**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE NECAN OCEAN ACIDIFICATION STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP FOR RHODE ISLAND**

June 5, 2015

Coastal Institute Building, URI GSO

The Northeast Coastal Acidification Network (NECAN) and local partners, the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency, would like to invite you to participate in a workshop on coastal water issues having to do with Ocean and Coastal Acidification (OCA) that could affect the livelihood and future of fishing, aquaculture, and other coastal communities in Rhode Island.

The purpose of this workshop is for stakeholders to become better informed about OCA and for NECAN to gain knowledge from the stakeholders in order to develop an implementation plan for addressing OCA in the Northeast.

You are being invited as a representative of your:

* Industry as a key leader in fishing, lobstering, or shellfish harvesting
* Industry as a key leader in an aquaculture business
* Agency or organization working on water quality or marine resources

The purpose of this workshop is **to inform and learn from fishermen, aquaculturists, and coastal water quality groups regarding Ocean and Coastal Acidification.**

**Participants will:** gain an understanding of the basic science of ocean and coastal acidification science, and the impacts to marine resources and ecosystem; discuss the potential for best practices leading to adaptation; help us understand what the priorities should be for monitoring and research; and have access to reliable resources.

Date: **June 5, 2015**

Time: **9am to 4pm**

Location: **University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography Coastal Institute Building,**  218 South Ferry Rd., Narragansett RI 02882

**\*\***There is no cost to attend and pre-registration is required. To sign up, [click here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1T0f6wdsu5wBXwsHJg3RzR49uOWm02jRAh40_qqGUcy0/viewform?usp=send_form). Please note that filling out this form is not a formal reservation. We will contact you about your registration status shortly. Lunch will be provided.

The day will include an overview presentation on the state of the science of ocean and coastal acidification, presentations from local industry representatives, and breakout sessions to hear more about changes you are seeing on the water, and what NECAN should focus on moving forward.

More information about NECAN can be found at www.neracoos.org/necan.

We welcome your participation and hope you are able to attend,

Cassie Stymiest, NERACOOS

On behalf of NECAN and Partners

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