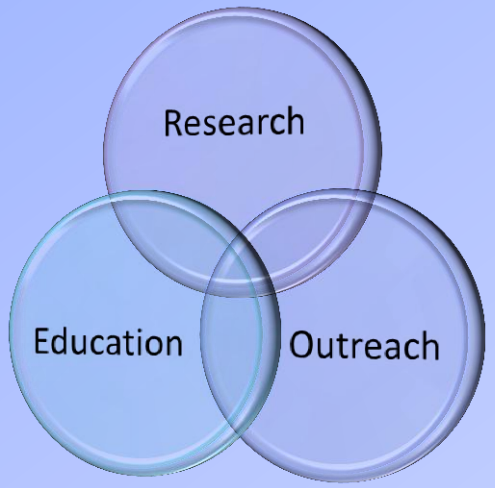
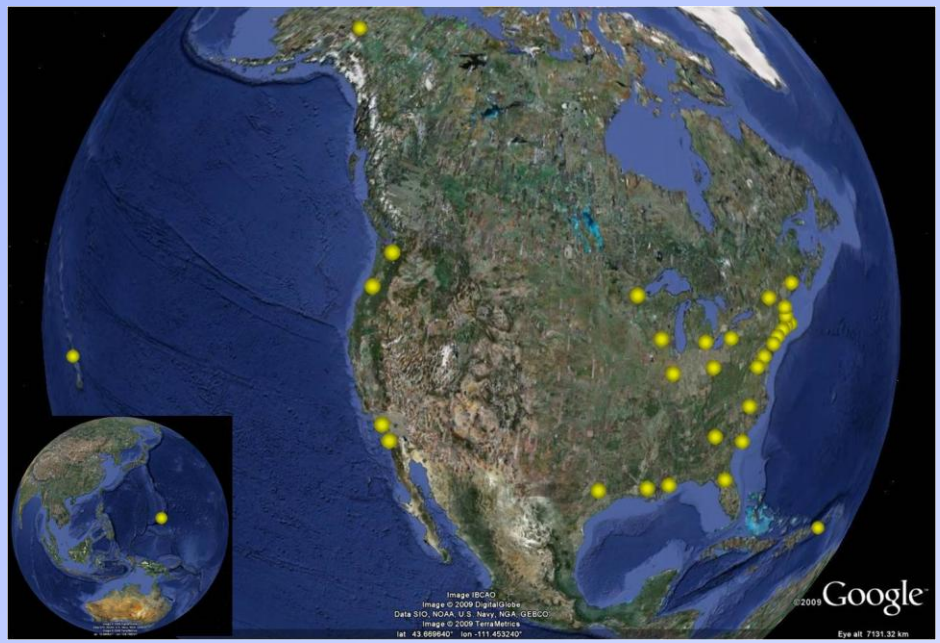
ACII Allocation Principles

- Maintain the national network
- Preserve Sea Grant Model





ACII Allocation Principles

- Funding to State Programs:
  - Statutory limit: No state can receive more than 15%
  - Need-driven
  - Competitive
  - Merit-based
  - Stable funding to manage program
  - Institutionalizes regional research
  - Program Director retains discretion within program, helps set regional priorities

ACII Allocation Principles

- Funding for National Programs:
  - National Strategic Investments: competitively available to programs
  - Fund a functional national office

- Phase in new policy
  - Not to exceed two 4-yr planning cycles (8yrs)

Recommended ACII Allocation Policy Framework

- **State (75% Federal Funds)**
  - Base to program (50% Federal Funds)
    - Administration/Extension/Education/Communication/Research
    - Fair and equitable needs-based distribution of funds to state programs
  - Regional Competitive Research (15% Federal Funds)
    - Regionally funded NSIs; competitive among states
    - Total determined by need-based allocation by state
  - Merit Pool (10%)
    - Administration/Extension/Education/Communication/Research
    - Competitive
    - Performance based
  - Total state budgets should strive for 40% or more research

- **National (25% Federal Funds)**
  - Competitive National Programs
    - Fellowships
    - National Strategic Investments
  - NSGO