

The State of Oregon

Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Actions



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Ocean Acidification

Increased CO₂ and CO₂/pH = Ocean Acidification

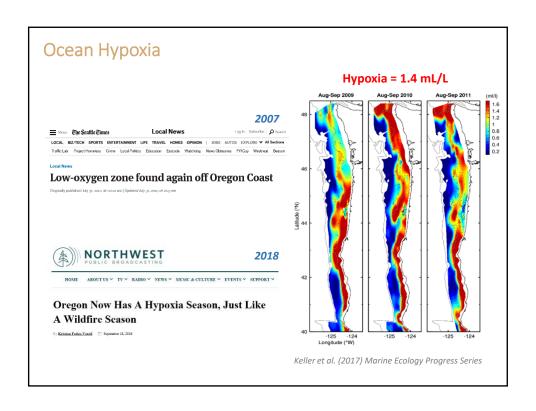
Sea surface CO₂ and pH time series, Hawaii 425 Mauna Loa Atmospheric CO; (ppm) Aloha seawater pCO; insitu (µatm) Aloha seawater pH (insitu) 8.23 8.23 8.18 = 8.13 8.18 = 8.08 8.19 = 1958 | 1968 | 1978 | 1988 | 1998 | 2008 | 2018

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Sea surface pH values, West Coast

NOAA PMEL Carbon Program: Mauna Loa Data adapted from Dore et al. 2009

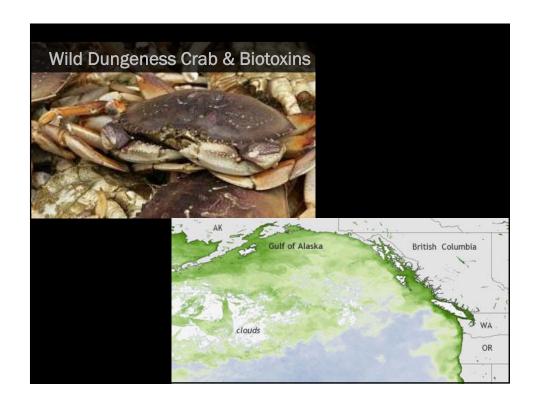
Feely et al. (2016) Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science















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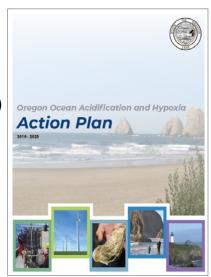
Oregon's representative to the Pacific Coast Collaborative Ocean Acidification Working Group

Oregon Policy

- Legislative Policy/Budgets
 - Ocean Science Trust
 - OAH Council
- Governor Mandate
 - Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC)
 - OAH Action Plan
- Agency Policy (rules)
 - ODFW policy (soon)



https://www.oregonocean.info/



PCC Governors' Leadership: International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification

Members endorse a Global Call to Action

- 1. Advance scientific understanding
- 2. Reduce causes
- 3. Explore adaptation and mitigation
- 4. Expand public awareness
- 5. Build sustained international support







































Inventory & Gaps

- How should we define "network" and priorities?
- Local gaps: we are already filling gaps, locally
- Regional gaps: what does filling gaps mean regionally?



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Oregon OAH Action Plan - Appendix D

This appendix lists each of the 8 State agencies who's authorities have the most dire with OAH impacts, adaptation, and mitigation. Here, we outline issues that connect authorities to the goals and priorities of the Oregon OAH Action Plan, that can serve point for agencies conducting evaluation of programs, regulations and compliance in this Oregon OAH Action Plan, Action S, Step 1). Additional authorities and nexus p be relevant.



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

- emerging fisheries, resilient fishing communities, OAH research & mo
Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 1.1, 1.2, 3.2, 5.1



Department of Land Conservation and Development

- ocean planning, coastal zone management, federal consistency, statu-planning goals, climate adaptation framework

Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 3.2, 1.2, 1.1, 5.1



Department of Environmental Quality

- water quality planning, point and non-point source pollution, TMDLs

Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 2.2, 5.1



Oregon Department of Agriculture

• food safety, aquaculture and agriculture permitting and practices
Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 2.2, 3.2, 5.1



Department of State Lands
- submerged aquatic vegetation, removal/fill permitting, mitigation of development impacts, authorization of use of state-owned navigable waterways (include estuaries and the territorial sea)
Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 3.2, 5.1



Oregon Department of Forestry • forested watersheds, carbon offset and mitigation, nonpoint source po

on forested lands
Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 2.2, 5.1



• impacted coastal communities

Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 3.1, 4.2, 5.1



Oregon Department of Energy

• carbon mitigation framework, impacts on ecosystem and economics.

Nexus with 2018 Report Recommendations: 1.1, 2.2, 5.1

Oregon: What's next?

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- Soon
 - ODFW Policy on Climate and Ocean Change
 - Oregon Climate Adaptation Framework
- In progress
 - Legislation & Agency Budgets
 - Agency planning
 - Education and Outreach

Oregon: SB1554 (2020)

80th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-2020 Regular Sessi

Senate Bill 1554

SUMMARY

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to oceans; and declaring an emergency.
- Whereas Oregon is an epicenter for the global manifestation of ocean acidification and hypoxia;
- Whereas the natural seasonal process of upwelling transports corrosive waters into the nearshore and estuaries, causing marine waters within this state's jurisdiction to be especially vulnerable to ocean acidification; and
- Whereas ocean acidification, hypoxia and changes in ocean temperature are intensifying; and Whereas Oregon has rich and vibrant wild marine fisheries, including shellfish fisheries; and
- Whereas ocean acidification and hypoxia are known to cause mortality and reduced growth and productivity in marine organisms, including in species that form the foundation of the marine food
- web; and

 Whereas negative impacts from ocean acidification, hypoxia or both have already been observed
- in species that are commercially, culturally and economically important to this state, including oysters, mussels and crabs; and
- Whereas Oregon's coastal communities and economies are important to this state and are dependent on a thriving marine ecosystem; and

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