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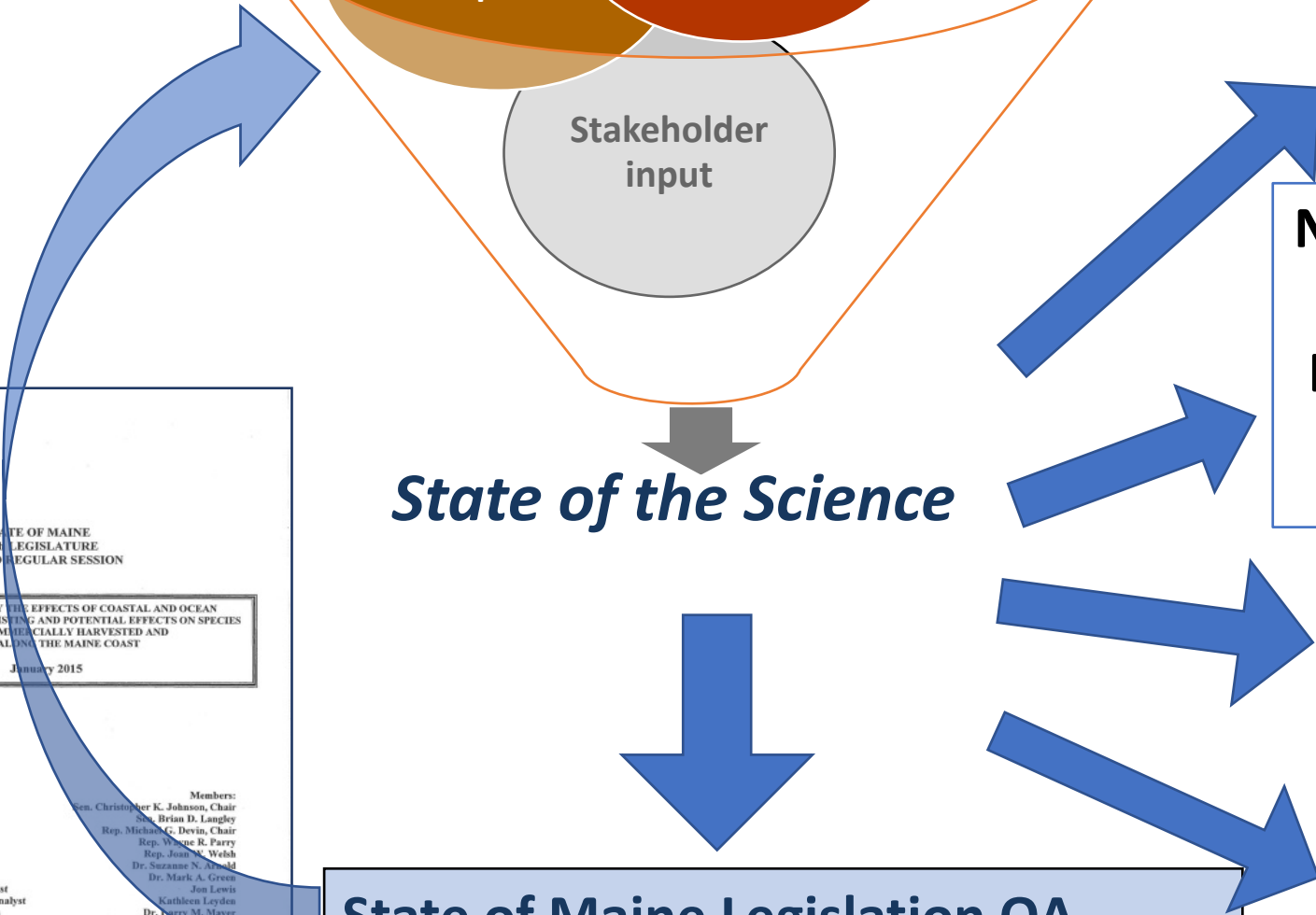
**State of Maine Legislation OA
 Commission 2014 and Report 2015
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RI OA Commission
 Passed 2016
 Rep. John G. Edwards

