



Action Plan Development Process

Oregon OAH Action Plan - Appendix C

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature created the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH Council) with the passage of Oregon Senate Bill 1039. Through this action, the State committed both attention and resources toward understanding OAH science, impacts, and solutions. The Council began meeting in January 2018, and is comprised of agencies, stakeholders, Tribes, NGOs and the Governor's office. The OAH Council prides itself on leading an open and transparent process for developing recommendations for State actions.

As part of the OAH Council establishment, the following three guidelines were embraced:

UNDERSTANDING: The OAH Council developed an understanding of OAH science, how Oregon is impacted by increasing occurrence of OAH impacts, what other entities in Oregon and the West Coast are working on these issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The OAH Council identified action areas that are supported by all OAH Council members, drawing from personal and professional experience, OAH Council discussions, and presentations from subject matter experts.

CAPACITY: The OAH Council considered the various options of how the recommended action areas could ultimately be implemented.

Oregon OAH Council and 2018 Report

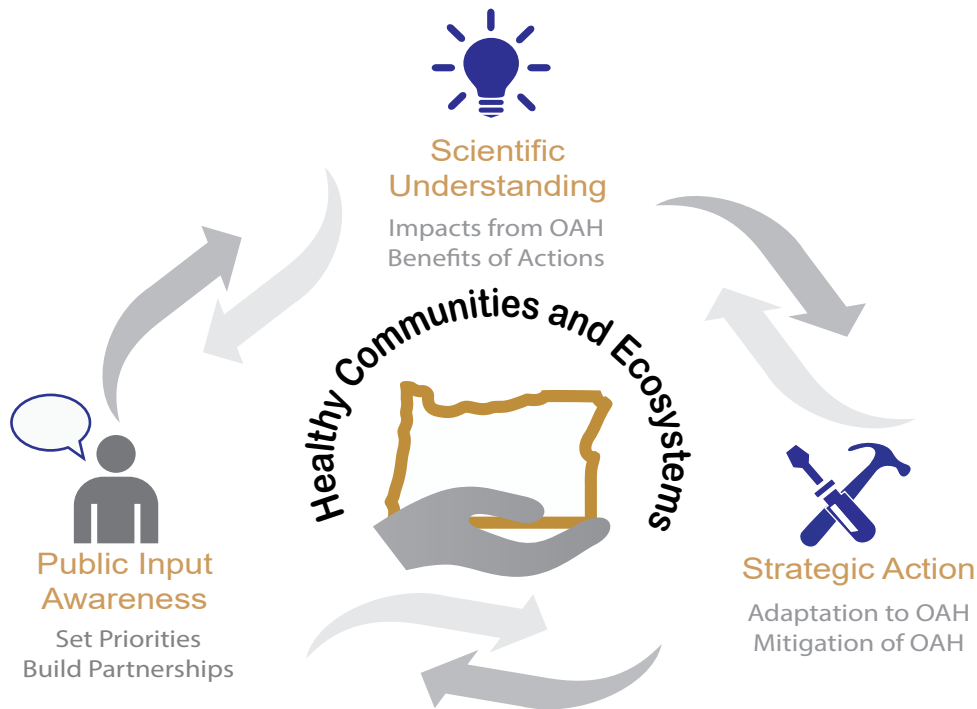
(January 2018 – September 2018)

To develop the OAH Council's first biennial report (submitted to the Oregon legislature on September 15, 2018), the OAH Council met monthly from January to August 2018. Working groups (comprised of a subset of OAH Council members) met between each OAH Council meeting from March-July 2018. All OAH Council and working group meetings were open to the public (including scheduled public comment periods), and followed Oregon's public meeting transparency guidelines. When the OAH Council was established, the Governor requested that the OAH Council draft Oregon's OAH Action Plan as part of Oregon's commitment to the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification. The 2018 Report was intended to provide step 1, of the OAH Action Plan drafting process. In the OAH Council's 2018 Report, 12 recommendations with 38 nested actions were articulated as a comprehensive set of ideas for future actions. The intent is for OAH Council reports, to broadly inform decisions and management activities across entities, as capacity and opportunities are available, for all who are ready to take action to address OAH impacts and develop solutions. As part of finalizing the first OAH biennial report, the OAH Council members rated the relative value of each actions in the report, and elevated 7 actions to needing immediate attention (see **Table C1**). By articulating concerns and ideas for solutions-based actions, the OAH Council intended to generate broad discussions and activities that will help prepare Oregon for the next fifty years by stimulating actions now.

