



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

## **OAH Council meeting – September 2023**

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1 PM –3 PM

TEAMS or at **Barry Fisher Room at Hatfield Marine Science Center Guin Library**

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**In attendance:** Leif Rasmuson (ODFW Co-Chair), Laurie Juranek (OSU Co-Chair), Christine Moffit (OOST), Rian vanden Hooff (DEQ), Jessica Miller (Academic Rep/OSU), Alex Manderson (Fishing Rep), Bob Kemp (Fishing Rep), Karin Power (GNRO), Karina Nielsen (OSG)

**Absent:** Andy Lanier (DLCD), Fran Recht (NGO), Kristen Penner (Shellfish)

**Council Staff:** Jenny Koester (ODFW)

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### **Council Welcome & Updates**

#### **Welcome & agenda overview** (Leif Rasmuson & Laurie Juranek)

- The new representative from the Governor’s Natural Resource Office, Karin Power, was introduced to the Council.

#### **OAH Council Updates:**

- The OAH Council Tribal Government Representative seat is still empty. Leif Rasmuson, Laurie Juranek, and Jenny Koester are continuing to work with the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) for the next appointment.
  - Council members were asked to contact Jenny Koester if they have any suggestions for a new Tribal Government Representative.
- The OAH Council will present to the Oregon Climate Action Commission (formerly known as the Oregon Global Warming Commission) on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to connect with a larger, climate-based group to work together on common goals.
- The Fisherman’s App/Ocean Change App has undergone its first round of development. This app was envisioned in early Fisherman-Scientist Roundtables on OAH as a way for fisherman to easily relay their observations to scientists or managers. The next round of development will start in early September provided that this project is selected by OSU graduate students for their capstone class again.
- Planning is beginning for the 6<sup>th</sup> Fisherman-Scientist Roundtable on OAH. Council members suggested that we hold a second Roundtable (one in spring, one in fall), and the fishing community was overwhelmingly supportive of a meeting in late November.
- Leif Rasmuson provided OAH data for the Environmental Justice Council. The Council supported connecting with this group moving forward to work together on common goals. This group serves as a resource for state agencies and was formerly known as the Environmental Justice Task Force.

- Pathways Collaborative is continuing work on Oregon's OAH Communications Plan. The OAH Council has sent in a letter of intent for a NOAA Ocean Acidification Program Mini-Grant for up to \$50,000 to implement the plan. Full applications are due in February 2024.

#### **Discussion of Council Procedures (Leif Rasmuson & Laurie Juranek)**

- The OAH Council has not ratified bylaws or council procedures.
  - Jenny Koester will ensure that the drafted council procedures from 2018 align with state resources on developing bylaws.
  - After Jenny confirms that the bylaws align, she will send out a copy of the Council Procedures for review.
  - Council members are asked to come prepared to the next meeting with comments on these bylaws.

#### **General Council Updates (round robin)**

- Rian vanden Hooff shared that DEQ has responded to comments on the draft assessment methodology for Oregon's 2024 Integrated Report.
  - Rian also shared more context about the seafood processing wastewater permitting issues and answered questions from the Council.
  - Rian invited Council members to submit public comment on the proposed Da Yang Seafood, Inc. Water Quality Permit Issuance.
- Alex Manderson shared that green crabs were a big topic at the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association annual conference. Alex shared that there is minimal research on green crabs and their interaction with shellfish cultivation, but green crabs pose an additional threat on top of ocean change for shellfish growers.
- Leif Rasmuson shared that NOAA has put together an OA Action Plan that calls out the success of Oregon's OAH Council.
- Jenny Koester shared that the US State Department is in the process of developing an OA Action Plan.

#### **Action Plan Development:**

- Council members looked over a Jamboard of all the previous items from the 2019 OAH Action Plan.
  - Council members decided that this activity needed more context on what has been completed since 2019 on each action plan items.
  - Jenny Koester will prepare a summary document of all action plan items, an interpretation of each item's intent, and progress made towards each item. Council members are asked to review this document and select which items they would like to continue, amend, or complete before the next OAH Council meeting.
- Moving forward, OAH Council members proposed holding a longer meeting, preferably in person, to focus on Action Plan Development. Council members were asked to identify appropriate times for a longer meeting.

#### **Council 2023 Schedule and wrap-up**

- Council members were thanked for their contributions and asked to think about topics to elevate and highlight in the next Action Plan
- Jenny Koester will develop re-evaluated Council Procedures and a 2019 Action Plan summary document for Council members to review before the next meeting.

- Council members are asked to identify dates that would be suitable for a longer, in-person meeting focused on developing the next action plan.
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Comments or Questions? Please contact

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