

## **Ocean Policy Advisory Council**

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## **Voting Members**

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Fred Postlewait, Jr. (Statewide Public Representative)

Terry Thompson Commissioner, Lincoln County (North Coastal County Commissioner)

## **Ex-Officio Members**

Brad Avy Director, Department of Geology And Mineral Industries

Caren Braby Marine Resources Program Manager, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Lindsay Eng Market Access & Certification Director, Department of Agriculture

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Lisa Sumption
Director, Department of Parks and
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Shelby Walker Director, Oregon Sea Grant College Program

Kris Wall Federal Agency Liaison, NOAA OCM The Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC), working with staff at the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), is seeking qualified applicants to fill the Conservation Organization seat to represent conservation interests on the newly created Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH Council).

The Executive Committee of OPAC will review the applicants and make an interim appointment in December 2017 with the appointee beginning their service in January, 2018. Final ratification of the appointment will be made by the voting membership of OPAC at their spring 2018 meeting (date TBD). Interested individuals must apply by November 30, using the application provided on the www.OregonOcean.info/OCCOAH webpage.

The ideal candidate will be a resident of Oregon who is able to effectively represent Oregon's interests in conservation of marine resources and ecosystems and is familiar with OAH and/or ocean issues. Desirable attributes include involvement with these interests on the coast, involvement with management of these resources, and previous experience being a conservation representative on a board, commission, or council.

The OAH Council was created by the Oregon Legislature in 2017 to ensure a coordinated and effective response to the threats of ocean acidification and hypoxia to Oregon's cultural and commercial ocean resources. The council is co-led by ODFW and Oregon State University and is comprised of representatives from Oregon State agencies, the Governor, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, Oregon Sea Grant, shellfish mariculture interests, fishing interests, the academic research community, and Oregon tribes, in addition to the Conservation Organization representative. The council will review activities advancing knowledge of and adaptation to the impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on Oregonians and make recommendations on additional measures that Oregon should take to prepare for further future impacts.

Council members will meet approximately once a month (remote connections or meetings are possible) to identify the ecological and socioeconomic impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia (OAH), recommend state priorities and actions to adapt and mitigate to the impacts of OAH, and leverage opportunities to build collaborations, including among the groups represented in the council membership. Council members will be volunteers; however, council-related expenses will be reimbursed.

For more information about the OPAC selection process, contact Andy Lanier, Department of Land Conservation and Development, 503-934-0072, andy.lanier@state.or.us

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