



COMMUNICATING OCEAN SCIENCES WORKSHOP

January 23, 2017 | 8am - 12pm
Hotel Captain Cook | Ballroom

Agenda

- 8:00 - 8:15am Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks by Dr. Betsy Baker, Executive Director, NPRB
- 8:15 - 9:15am Opening Presentations - Ballroom Fore Deck
- 9:15 - 9:30am Break
- 9:30 - 10:15am Break-out Group #1 - Breakout Rooms (see below)
- 10:15 - 10:30am Break
- 10:30 - 11:15am Break-out Group #2
- 11:15 - 11:25am Break
- 11:25 - 11:45am Closing Remarks & Announcement of 2016 Alaska Science Outreach Award
- 11:45 - 12:00pm Wrap-up & Evaluation

Opening Presentations & Break-out Sessions

- Outreach and Education about Climate Change Impacts on the Ocean**
Meg Chadsey
Resolution Room
A rapidly-changing ocean environment poses communication and teaching challenges. This session will provide you with tips, hands-on demonstrations, and resources related to the impacts of rising ocean temperatures, changes in ocean conditions, and ocean acidification on marine food webs.
- Working with People: Building Community Resilience Through Engagement & Collaboration**
Davin Holen, Syverine Abrahamson, Leanna Hefner, AND Aaron Poe
Easter Island Room
Community engagement and collaboration is becoming a more common component of research in Alaska. When organizing a meeting to get community members, agencies, and researchers together, the common question is what type of meeting should take place and who should be invited. This workshop will provide an introduction to working with people, determining what type of meeting to hold, and how to engage stakeholders to provide maximum benefit.
- Connecting Scientists, Educators, and Communities: Utilizing Science Festivals and School Events**
Lisa Hiruki-Raring AND Lauren Divine
Voyager Room
Community and school science festivals provide opportunities where scientists can maximize their contact with both students and community members through "Scientist in the Schools" programs and public lectures. Sitka Whalefest and Bering Sea Days are two examples of the multi-faceted reach of these types of events. Join us for a brainstorm session on best practices for involving scientists, schools, and communities in science festivals or events, and help us create an Alaska-wide list of science festivals and school/community contacts.
- Scientist-Educator Partnerships: What Works**
Mark Van Arsdale, Veronica Padula, AND Bonita Nelson
Quadrant Room
Join this interactive session to discuss how teachers and scientists can partner to bring scientists into K-12 classrooms, either in-person or virtually with the use of communications technology. The presenters will share their perspectives as a teacher or scientist about overcoming barriers to classroom visits and partnerships, how teachers and scientists can find the right match, and how to prepare for the visits.
- Bringing Research to Policy Makers**
Mike Fleagle, Sally Cox, AND Molly McCammon
Ballroom Fore Deck
Policymakers and advocates agree that using evidence to inform decisions is essential for good policymaking and program design. Both policy makers and the people who communicate with them regularly will be on hand to provide guidelines and discuss approaches.



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