



The West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel: An Investment in a Healthy Ocean for California

Public Workshop Agenda

Wednesday, July 29, 2015
10:00 to 11:30 AM

Location:

California Environmental Protection Agency, Klamath Training Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

[WebEx \(for viewing/listening purposes only\)](#)

Call-in toll-free number: 1-(888) 942-7803 (access code: 514 235 6) (for listening purposes only)

** The Ocean Protection Council meeting will follow at 1PM at the Natural Resources Agency Auditorium. **

Ocean acidification and hypoxia, often coupled due to biological and oceanographic processes, have the potential for profound impacts to marine and coastal environments. West Coast governments, tribes, and citizens are expressing concerns about the threats to marine resources and the livelihoods that depend on them. These issues are shared challenges among the region, and managing for resilient ocean and coastal communities requires cooperation and transparency in addition to drawing on the best available science.

A compelling catalyst for meeting this challenge is the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel, an interdisciplinary collaboration of 20 scientists. Convened by the Ocean Science Trust in 2013 at the request of the Ocean Protection Council, the Panel links the governments of California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

This workshop is an opportunity to publicly highlight the Panel's work and emerging messages, and explore opportunities to consider their findings in ocean and coastal management and policy in California and beyond.

Workshop Goals:

- *Share the West Coast OAH Panel's emerging messages, products, and the breadth of their work*
- *Explore examples of application of the Panel's findings in resource management and policy*
- *Discuss additional opportunities for science-informed action on these issues*

Welcome & Opening Remarks (10:00 - 10:15)

John Laird, *Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, and Chair, California Ocean Protection Council*

Panel Presentations & Discussion (10:15 - 11:05)

At the nexus of this challenge is the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel (OAH Panel), an interdisciplinary collaboration of esteemed scientists from California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The OAH Panel, convened in 2013 at the request of the Ocean Protection Council, is collaborating with decision-makers on these complex issues. Panelists will explain the leadership behind the Panel, the evolution of the Panel's thinking, emerging scientific findings, and how this information is being used by decision makers to reshape policy and management, and advance ocean health.





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Panelists:

Catherine Kuhlman, *Deputy Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency, and Executive Director, California Ocean Protection Council*

Skyli McAfee, *Director for North American Oceans and Coasts, The Nature Conservancy, and OAH Panel Convener*

John Largier, *Professor, University of California – Davis, Bodega Marine Lab, and OAH Panel Member*

Moderator:

Liz Whiteman, *Interim Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust, and OAH Panel Member*

Group Participation & Discussion (11:05 - 11:25)

Building on the panel discussion, there will be a group discussion and Q&A period.

Closing Remarks (11:25 - 11:30)

Catherine Kuhlman, *Deputy Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency, and Executive Director, California Ocean Protection Council*

