



Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia

Council Member Updates

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9:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT

Oregon Carbon Policy Background (Sheeran/Tarnow):

During the 2018 short session, the legislature held hearings on two very similar bills related to “carbon cap and invest” policy ([SB 1507](#) and [HB 4001](#); link to Staff Summary on [HB 4001](#)). Neither bill passed, but the end-of-session bill included funding to support ongoing policy discussions.

Funding Text: “The Subcommittee approved a one-time \$1,435,000 General Fund appropriation to support operations of a Carbon Policy Office to be housed temporarily in the Department of Administrative Services. The Office will be staffed by four limited duration positions (2.32 FTE); the Governor’s Carbon Policy Advisor; a Climate Policy Manager, a Project Manager, and a support staff position. The approved one-time funding includes \$650,000 for studies to examine the following areas: an economic impact analysis of a cap and trade program on Oregon’s jobs and economy, leakage risk of emission intensive, trade exposed industries (EITEs); and carbon sequestration.”

Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Braby)

Fisheries Ecosystem Plan, Climate and Communities Initiative

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) sets regulations on all federally-managed fisheries on the West Coast, in collaboration with NOAA Fisheries, the regulatory agency. The PFMC has 5 Fishery Management Plans: Groundfish, Highly Migratory Species, Coastal Pelagic Species, Salmon, and its newest, the Fisheries Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The FEP is intended to promote ecosystem based management in all of the PFMC FMP’s and actions. At the March 2018 meeting, PFMC continued discussion on the development of the 2nd initiative in the Fishery Ecosystem Plan, Climate and Communities. In preparation for the March meeting, NOAA Fisheries prepared 4 webinars that are posted on-line (powerpoints and recordings of the webinars). The webinars are very informative and go into some detail on ocean acidification and hypoxia trends and concerns, as well as other impacts from climate change. The webinars and more about the PFMC’s FEP initiatives can be found here:

<https://www.pcouncil.org/2018/01/51541/51541/>