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**Tuesday Dec 2, 9am-6pm, Anchorage Marriott**

This workshop aims to bring concerned and/or interested individuals together to hear the latest research, policy implications, community perspectives, and potential impacts along Alaska’s coast and oceans. Talks and presentations will run from 9-4 and a reception will follow from 4-6.

We know that Alaska is experiencing a rapid and severe onset of OA relative to many other coastal regions. Studies also show that Alaskan coastal communities have varying degrees of vulnerability to OA, ranging from moderate to severe, with the most vulnerable located in regions where fisheries are primary economic drivers of local economies. Partners across the state have taken great strides to implement the current monitoring system in place; but state funding is set to expire in 2015. Now is the pivotal time to engage with a growing number of Alaskans interested in how we can make informed decisions about OA.  We hope that you will be able to join us.

9-9:10 Welcome – **Molly McCammon**

9:10- 9:30 Policy context – Legislators invited

9:30-10 Key note connecting OA and Alaska fisheries – **Brad Warren**

10-10:30 Second Key Note: From pteropods to the national program – **Shallan Bush**

10:30-11   [coffee break]

11-11:30 AK context/history of state funding – **Jeremy Mathis**

11:30-12 Biological impacts and research – **Bob Foy** and **Tom Hurst**

12-12:30 Economic impacts to commercial fisheries and subsistence harvest – Steve Colt

12:30-1:30   [lunch] Communicating OA

1:30-2 Coastal OA amplifiers: glacial melt – **Wiley Evans**

2-2:30 Focus on fisheries of the Eastern Bering Sea – **Jessica Cross**

2:30-3 Community Perceptions of OA – **Lauren Frisch**

3-3:30 Community Roundtables- **Rachel Donkersloot**, AMCC

3:30-4 Learning from Washington Blue Ribbon Panel - **Bill Dewy**

Wrap up and next steps

**Wednesday Dec 3, 8am-noon**

The next day, AOOS will host a conversation with stakeholders at their downtown office. One topic for discussion will be defining stakeholder needs for OA monitoring and research across the state. This session is by invitation only, but we realize that we may not have everyone on the invite list that should be there! So, if you are interested in attending please contact Ellen at tyler@aoos.org. We will focus on specific research applications:

* On the bench (brief summary of the biological and physiological lab work being conducted in Kodiak and Seward);
* In the field (focus on opportunistic sampling in addition to the moorings); and
* Real-time info for management (Samantha's forecast model, the shellfish hatchery)

Costs and benefits for various research options will be debated, and input from data providers and information users is welcome.