



OAH Council Meeting Summary (DRAFT) - spring 2020

Wed, Apr 29th, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Attendees

OAH Council members: Dr. Jack Barth, Dr. Caren Braby, Jennifer Wigal, Andy Lanier, Dr. Jim Sumich, Dr. Shelby Walker, John Schaefer, Brandii Holmdahl, and Fran Recht.

Absent: Dr. Kristen Sheeran, Liu Xin, Frank Barcellos, Jessica Miller

OAH Council Staff: Dr. Charlotte Regula Whitefield

Public Audience: Bob Kemp, Lori Steele, Carolyn Fish, Karen Tarnow, Andrea Celentano, Peggy Joyce

Meeting Materials

Copies of all power point presentations, video recordings, and information packets are available on the Council website at: <http://oregonocean.info/index.php/ocean-acidification>

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Meeting Agenda (Actual) Summary

General Updates (*from last meeting on January 13th 2020*)

10:00am – 10:45am

- Introduction of New Council Members (**Caren Braby**)
 - o Jessica Miller, Academic Seat Appointment
 - o Brandii Holmdahl, Fishing Interest Seat.

- Oregon 2020 Legislative Session Summary (**Jack Barth**)
 - o SB 1554 passed out of committee but was not approved by Ways and Means
 - o Elements of the OAH action plan made it into the session-end, omnibus HB5204-6, but funding was not approved for the OAH items
 - o We will need to explore with the Coastal Caucus the possibility of reintroducing this bill in the 2021 long session

- Oregon Ocean Protection Advisory Council (OPAC) Meeting on May 6th (**Andy Lanier**)
 - o Rocky Shores Management Plan amendments to the plan will be presented
 - o OPAC will be voting on the OAH Council conservation seat appointment

- West Coast Ocean Data Portal “Ocean Health Scorecard” **(Andy Lanier)**
 - o Pacific Coast states’ collaboration to build a set of universal ocean indicators
 - o Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (NANOOS) has been contracted to conduct much of this work (working through Dr. Jan Newton)
- 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting – OA Alliance Workshop **(Caren Braby)**
 - o Workshop was well-attended and very productive, focusing on building and sustaining partnerships, capitalizing on existing research and archived data, and continuing to standardize information moving forward.
- ODFW Climate and Ocean Change Policy – update **(Caren Braby)**
 - o April 2020 ODFW commission meeting was postponed (new date TBD), and so the new policy has not yet been presented to the commission for adoption.
 - o ODFW commission is expected to revisit this policy at their next in person meeting, date TBD
- 2018/2020 Water Quality Assessment Report **(Jennifer Wigal)**
 - o Submitted to EPA in April 2020
 - o New call for data will occur in Fall 2020, for the next integrated report in 2020/2022
 - o OAH Council has offered to support ongoing efforts for public awareness of the process and facilitating call for data and new methodology

OAH Education and Outreach Working Group

10:45am - 11:15am

- [Meeting Summary from January 14th 2020](#) **(Charlotte Whitefield)**
 - o Meeting summary was reviewed by council, no council edits or comments were received
- Working Group Timeline **(Charlotte Whitefield)**
 - o Meeting timeline was reviewed by council, no council edits or comments were received
- OAH Education and Outreach Working Group Meeting Schedule (Charlotte Whitefield)
 - o Council agreed on meeting schedule, no changes requested
 - May 27th 2020, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Aug 5th 2020, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Sept 23rd 2020, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Nov 6th 2020 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- State of the Coast – OAH Breakout session **(Charlotte Whitefield; Shelby Walker; Group Discussion)**
 - o Council agreed on submitting a proposal for a breakout session (Due May 15th)
 - o Basic ideas were discussed – Council focused in on a session revolving around “how to communicate OAH”
 - o Council agreed on creating a small working group of members to help facilitate content development.
- Goals and Visions **(Group Discussion)**
 - o Conversations about how do we move in “today’s new reality” - basic needs for now versus planning for the future through climate action.

- The use of parallels between the COVID pandemic and climate disasters – need to make OAH relevant today – use of ideas like sea star wasting, HAB, other ecological diseases outbreaks to help build understanding.
- Importance of keeping our messages tangible, trackable, and possible – while keeping them positive and locally focused.

Council 2020 Work Plan

11:15am - 12:30pm

- Council Seat Reappointment Updates (**Caren Braby**)
 - Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) – Liu Xin’s seat, representing the Shellfish Industry, is up for open solicitation
 - No applications were received by ODA for the seat during application period of January – February 2020.
 - ODA is working with the OAH Council to determine when the best time would be to reopen this application solicitation for a Shellfish Industry Seat. Timing TBD.
- OAH Council Budget Expectations (**Caren Braby**)
 - The State of Oregon is currently experiencing enormous shortfall in lottery funding and general funding.
 - It is going to be important for the OAH Council moving forward to continue to be creative with our funding, in light of current situations.
 - Actual budget constraints will not be fully known for another 3 to 4 months.
- Council 2020 Meeting Schedule (**Jack Barth; Charlotte Whitefield**)
 - July 31st 2020, 10am – 1pm
 - Nov TBA 2020 - Council will coordinate via email to set a time for meeting
- Yaquina Bay Research (**Jack Barth; Charlotte Whitefield**)
 - Project is moving forward and is still in planning stages
 - Concern with possible reduced funding pools (e.g., OWEB grant in Oct 2020 (lottery funded); and other federal grants).
 - OAH Council staff will be continuing to pursue diverse funding options.
 - Timeline for project can be found in Council work plan – OAH Council members had no edits for this section of the work plan.
- OAH Agency Gaps Analysis – Theme 5 in OAH Action Plan (**Charlotte Whitefield**)
 - Initial agency one-on-one meetings occurred October 2019 – January 2020
 - Second set of agency one-on-one meetings/check-ins are occurring April –June 2020
 - Timeline for agency work can be found in Council work plan – OAH Council members had no edits for this section of the work plan.
- Fisherman’s Roundtable (**Charlotte Whitefield; Group Discussion**)
 - OAH focused fisherman roundtables first occurred in Oregon in 2017, Council members have voiced interest in holding them again in 2020.
 - Timeline for roundtables can be found in Council work plan – OAH Council members suggested that the timing for the round tables be adjusted to better reflect fishing seasons and other competing regulatory processes.
 - Council agreed on creating a small working group of members to help facilitate content development.

- [2020 Legislative Report Outline](#) - due September 15th 2020 (Jack Barth; Charlotte Whitefield)
 - o No council edits or comments were received

Public Comment

12:30pm

- No public comment received

Closing Remarks

12:30pm – 12:45pm

- Council staff will work with Council Members to schedule a November meeting
- Council Staff will reach out to Council Members to formulate the two new working groups
- Council Co-chairs and staff will keep Council Members updated as events continue to develop in light of COVID restrictions and budgetary restraints.

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