

2015 West Coast Harmful Algal Blooms: Toxic, Extensive, and Persistent

Friday, November 6, 2015 | 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Cannon House Office Building | Room 121

Honorary Host – Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)

Starting in May 2015, a massive toxic bloom of the marine diatom *Pseudo-nitzschia* hit the west coast from central California to Alaska. It resulted in fisheries closures and sea lion seizures, with some of the highest bloom-related toxin levels ever reported. NOAA has been working with federal, state, tribal, academic, and other partners to respond to and understand the harmful algal bloom (HAB). Speakers will describe impacts to state and tribal commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries, the communities that depend on the fisheries, and marine mammals. The panel will also share emerging information about the implications and possible causes of this year's HAB. The briefing is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Integrated Ocean Observing System Association.

Welcome

Sarah Round, Legislative Staff for Representative Suzanne Bonamici
Mary Erickson, Director for NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science

Featured Speakers

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Raphael Kudela, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz
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