

**International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification  
Gathering of U.S. State Members and Partners**

**Friday, December 18, 2020**

2 hours in duration

8am-10am PST

11am-1pm EST

**Register for Meeting:**

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<p>8:00-8:15am PST</p>	<p><b>Welcome and Overview of OA Alliance in 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the OA Alliance, year in review and looking forward               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessie Turner, Program Manager</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Brief welcome from founding members of OA Alliance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Caren Braby (OR); Dr. Justine Kimball (CA); Martha Kongsgaard (WA)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>15 minutes</p>
<p>8:15-8:45am</p>	<p><b>Updates from Selected States (5 minutes each)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State of Oregon, Dr. Charlotte Regula Whitefield, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OAH Council implementing action plan; efforts to advance outreach and education; inventory of OAH related projects or mandates across agencies/ departments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>State of Maryland, Dr. Suzanne Dorsey, Assistant Secretary Maryland Department of the Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leadership across multiple scales; implementing recommendations from 2015 legislative report; emphasis on Chesapeake Bay, keystone species and next steps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>State of Hawaii, Amy Markel, Division of Aquatic Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OA action planning process and inventory of partnerships; 2020 convenings to identify categories for action and potential task force members to help make recommendations to DAR; engaging with in-region university partners and NOAA to inventory monitoring assets and regional data.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>State of New Jersey, Kevin Hassell, Coastal Zone Management Program, Department of Environmental Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Jersey Coastal Management Program supporting development of OA Action Plan; outside partner survey and stakeholder engagement process; relevance to Governor Murphy’s Executive Order “Protecting Against; NJ DEP engagement and leadership.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>State of Connecticut, Brian Thompson, Department of Energy &amp; Environmental Protection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governor’s Council on Climate Change (CG3) Working Group Science and Technology Subgroup Report recommendations relative to OA action; next steps.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>30 minutes</p>
	<p><b>Break – as needed for coffee, stretching and buffer space</b></p>	<p>5 minutes</p>

**Agenda Final**

8:50-9:25am	<p><b>Federal Landscape and Partners (10 minutes each)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NOAA Ocean Acidification Program- Priorities and Expectations 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Libby Jewett, Director of NOAA OAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>● US EPA Ocean and Coastal Acidification Research Program- Report out from OCA Program and Next Steps in 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Holly Galavotti, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act of 2020 (emphasis on Title XI: Ocean Acidification and Harmful Algal Blooms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeff Slyfield, Government Relations Manager, Ocean Conservancy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30 minutes
9:25-9:35am	<p><b>Manuscript Overview and Deadline for Review, “Opportunities for state governments and in-region partners to address ocean acidification through management and policy frameworks.”</b></p>	10 minutes
9:35-9:55am	<p><b>Break Out Rooms by Topic</b> <i>(participants to self-select)</i></p> <p><b>Group One:</b> Northeast Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network priorities and projects in 2021-- facilitated by Dr. Beth Turner</p> <p><b>Group Two:</b> Status of Blue Carbon research in California and exploring markets for farmed seaweed-- facilitated by Whitney Berry and Dr. Nicole Price</p> <p><b>Group Three:</b> Monitoring for OAH: Coupling biological-chemical monitoring and improving monitoring within estuarine environments- facilitated by Dr. Justine Kimball and Micah Horwith</p>	20 minutes
9:55-10am	<p><b>Closing and Thank You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessie Turner, Program Manager</li> </ul>	5 minutes