



KATE BROWN
Governor

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Dear fellow members of the OA Alliance:

With this letter, and pursuant to my announcement on December 13, 2016, Oregon hereby affirms our membership in the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification. In doing so, Oregon endorses the Global Call to Action on Ocean Acidification, committing to advance the key goals of the Alliance that:

- Advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.
- Reduce the causes of acidification.
- Protect the environment and coastal communities from the impacts of a changing ocean.
- Expand public awareness and understanding of acidification.
- Build sustained support for tackling this global problem.

In addition, I commend the 2017 Legislature for their hard work in passing Senate Bill 1039, which established Oregon policy on ocean acidification and formed the Oregon Ocean Acidification Coordination Council (Council). The Council is comprised of stakeholders, managers, and researchers and will play an important role in shaping Oregon's future related to changing ocean conditions. I call on the newly-formed Council to lead the development of Oregon's Ocean Acidification Action Plan, consistent with Senate Bill 1039 and with Oregon's pledge to answer the Alliance Call to Action, and thereby continue our work to address ocean acidification in Oregon's waters.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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