



**Oregon Coordinating
Council on Ocean
Acidification & Hypoxia**

OAH Council meeting – Summer 2023

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

In attendance: Laurie Juranek, Leif Rasmuson, Bob Kemp, Andy Lanier, Karina Nieslen, Rian vanden Hoof, Kristen Penner

Absent: Alex Manderson, Jessica Miller, Fran Recht, Tribal Government Seat (empty), Governor's Office Seat (empty)

Council Staff: Jenny Koester

Council Welcome & Updates

Welcome & agenda overview

- The new ODFW Co-Chair, Leif Rasmuson, was introduced to the Council.

General updates

- The OAH Council reviewed the first annual OAH Symposium on April 14, 2023.
 - The Council members that were able to attend enjoyed the format.
 - Some members of the public provided feedback that future symposia should be on different days than the Roundtable and start later in the day. However, it was also noted that many individuals were able to participate in both events thanks to the overlap in scheduling.
 - Council members would like to put on another public symposium as well as an additional event for policymakers and decisionmakers. Potential policymaker OAH events could include a formal presentation to the Coastal Caucus or an informal public event that invites legislators.
 - The Council proposed planning an informal seafood cook-off with the fisheries commodity commissions to message about OAH. Scientists could partner with fishermen or local commodity commissions to cook local seafood. This event would welcome legislators as well as the four key audiences from the OAH Communications Toolkit (local government (port and county commissioners), seafood harvesters, seafood suppliers, and tourism agencies (local hotel managers)). The attendees would have the opportunity to test OAH messages from the communications toolkit. This event would center on how Oregon waters are internationally recognized for harvesting sustainable seafood, experiencing ocean change/OAH, and addressing ocean change/OAH.
- The OAH Council reviewed the fifth Fisherman-Scientist Roundtable on April 14, 2023.
 - It was recommended that future roundtables are held before lunch to allow for networking and meetings throughout the afternoon.

- Moving forward, roundtables could be held in late fall and early spring. This would help to foster the positive relationships between the fishing community and local scientists throughout the year.
- On May 17, 2023, Leif Rasmuson and Laurie Juranek presented at the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) regarding the appointment of a new Tribal Government Representative. The Co-Chairs were invited to attend another LCIS meeting in August where they will discuss potential appointees.
- Rian vanden Hooff provided an update on the Draft Assessment Methodologies of Oregon's 2024 Integrated Report specific to marine waters. The public comment for the Marine Waters Draft Methodology will be open until July 7, 2023. A call for data for marine data that can be used as a part of the assessment process is until mid-August.
- General Council updates
 - Rian vanden Hooff provided an overview of seafood processor wastewater effluent permitting issues and DEQ interactions with the facilities/industry.
 - The Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC) OAH Working Group is producing an OAH communications toolkit to be used in California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. British Columbia recently released an OAH Action Plan for their province and includes great outreach materials.
 - The West Coast Ocean Data Portal is looking for OAH information that will be supported with a new system.

Discussion of Council Procedures

- Council members will review the Council Procedures document and provide comments to Jenny Koester.

OAH Communications Toolkit

- Jenny Koester updated the Council on Pathways Collaborative progress on an Oregon OAH Communications Toolkit. Council members were reminded to complete a survey and return it to Nancy Hotchkiss by June 30, 2023.

2025 OAH Action Plan

- Due to meeting time constraints, strategic planning for the 2025 OAH Action Plan was postponed until the next meeting.
- Before the next meeting, Council members were asked to consider any active topics on climate change and ocean change that the OAH Council should be addressing and any "wish list" items for the 2025 action plan.
- Council members encouraged highlighting Council accomplishments, what is possible to achieve when funding is available (such as the OAH Communications Toolkit), and current/potential interagency collaboration (such as work with the Oregon Global Warming Commission and Natural and Working Lands Goals).

Council 2023 Schedule and wrap-up

- The 2023 State of the Coast Conference will be held on November 4, 2023. The OAH Council has submitted a proposal to host a breakout session to test messages from the OAH Communications Toolkit. Council members will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the breakout session at the next Council meeting.

The proceedings of the OAH Council are open to the public and will be recorded (audio or audio/video). All printed and recorded materials will be made available to the public after the meetings. For more information on the OAH Council, to access documents or recordings, **please visit: OregonOcean.info**

Comments or Questions? Please contact

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