**NH Coastal Marine Natural
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 Passed 2017
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NY OA Commission
 Passed Aug 2018
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MA OA Commission
 Passed Oct 2018
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2014, 126th Maine Legislature – Study Commission

Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and Its Existing and Potential Effects on Species That Are Commercially Harvested and Grown Along the Maine Coast

- First meeting - August 2014
- Final Commission Report with recommendations- January 2015
- **Six Goals**– and a recommendation for an OCA Council to continue the work
- Let's Get to Work!



January 2015

Commission sunsets and final Commission report with recommendations released, including a recommendation for an OCA Council to keep a sustained/coordinated focus on OCA

LD 493 introduced to create OCA Council to carry out recommendations of the Commission– legislation failed to garner State support due to lack of staffing and funding (Mick Devin)

**Maine Ocean and Coastal Acidification(MOCA) Partnership
Formed March 14, 2016
UMaine Darling Marine Center**



Maine Events before and after OA Commission

- ME Stakeholder OCA Workshop– December 2014, Darling Marine Center, (NECAN)
- Ocean Acidification Vulnerability– January 2014, Maine Maritime Museum, (Island Institute)
- ME Fishermen’s Forums, 2013, 2014, & 2016 (Maine Sea Grant +)
- Maine OA Google Group formed (Island Inst.)
- Casco Bay Nutrient Workshop, May 2016, (CBEP & NECAN)
- ME Citizen Science Monitoring Wkshp, May2018 (NECAN)

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Ocean Acidification A Global Issue Gets Local

by Catherine Schmitt

The changing chemistry of the ocean threatens the state's most important fisheries. Yet ocean acidification seems diffuse and global, too overwhelming for any one person, or fisherman, to do much about. But, in fact, there's a lot of things people in Maine can do to address the problem, according to participants in a workshop hosted by the Northeast Coastal Acidification Network at the Darling Marine Center in December.



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- Eastport Breakwater Collapse



MOCA Partnership Symposia



The Maine Ocean and
Coastal Acidification
Partnership

- Stakeholder Meeting-development of MOCA, Darling Ctr., March 2016
- Current Research and Revisit Commission Recommendations, USM, Portland, June 2016
- Remediation Strategies and Policy– State House, Augusta, November 2016
- MOCA Webinar Update, May 2017
- Winter Science Meeting, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, December 2017
- Ocean Acidification and Lobster Research, Bowdoin College, June 2018
- Policy Implications and Moving Forward, State House, Augusta, November 2018

Maine Ocean and Coastal Acidification Partnership (MOCA)

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Website developed

Purpose

This volunteer partnership formed in March 2016 seeks (1) to implement recommendations of the Ocean Acidification Study Commission authorized by the 126th Legislature, as set forth in the [study commission's report](#) and (2) to coordinate the work of governmental agencies and private organizations and citizens who are studying and implementing means to reduce the impacts of or help adapt to ocean and coastal acidification.

MOCA Functions

- To provide a forum for coordinating OCA research and policy efforts
- To communicate ME OCA work to those interested in MOCA
- To provide support regarding regulatory approach to agencies and to legislators
- To inform elected officials
- To provide updates on OCA work in the state and elsewhere as it pertains to ME via webinars, seminars and meetings
- To work on coordinating monitoring, research, and policy through committees
- To hold regular meetings in order to: Provide updates on OCA activities, Track progress on MOCA goals, Plan MOCA in-person meetings and webinars, Communicate opportunities (such as RFPs and scientific meeting sessions), and Discuss emerging and changing priorities in the state relevant to OCA



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MOCA Represents:

- Lobstermen
- Aquaculture
- Legislators
- State Agencies
- Researchers
- Nonprofits
- Educators

