

# Revisiting the Blue Ribbon Panel: Recommendations on Ocean Acidification



## Blue Ribbon Panel “Refresh” Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 17, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel • 415 Capitol Way North • Olympia, WA

**Purpose:** This meeting will convene the state’s leading ocean acidification thinkers to reevaluate and revise (as appropriate) the six focus areas of the 2012 Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations. This reevaluation will help ensure Washington state builds on the progress and collaboration over the last several years and continues strategic momentum in addressing the ongoing threat from our changing ocean chemistry.

### Objectives:

1. Hear a high-level overview of the latest scientific knowledge since 2012 that have changed our understanding of ocean acidification and that could impact efforts
2. Review at a high-level what progress has been made to date to fulfill the recommended actions in the 2012 Blue Ribbon Panel
3. Discuss and vet proposals from MRAC for what the next steps should be to fulfill the existing suite of Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions, as well as any revisions to the recommended actions, where appropriate
4. Develop consensus around priorities across the Blue Ribbon Panel’s six focus areas to guide activities around ocean acidification for the next five years

**Pre-Reading:** Please review the following documents in preparation for this meeting.

- *Ocean Acidification: From Knowledge to Action (Blue Ribbon Panel Report, 2012)*
- *State of Ocean Acidification in Washington (Marine Resources Advisory Council, 2015)*
- *Proposals from the Marine Resource Advisory Council ad hoc committees (six total)*

### Six focus areas from the 2012 Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations

1. Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide
2. Reduce local land-based contributions to ocean acidification
3. Increase the ability to adapt to and the remediate the impacts of ocean acidification
4. Invest in Washington’s ability to monitor and investigate the effects of ocean acidification
5. Inform, educate, and engage stakeholders, the public and decision-makers on ocean acidification
6. Maintain a sustainable and coordinated focus on ocean acidification

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Item	Time	Topic
1	8:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee and arrivals</b>
2	9:00 a.m.	<b>Opening statements</b> – <i>Martha Kongsgaard, Marine Resources Advisory Council</i> Welcome, meeting purpose and objectives, anticipated outcomes
3	9:15 a.m.	<b>Setting the stage</b> – <i>Jay Manning, Cascadia Law Group, Co-Chair of the 2012 Blue Ribbon Panel</i> Highlighting the importance of the 2012 Blue Ribbon Panel, the need to revisit it, and why we are here today
4	9:30 a.m.	<b>Process before arriving here today</b> – <i>Angie Thomson, EnviroIssues</i> Share how process and proposed revisions were developed, what the discussions will look like, the importance of beginning with science update
5	9:40 a.m.	<b>Advancements in our scientific understanding</b> – <i>Jan Newton and Terrie Klinger, Washington Ocean Acidification Center</i> Review the questions that drove the Blue Ribbon Panel process, share the latest scientific knowledge since 2012 that has changed our understanding of ocean acidification, and what questions still remain
6	10:00 a.m.	<b>Invest in Washington’s Ability to Monitor and Investigate the Causes and Effects of Ocean Acidification</b> – <i>Led by Libby Jewett, NOAA Ocean Acidification Program</i> Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Break (5 mins)</b>
7	11:05 a.m.	<b>Inform, Educate and Engage Stakeholders, the Public and Decision Makers in Addressing Ocean Acidification</b> – <i>Led by Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund</i> Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
	12:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>

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8	1:00 p.m.	<b>Reduce Local Land-Based Contributions to Ocean Acidification</b> – Led by Garrett Dalan, The Nature Conservancy & Washington Coast Marine Advisory Committee Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
9	2:00 p.m.	<b>Increase Our Ability to Adapt to and Remediate the Impacts of Ocean Acidification</b> – Led by Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
	3:00 p.m.	<b>Break (5 mins)</b>
10	3:05 p.m.	<b>Reduce Emissions of Carbon Dioxide</b> – Led by Chris Davis, Office of Governor Jay Inslee Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
11	4:00 p.m.	<b>Maintain a Sustainable and Coordinated Focus on Ocean Acidification</b> – Led by Martha Kongsgaard Review highlights of progress over the last five years; discuss and vet priorities in efforts over the next five years and any proposed revisions to the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended actions
12	4:20 p.m.	<b>Next steps</b> – Angie Thomson What happens with the outcomes of today’s discussions?
	4:30 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>