

Summary of Ocean Acidification workshops: January - April 2013

A consortium of organizations worked together to establish a series of five workshops in the north sound area aimed at providing information to residents about ocean acidification. **The Northwest Straits Commission acted as the lead for the events**, providing logistical support and overall messaging consistency. Partners included Taylor Shellfish, Puget Sound Restoration Fund and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership. Local hosts included Snohomish MRC, San Juan MRC, Clallam MRC, Skagit MRC, Whatcom MRC, Port of Bellingham, Port of Anacortes and the City of Everett. The Clallam MRC hosted an additional forum as part of the Clallam County Commissioners work session on April 15, 2013. In total, **approximately 500 people attended the events and learned directly about Ocean Acidification.**

Speakers were from the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification (BRP) as much as possible to ensure that a clear link was established to the BRP and provide consistency with recommendations from the BRP. Other speakers were found to supplement this expertise.

Northwest Straits Commission staff prepared a survey for audience members to determine whether the materials being presented were actually changing people's knowledge base and to get more general feedback on the events.

Survey responders consistently said that **they would share what they heard and were interested in getting more information.** Specific requests were made for fact sheets and a list of "what we can do".

Local elected officials and other leaders provided a welcome and stayed to hear speakers at all locations except Friday Harbor:

Everett - Dave Somers, Snohomish County Council

Anacortes – Sharon Dillon, Skagit County Commissioner and Rosie Cayou James, Samish Indian Nation

Bellingham – Carl Weimer, Whatcom County Council

Port Angeles (1) – Mike Doherty, Clallam County Commissioner,

Port Angeles (2) - all commissioners were present for a work session with OA speakers

Speakers: (*members of Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel)

Betsy Peabody*, Puget Sound Restoration Fund (Bellingham and Port Angeles)

Brad Warren*, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (Everett, Anacortes, Bellingham and Port Angeles)

Dr. Shallin Busch*, NOAA (Everett and Friday Harbor)

Eric Swenson, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (Friday Harbor and Port Angeles)

Dr. Terrie Klinger*, UW (Everett)

Bill Dewey*, Taylor Shellfish (Anacortes)

Dr. Brady Olson, WWU, Shannon Point (Anacortes and Bellingham)

Eric Scigliano, writer (Friday Harbor)

Newspaper articles published as a result of these events:

[Oceans at risk, culture at stake](#) - Everett Herald, Op Ed by Terry Williams of the Tulalip Tribes

[Changes in Ocean Acidification put shellfish industry in jeopardy](#) – Everett Herald

[Threatened Puget Sound marine life shows global threat of ocean acidification](#) - Bellingham Herald, Op Ed by Ginny Broadhurst and Bill Dewey

[Your ocean on acid](#) - Cascadia Weekly featuring Bill Dewey

[Effects of ocean acidification — and what to do about it — topic of Port Angeles forum](#) - Peninsula Daily News

[Tonight: Ocean Acidification forum set in Port Angeles](#) – Sequim Gazette

[Panel: Ocean acidification threatening sea life here](#) – Peninsula Daily News

[Ocean acidification seminar scheduled for Everett](#) – Arlington Times

[Clallam County board briefed on ocean acidification](#) – Peninsula Daily News



OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Free Seminar: Thursday, January 24, 2013

Join us to learn about ocean acidification and the strategies and actions to protect marine resources recommended by the state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification



PROGRAM

Welcome - Dave Somers, Snohomish County Council and Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board

What is Ocean Acidification? - Dr. Terrie Klinger, UW School of Marine & Environmental Affairs and member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Food Web Implications of Ocean Acidification - Dr. Shallin Busch, NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center and member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Recommendations, Partnerships and Actions - Brad Warren, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership/National Fisheries Conservation Center and member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

