



## Marine Resources Advisory Council Long-range Vision

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In 2012, the Washington State Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification recommended 42 actions establishing a comprehensive strategy for addressing ocean acidification in Washington. The Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) was created to advance implementation of these recommended actions. In coming years, the MRAC will work to ensure on-the-ground implementation of the Panel's comprehensive strategy. Key tasks and products are outlined below.

### EVALUATE

The MRAC will review implementation of the Washington State Blue Ribbon Panel actions, and will:

- Track and document implementation progress
- Identify and document near-term priority actions
- Ensure all actions are implemented within a designated timeline

**MRAC PRODUCT:** Annual Ocean Acidification Status Report provided to the Governor's Office and state legislature

### COORDINATE

The MRAC will coordinate ocean acidification activities within Washington State, and will:

- Maintain a comprehensive understanding of activities across ocean acidification players, including federal, state, and local agencies
- Identify opportunities and leverage connections for greater collaboration of policy, science, and adaptation implementation across state, regional, and national efforts on ocean acidification
- Ensure alignment and efficiency in funding requests
- Advise and work with the Washington Ocean Acidification Center at the UW

**MRAC PRODUCT:** Annual budget requests related to ocean acidification

### ADVOCATE

The MRAC will advocate for funding and policy provisions to advance the Blue Ribbon Panel actions, and will:

- Recommend policies and adaptation strategies based on science
- Pursue and/or identify federal and private funding sources
- Advocate for funding and policy priorities to the Governor's Office and state legislators
- Work to maintain ocean acidification as a key issue at the forefront of natural resource policy and management dialogues

**MRAC PRODUCT:** Annual legislative, funding, and communications strategies

### COMMUNICATE

The MRAC will increase the visibility and understanding of ocean acidification, and will:

- Support public education and awareness of ocean acidification and its impacts
- Facilitate science and policy knowledge sharing