

Some of you may have noticed, as have I, that the TCOON buoy system, including the Baffin Buoy, is currently not reporting data. It has been "unfunded" since the end of August, 2014. That stinks, because I use it to monitor water levels and temperatures, as well as wind speeds and directions when formulating fishing plans. My friend Jason King emailed the General Land Office, the agency charged with funding TCOON, and here's the response he received.

Dear Mr. King-

Thank you for your communication to the General Land Office (GLO) regarding the available TCOON data at <http://www.cbi.tamucc.edu/TCOON/>. The GLO understands the importance of this data, and is committed to securing the funding for the operation and maintenance of these stations.

The GLO is currently working with several state agencies on a solution. The GLO, United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Texas Water Development Board and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have held several meetings to finalize a path forward for the full operation of the TCOON in the near future.

Below is a list of additional websites you may want to visit to determine if the station or data you need is available.

- * <http://data.gcoos.org/>
- * <http://tcoon.org/data/017/>
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<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stations.html?type=Water+Levels> - Texas

The GLO will continue to work with our partners to make sure the entire TCOON network is operational, while ensuring transparency and accountability of the public funds utilized for the TCOON contract.

Please feel free to contact my office if my staff or I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

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