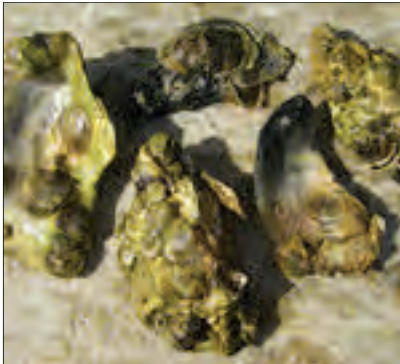
Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

6:00 PM—8:00 PM
Everett Station
Weyerhaeuser Room
3201 Smith Avenue
Everett, WA

Free & open to the public

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OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Free Seminar: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Join us to learn about ocean acidification and the strategies and actions to protect marine resources recommended by the state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification



PROGRAM

Introduction

Rosie Cayou James, Samish Indian Nation

Welcome

Ron Wesen, Skagit County Commission; Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Coordination Board

What is Ocean Acidification?

Dr. Brady Olson, Western Washington University, Shannon Point Marine Center

How Are Shellfish Coping?

Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms
Member of the WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Recommendations, Partnerships and Actions

Brad Warren, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership
Member of the WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

6:00 PM—8:00 PM
Seafarers' Memorial
Park Building
100 Commercial Ave
601 Seafarers' Way
Anacortes, WA

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FREE SEMINAR

Please join us to learn about ocean acidification and the strategies and actions to protect marine resources recommended by the state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

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OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

March 28, 2013

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bellingham Cruise Terminal
Dome Room

355 Harris Avenue, Bellingham



AGENDA

Welcome - Carl Weimer, Whatcom County Council

What is Ocean Acidification?

Dr. Brady Olson, Western WA University, Shannon Point Marine Center

Recommendations, Partnerships and Actions

Brad Warren, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

Member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Local Solutions with Relevance in the North Sound

Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund, Member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

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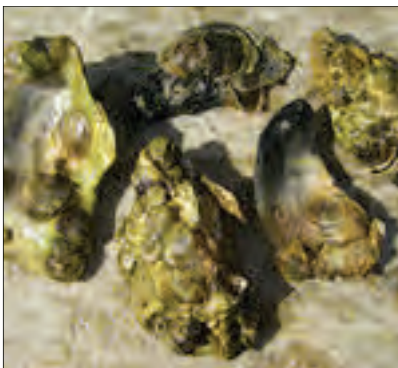
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OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Free Seminar: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Join us to learn about ocean acidification and the strategies and actions to protect marine resources recommended by the state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification



PROGRAM

What is Ocean Acidification?

Dr. Shallin Busch, NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center and member of WA Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Recommendations, Partnerships and Actions

Eric Swenson, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

Adaptation, Mitigation, and Remediation

Eric Scigliano, Reporter and author of 'Sweetening the Waters'

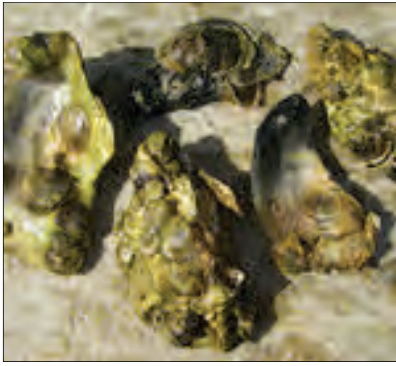
An optional tour of the Ocean Acidification Environmental Laboratory, led by Dr. Michael O'Donnell, will follow.

6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Dining Hall
Friday Harbor Labs
620 University Road
Friday Harbor, WA

Contact:
mrc@sanjuanco.com

This event is free and open to the public





OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Community Forum: Monday, April 15, 2013

Join us to learn about ocean acidification and the strategies and actions to protect marine resources recommended by the state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification



PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty

The Science of Ocean Acidification

Eric Swenson, Global Ocean Health Program

Local Impacts, Local Solutions

Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund, member of the State Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

Recommendations, Partnerships and Actions

Brad Warren, Global Ocean Health Program, member of the State Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification

6:00PM-8:00PM

**Port Angeles Senior Center
328 East 7th Street**

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This event is free and open to the public.

