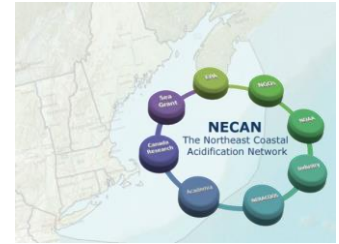


# Northeast Coastal Acidification Network (NECAN) Ocean and Coastal Acidification Stakeholder Workshop: Rhode Island Agenda

June 5, 2015

Coastal Institute Building, URI GSO

**Purpose:** To become better informed about Ocean and Coastal Acidification (OCA) and for NECAN to gain knowledge from stakeholders in order to develop an implementation plan for addressing OCA in the Northeast.



## Workshop Goal:

Participants will:

- gain a basic understanding of ocean and coastal acidification science, the impacts to marine resources and ecosystem;
- better understand the capacity at the national, regional and local levels for research;
- discuss potential for best practices leading to adaptation/mitigation;
- understand where to find reliable OCA resources; and
- be able to provide information to other stakeholders and colleagues.

## Morning Session

8:30—9:00	Coffee and Muffins
9:00—9:15	<i>Overview of the day and Introductions-</i> Jeri Weiss, EPA (Facilitator)
9:15—9:30	<i>NECAN overview and purpose of the day-</i> Cassie Stymiest, NERACOOS/NECAN
9:30—10:05	<i>What is ocean and coastal acidification? What does the science say, what don't we know, and how will it affect RI?</i> - Nathan Rebuck, Ph.D. NOAA NMFS
10:05—10:25	<i>Shellfish Growers and Harvesters– Questioning How Acidification Will Impact Shellfish</i> - Robert B. Rheault, Ph.D. Executive Director, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association
10:25—10:40	Coffee/Tea Break
10:40—11:00	<i>What are we learning from our water quality monitoring via moored buoys?</i> - Heather Stoffel, URI GSO
11:00—11:40	<i>Discussion Breakout #1</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What are your unanswered questions about OCA?</li><li>2. What are you seeing that could be related to OCA?</li><li>3. What is of most concern to you?</li></ol>
11:40—12:00p	<i>Report out and discussion</i>
12:00—1:00	Lunch

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### **Afternoon Session**

- 1:00 – 1:20      *What is our capacity for research and what is being done here in RI? – Jason Gear, Ph.D. EPA*
- 1:20 – 1:40      *What research is being done in our region that may be useful for RI? – Chris Gobler, Ph.D. Stony Brook University*
- 1:40-2:20      *Discussion Breakout #2*  
                    1. Are there other monitoring efforts we should be aware of?  
                    2. Where do we need to focus our efforts?  
                    3. What do we need to focus our efforts on?
- 2:20 – 2:35      Coffee/Tea Break
- 2:35 – 2:50      *Report out and discussion*
- 2:50–3:05      *How do we communicate and share our research results to the general public and to other scientists and managers? – Jason Gear, Ph.D. EPA*
- 3:05–3:35      *Group led discussion on communications and outreach- Jeri Weiss*  
                    1. How should we reach out and share what we have learned?  
                    2. How will you share this information?  
                    3. What is the best way to communicate with stakeholders? What is the best way for scientists and stakeholders to communicate with each other?  
                    4. What do you need from NECAN to help you share the information?
- 3:35–3:45      *Workshop Evaluation – Cassie Stymiest*
- 3:45–3:50      *Wrap up, Summary of the Day, and Next Steps – Jeri Weiss*
- 4:00              Adjourn

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