

## Advancing Scientific Understanding

- \* Research on eel grass and benefits that it has on reduce CO2 in water
- \* Research more drastic measures
- \* Search for shellfish that are more resilient to OA or genetically modify other organisms to become more resilient
- \* Kelp forest research and planting
- \* Research what other plants can be used as blue carbon that do not create invasive species issues
- \* Ocean plant endophytes can help mitigate green house gasses (i.e. kelp, sea grasses, eel grasses)
- \* Research potential impacts from competing factors (CO2 and other ocean chemistry measurements)
- \* Incorporate dynamics of soil/sediment respiration in CO2 emission modeling and research
- \* Use organisms that can sequester carbon, then remove them from the marine environment

## Reduce causes of OAH

- \* Working towards a statewide ban on plastic bags
- \* Statewide polices on Styrofoam
- \* Shellfish business leaders drive alternative energy opportunities
- \* Benefit selfish industry by mitigation existing OA
- \* Reducing residue effects of OA by increasing beneficial behaviors
- \* Increase gas taxes and tax breaks for electric or low emission vehicles
- \* Timber / pulp mills should buy into research and monitoring
- \* Simple carbon footprint reduction workshops
- \* Awards or tax credits to reducing carbon footprints a certain amount

## Build Adaptation and Resiliency

- \* Work towards harvesting goals / yields that are based on science, not best economic yields
- \* Marine reserves / no take zones state wide support
- \* Using sub regions to create their own action plans that will then report to the higher committee
- \* Plant seagrasses
- \* Create innovative programs to encourage diversification of coastal ecosystems
- \* Transition fishing boats to touring boats
- \* Form collaborations of like minded stakeholders to further develop blue carbon programs
- \* Incorporate adaptation management systems not conservation efforts

## Expand Public Support

- \* Nature interpreters
- \* Educate people / towns on the benefits of marine protected areas based on science reasoning
- \* Pacific oyster dye off used for public awareness
- \* Educated in schools. Starting at a younger level across the board, then building the understanding
- \* Volunteer programs and outreach similar to the watershed council
- \* Children programs
- \* Work with schools to produce outreach tools that let them model future impacts of OA
- \* Involve kids in recovery efforts for abalone
- \* Increase public awareness and reduce costs
- \* In coastal regions, near marine protected areas, and all schools increase basic education on OA
- \* Ocean OA alliance kids program
- \* Educate people on what is happening in marine systems
- \* Public awareness - puts a face to the problem like a terrestrial systems do with species like tigers or pandas
- \* Need to learn about the oceans in schools more so then terrestrial systems
- \* Begin to incorporate an education module in school systems early on based on ocean ecosystems - especially in Midwest states and inland regions

## **Build Support**

- \* Chose a "sister" country with similar views and issues to develop a combined solutions to reduce co2 on land and the ocean

- \* Gov. campaigns to encourage CF reduction

- \* Fund scientific research projects with a emotional connection to promote public awareness campaigns

- \* Work with the XPRIZE to develop an to promote OA modeling and mitigation

- \* Social media usage complaining

- \* Ocean Literacy

- \* Sister Oceans - competition to save oceans the most "Environmental Olympics"