



Maine Ocean Acidification Meeting Agenda

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9:00 am - 4:30 pm on January 16, 2014

Governor Hill Mansion, 136 State St., Augusta

Hosted by the Island Institute with support from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, Maine SeaGrant, Maine Coastal Program, and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

9:00 Coffee

9:20 - 9:40 Intro and goals of day – Susie Arnold and Heather Deese (Island Institute)

State of the Science and How it Relates to Maine

9:40 - 10:45 Science Panel:

9:40-10:10 Shallin Busch (NOAA)- Intro to OA (20 min talk, 10 min Q&A)

10:10-10:40 Joe Salisbury (UNH) - How we measure OA; why the GoM is uniquely susceptible; coastal processes that affect OA in the GoM (20 min talk, 10 min Q&A)

10:40-10:45 Additional questions for speakers or other scientists in audience

10:50 - 12:00 Stakeholder Concerns Panel:

10:50-11:05 Joe Payne (Friends of Casco Bay) - OA concerns related to water quality (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

11:05-11:20 Mark Green (St. Joseph's College and Peaks Island Shellfish Co.)- OA concerns related to the clam fishery (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

11:20-11:35 Bill Mook (Mook Sea Farm) - OA concerns of oyster growers and need for a proactive approach (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

11:35-11:50 Curt Brown (GMRI & lobsterman)- OA concerns related to the lobster fishery - large unknowns (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

11:50-12:00 Additional questions for panelists

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch at the venue to facilitate discussion and collaboration

Action- Policy, Mitigation, Adaptation, and Next Steps

1:00 - 1:10: Recap of morning session & overview of afternoon – Heather Deese (Island Institute)

1:10 - 2:15 National, Regional, State, and Local Efforts Panel:

1:10-1:45- Panelist presentations

Jay Manning (Cascadia Law Group, co-chair of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on OA) (via webinar)- state efforts- lessons from WA State



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Dwight Gledhill (NOAA)- national efforts from NOAA

Cassie Stymiest (NERACOOS)- regional efforts from NECAN on research and monitoring and how Maine can inform NECAN

Mick Devin (State Representative)- local Maine effort- update on bill to create an expert commission & the legislative process

1:45-2:15 Panel discussion with audience questions

2:15 - 2:55 Mitigation and Adaptation Panel- what we can do locally:

2:15-2:20 *Curtis Bohlen* (Casco Bay Estuary Partnership)- Introduction to panel

2:20-2:35 *Brad Warren* (Sustainable Fisheries Partnership) (via webinar)- Modifications made by west coast growers & WA state actions to reduce nutrient input (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

2:35-2:50 *Darcie Couture* (Resource Access International)- Clam flat buffering (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

2:50-3:05 *Dwight Gledhill* (NOAA)- Acidification refugia (10 min talk, 5 min Q&A)

3:05-3:10 Charge to breakout groups- *Susie Arnold & Heather Deese* (Island Institute)

3:10-3:20 Break

Priorities and Next Steps

3:20-3:50 Breakouts- small groups identify and prioritize:

- 1) areas of concern in terms of implications for Maine businesses and stakeholders;
- 2) knowledge gaps and key questions you are left with after listening to the presentations today; and
- 3) priority target audiences for outreach and raising awareness- what are the events/groups/other opportunities for raising awareness of this issue in the state in 2014?

3:50-4:15 Report back from group discussions on goals and next steps

4:15 - 4:30 Closing remarks & products that will be generated from this meeting – *Heather Deese* (Island Institute)