

Ocean Acidification PI Workshop 2011: Meeting goals

What's the plan?

Ocean acidification scientists affiliated with academic and federal agencies will convene in Woods Hole, MA from March 22-24, 2011 for the first ocean acidification-only science and networking meeting in the nation.

The [meeting agenda](#) is packed. Attendees will include newly funded OA researchers and investigators from disciplines not normally represented in the OA community as well as scientists already working on OA. Activities will include overview talks, synthesis discussions, breakout sessions, and plenary discussions designed to identify research commonalities, untapped resources, and collaborative opportunities that you can use today and tomorrow. Register now!

Motivation

To aid the development of the national ocean acidification research program, the OCB ocean acidification subcommittee seeks to bring the OA community together while many research projects in the U.S. are still in their early phases. We hope this will foster collaborations that will maximize all outcomes of the research: the research findings themselves, the associated education and outreach activities, data management efforts, and future research planning.

Specific meeting goals

Through this meeting, the OCB-OA subcommittee hopes to:

- 1) Strengthen scientific collaboration and minimize duplication of research effort.
- 2) Build capacity for improving OA research.
- 3) Identify short and long-term research goals.
- 4) Promote effective data management.
- 5) Enhance communication with the public.
- 6) Solicit feedback to guide future OCB-OA activities.

Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification Themes

The IWG-OA has identified seven themes guiding the national OA research plan that relate strongly to meeting activities. They include:

- 1) Monitoring ocean chemistry and biological impacts
- 2) Assessing responses to ocean acidification
- 3) Modeling forecasts of ocean carbon cycle changes and ecosystem impacts
- 4) Developing and standardizing measurements
- 5) Assessing socioeconomic impacts and conserving marine organisms and ecosystems
- 6) Promoting education, outreach, and engagement
- 7) Supporting data management, integration, and synthesis

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