

APPENDIX I

Governor Brown's Letter of Commitment to OAH Action



**The Oregon Coordinating Council on
Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia**
SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT APPENDICES





KATE BROWN
Governor

August 19, 2019

Dear fellow members of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification:

With this letter, Oregon hereby presents the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Action Plan, as developed by the Oregon Ocean Acidification Coordination Council. Oregon endorses the Alliance's Global Call to Action, and commits to advance key goals that:

- Advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.
- Reduce the causes of acidification.
- Protect the environment and coastal communities from the impacts of a changing ocean.
- Expand public awareness and understanding of acidification.
- Build sustained support for tackling this global problem.

This action plan is intended to provide guidance and policy directives to state agencies and local governments on the frontlines of combatting ocean acidification and hypoxia. I urge state agencies to consider and integrate the relevant recommendations within Oregon's Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Action Plan into current management strategies by:

- Evaluating potential management and data gaps for ocean acidification and hypoxia,
- Incorporating funding needs for ocean acidification and hypoxia into 2021-2023 budgeting, and
- Promoting intra-agency communication and collaboration on projects and actions identified in the action plan.

Oregon is proud to submit our Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Action Plan, and looks forward to leveraging current and future partnerships to combat the impacts of climate change on our lands, oceans, and people.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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