

## OAH Coordination Council –Commission(s) Press Release

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of Agriculture are seeking qualified applicants to fill 2 seats on the newly created Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia. These two seats will represent: 1) ocean fishing interests, and 2) the shellfish mariculture industry. Appointments will be made by the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Board of Agriculture, respectively. Interested individuals must apply by October 30, using the application provided on the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia website (<http://oregonocean.info/index.php/ocean-acidification/85-oa-coord-council>) or Oregon Board of Agriculture (<http://www.oregon.gov/oda>) website.

The ideal candidates will be residents of Oregon that are able to effectively represent Oregon's interests in 1) ocean fishing (recreational and commercial fisheries), and 2) shellfish mariculture. Desirable attributes include involvement with these interests on the coast, involvement with management of these resources, and previous experience being a representative of a larger group on a board, commission, or council.

The Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia 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 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon State University and is comprised of representatives from Oregon State agencies, the Governor, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, Oregon Sea Grant, a conservation organization, shellfish mariculture interests, fishing interests, the academic research community, and Oregon tribes. 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 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.

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