

2017 update: Group webinar; World Ocean Summit; welcome new members + more

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Hello Ocean Acidification Alliance Members!

We are pleased to send this update and start off 2017, together, as the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification. We value and appreciate your membership and look forward to making progress this year. As a member of the OA Alliance, you have committed to working together as coalition to elevate the issue of ocean acidification and to take actions, individually and as a group, to combat this global threat to our resources and waters.

You're invited: Group webinar

We invite all of you to join us on **Tuesday, February 28th at 8am PST** for our first group webinar to:

1. Provide an overview on Ocean Acidification Action Plans, and answer questions specific to your government or organization as to how you can tap our peer knowledge exchange network for ideas for model legislation in your jurisdiction; and
2. Review our plans for 2017, which includes OA Alliance member participation at the UN Conference to Implement SDG 14, the Our Ocean Conference, and COP23.

To RSVP for this webinar, please email Jessie Turner at Jessie@OAalliance.org

World Ocean Summit

We are proud to announce that the OA Alliance will be participating in the upcoming 4th annual [World Ocean Summit](#), hosted by The Economist February 22-24th in Bali, Indonesia.

The World Ocean Summit has traditionally focused on financing and investing in our ocean resources. This year the World Ocean Summit agenda features an impressive suite of panels on climate impacts to the ocean, climate change risk and financing, and de-carbonization in shipping. Please check out the [full agenda here](#). If a representative from your government or organization is planning on attending the World Ocean Summit, and you would like to connect them to the Alliance representative who will also be there, please let us know.

The Alliance continues to recruit new governments and affiliates, building a coalition that demonstrates the diversity of regions, organizations, industries, indigenous peoples, ecosystems, and species that are adversely impacted by ocean acidification and other changing ocean conditions.

As an Alliance member, you are encouraged to invite members to join that share a sense of commitment and urgency to addressing addressing the impacts of ocean acidification on coastal communities, industries and ecosystems.

Thank you again for your work and dedication to the Alliance. We look forward to the work ahead.

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome our newest members to the OA Alliance. Thank you for joining and we look forward to working with you.

Government Members

- The Province of British Columbia
- The State of California
- The Republic of Chile
- Cross River State, Nigeria
- The French Republic
- City of Imperial Beach, California
- The State of New York
- The State of Oregon
- The Province of Quebec
- Quileute Nation
- Quinault Indian Nation
- The Suquamish Tribe
- The State of Washington

Affiliate Members

- Association Monégasque sur l'Acidification des Océans (AMAO)
- California Ocean Science Trust
- Center for Ocean Solutions
- Hakai Institute
- Intake Works LLC
- Joint Ocean Commission Initiative
- Marine Stewardship Council
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- The Nature Conservancy
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- Ocean Networks Canada
- Ocean Conservancy
- Ocean Sanctuaries
- Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- Surfrider Foundation
- Taylor Shellfish Farms
- Vigilant
- We Mean Business
- Washington Ocean Acidification Center (WOAC)

- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Thanks for a Successful Launch!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the OA Alliance Launch Event on December 13th in Coronado, California. We had an impressive turn-out of OA Alliance members and supporters, gathered to provide momentum and leadership on this challenge.

Formal remarks were given by the following United States and international leaders:

- California Governor Jerry Brown
- California Secretary for Natural Resources, John Laird
- Patricio Utreras, Deputy Chief of Mission at Embassy of Chile
- Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, Consul General of France
- Washington Governor Jay Inslee (remotely)
- Oregon Governor Kate Brown (remotely)



Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Chile, Patricio Utreras, spoke in support of the OA Alliance as a crucial initiative to protect Chilean coastline and about the impacts

of ocean acidification to the seafood and fisheries economy. He also spoke about the importance of successfully implementing the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, the Consul General of France, said, "We must respond to this major environment and economic threat" calling the OA Alliance "a great example of needed momentum which will lead us a step further."

Governor Jerry Brown, speaking last (and pictured at the podium above) noted we were meeting during, "a time of real change" and that, "we must take action wherever we are...the threat of ocean acidification is so pervasive and we must not wait for bold action elsewhere."

Our e-newsletter

If you know of others who would be interested or benefit from receiving updates on the OA Alliance members' activities and plans for addressing ocean acidification in their regions, please encourage them to sign up for the newsletter by [visiting our website at OAalliance.org](http://OAalliance.org).



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