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Federal OA policy takes big steps forward

Once the Fiscal Year 2019 budget was finalized, the NOAA Ocean Acidification Program actually received a budget increase to \$12M. Thank you for speaking in favor of funding this program! Click the photo above to read more about how other NOAA programs fared.

ocean acidification and climate change. In April, four ocean acidification bills were introduced and passed a milestone when the House Science Subcommittee on the Environment voted to move these pieces of legislation to the full committee for consideration. For more on the bills, click below.

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State attention to OA

A recently introduced Oregon state bill would provide nearly \$2 million in strategic investments to monitor, study and communicate ocean acidification, hypoxia and warming impacts. In Maine, a bill was introduced to create an ocean-climate advisory council.

[New Ocean Conservancy report regarding Florida's oceans](#)

Ocean Conservancy identified nine of the greatest threats to Florida, including acidification, in a new report entitled “Currents and Crossroads: A Vision for Florida’s Ocean and Coasts”.

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Ocean climate science in the news

Gloomy ocean news proved popular this quarter. As measured by our news tracking software, one of the most viewed ocean climate science stories this quarter discussed the ocean’s role in soaking up carbon dioxide, helping the Earth out on warming, but causing ocean acidification. Click below to read more.

The other extra-popular story covered how warming oceans are causing fishery migration and decline worldwide. Click the fish photo above to read more.

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Elsewhere in the world...

The Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network (GOA-ON) held its 4th International Workshop in China for scientists to discuss the impacts of acidification and multi-stressors on ecosystems, forecasting abilities and capacity development, among other topics. For more, click below.

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73% of Americans now say global warming is happening and that they are personally affected, especially along the coasts, according to a national TV news [story with ocean expert Dr. Ayana Johnson](#).

Queen Quet of the Gullah/Geechee Nation appeared on [NowThis News](#) to discuss how ocean climate change and cultural heritage are interrelated.

The Makah Tribe's 2015 ocean acidification adaptation work has [led to a broader adaptation effort](#) driven by data and community engagement.

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