



## OAH Council Meeting Summary (DRAFT) - spring 2020

Wed, Apr 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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### 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

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### 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>

**\*\* Due to technical issues a recording of this meeting is not available \*\***

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### Meeting Agenda (Actual) Summary

**General Updates** (*from last meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> (**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
    - Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
    - Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
    - Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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