

# ASSESSING VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE IN WEST COAST SHELLFISH HARVESTING COMMUNITIES

What strategies might improve the capacity of shellfish harvesters to adapt to change?

## Summary:

This project assesses if and how shellfish farms and shellfish-reliant communities in Oregon and California are being affected by ocean acidification and other environmental stressors, and seeks to identify what these community groups are doing to respond and adapt to these changes and their associated impacts.

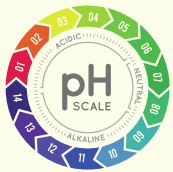
## Questions:



What are the key stressors affecting shellfish communities?



What are adaptation strategies?



Assemble existing data on oceanographic changes

## Methods:



Interview shellfish harvesters and natural resource managers

## Implications:

Amplifying the voices of harvesters experiencing environmental change and understanding how they might adapt can direct future policy avenues to support and facilitate adaptation and reduce vulnerability.

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