Prioritization of OAH Actions

(December 2019)

Building on the recommendations and actions developed in the September 2018 OAH report, the OAH Council members conducted a second prioritization exercise in October 2018 in order to reevaluate the rating of each report action. Careful deliberation and selections of actions by OAH Council members were based on urgency, anticipated impact, and pathway for implementation of each action (see **Table C1**). This reevaluation also considered public input on the 2018 Report.



Oregon OAH Community Survey

(February 2019 – April 2019)

In order to ensure that the OAH Council heard from as many diverse groups of Oregonians as possible, a community survey was also developed to aid in the development of the State's OAH Action Plan draft.

This survey was sent to 70 carefully selected people across Oregon and the region, and consisted of an online questionnaire and an optional 40 minute interview. Respondent groups included academics, State and Federal Agencies, Tribal organizations/governments, industry, and funding entities. Individuals were selected to participate because of their expertise and ability to help represent their colleagues' interests, concerns, and/or knowledge of OAH and how it will affect Oregon. The survey asked for participants' perceptions and opinions about Oregon's best opportunities to implement OAH mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Feedback from this survey was reviewed by the OAH Council and incorporated into the State's OAH Action Plan (see **Table C1**). Thirty-seven (37) individuals responded to the online survey (53% response rate) and 23 of these opted to participate in follow-up interviews (33% response rate).

From the interviews and online surveys there were three common themes that emerged:

INTERCONNECTION: This Action Plan should make clear the interconnection of actions and the State's needs.

LEVEL OF INFLUENCE: There is a sense of urgency that Oregon can and should act on local scales, while recognizing that OAH is also a global problem that requires global solutions. Respondents felt we need to communicate with all Oregonians, especially those who can be decision makers in their communities (business owners, policy makers, resource managers).

KNOWLEDGE GAPS: While we know a great deal about OAH Science, we still need more information to fully understand the OAH impacts to build solutions. Many felt that at this time they did not have access to all the information they need to address OAH within their community (i.e. on which to base local decisions). Two knowledge gaps that were repeatedly mentioned were 1) the need for more oceanographic monitoring of frequency and duration of OAH and 2) expanding our understanding of socio-economic impacts on Oregon communities.

Draft OAH Action Plan Public Comment Period

(June 2019 – July 2019)

At each meeting and webinar, the OAH Council has always welcomed public participation and comment and has used this feedback to guide OAH Council decisions throughout their processes. Formal public comment on the draft Oregon OAH Action Plan was open from June 10th through July 9th, 2019, which was widely advertised. As part of the public comment period, two webinars were held with both in-person and remote participation options. Each of these webinars was also recorded and the posted webinars, as well as all presented materials, are available on the OAH Council's website. Public input was taken as written or oral comments during and following the webinars, as well as via email, calls, or post throughout the public comment period.

RECORDED WEBINARS OCCURRED ON:

June 11th 6:00pm – 8:00pm

In person at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Newport, and remote

June 14th 10:00am – 12:00pm

In person at Oregon State University, Corvallis, and remote

Following formal public comment, the OAH Council and staff carefully reviewed all feedback and worked diligently to incorporate suggestions. The Council has taken a thoughtful and collaborative, science-based approach to developing recommendations, encouraging participation by all Oregonians in the crystallization of these ideas from the 2018 OAH Report, into the draft Oregon OAH Action Plan.

Table C1: Progression of actions to be included in the draft Oregon OAH Action Plan, as the Action Plan developed. Twenty (20) key actions were identified from the original 38, as described in the 2018 Report. **Bold red** font denotes the 5 key actions highlighted in the 2019 OAH Action Plan.

OAH Report Priorities <i>January - September 2018</i>	Prioritization Exercise <i>December 2018</i>	OAH Council Community survey <i>February - April 2019</i>	OAH Action Plan <i>June - July 2019</i>
1.1.a 1.1.c	1.1.a 1.1.c 1.1.b	1.2.b 1.2.d	1.1.a 1.1.c 1.2.b 1.2.c 1.3.b
2.1.b	2.1.a 2.1.b		2.1.a 2.1.b
3.2.a 3.2.b	3.2.a		3.1.a 3.2.a 3.2.b 3.1.b
4.2.a	4.2.a	4.1.b 4.2.b	4.1.a 4.1.b 4.2.a 4.2.b
5.1.a	5.2.a 5.2.b 5.2.c		5.1.a 5.1.b 5.2.a 5.2.b 5.2.c



To learn more about OAH science, impacts, and solutions, please visit the Oregon OAH Council's website:

oregonocean.info/index.php/ocean-acidification