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## Olympic Coast Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site Community-At-Large Seat Recruitment

The Olympic Coast Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site (OASES) is in the process of **filling one (1) Community-at-large position** on the OASES Steering Committee. Applications for OASES Steering Committee membership will be accepted through: **April 10, 2026**

The Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site on the Olympic Coast of Washington state focuses on ocean acidification (OA) related science, policy, and education/outreach coordination and collaboration. The Sentinel Site works to inform resource managers and coastal communities by telling the story of OA and its impacts on Washington coastal marine resources, coastal cultures, communities, and economies. OASES works to ensure that the Olympic Coast is well prepared for changing ocean conditions.

Sentinel Sites are stations to keep watch; locations where coordinated observations and applied science by federal, tribal, state, academic, and community members enable early detection of ecosystem change in response to human or natural disturbance. [Sentinel Site](#) status promotes synergy by attracting, aligning, and amplifying capabilities for research, education, and outreach in order to raise awareness and inform our response to pressing environmental issues.

This role will serve as a conduit to aid in the flow of information into the Olympic Coast communities from OASES and share information with OASES from the communities' perspective. We are seeking community members (18 years and older) from counties within OASES' geographic focus (Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties). The Community-at-large representative(s) will serve for two (2) years. There is no limit on terms, but at the end of two years a new recruitment process will be initiated. The OASES Steering Committee meets quarterly (4 times a year) for 3-hours, generally virtually with one in person meeting annually. OASES has several subcommittees that the selected representative could join. Subcommittees meet ad hoc to work on various priorities that typically meet virtually quarterly for up to 2 hours. We anticipate a minimum time commitment of 20 hours annually for this seat. OASES hosts a biennial symposium on the Washington coast in the late spring every even year that typically runs 2 full days. The next Symposium will likely be in May 2026.

As part of your application, please include the following:

- Name and contact information (address, phone, email address);

- County in which you reside;
- Describe your experience or knowledge regarding community involvement and your ability to communicate with members in communities on the Olympic Coast and to share community interests and perspectives with OASeS;
- Your interest in serving on the OASeS Steering Committee;
- Your ability to join OASeS meetings and any potential interest to serve on relevant subcommittees (management, science and monitoring, education and outreach);
- Your access to internet or a phone to join virtual meetings

Please contact Katie Wrubel at 360-406-2081 or [katie.wrubel@noaa.gov](mailto:katie.wrubel@noaa.gov) if you have any questions about this recruitment process.

Please direct your application by **Friday, April 10, 2026** to Katie Wrubel either electronically ([katie.wrubel@noaa.gov](mailto:katie.wrubel@noaa.gov)) or mailed to Attn: Katie Wrubel, 115 East Railroad Ave, Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Applications will be reviewed by the OASeS Steering Committee. All applicants will be notified once the process is completed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Micah Horwith  
OASeS Chair