

# West Coast Regional Harmful Algal Bloom Summit Public Session



*YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING WHERE NATIONAL EXPERTS WILL DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS (HABS) ON COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS TO LESSEN THE IMPACT OF HABS ON THE WEST COAST. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED.*

*The problem:* HABS have had significant impacts on the California, Oregon, and Washington coastal communities for decades. These problems are widespread and often extend beyond state boundaries.

- HABS close beaches to recreational razor clam harvesting
- HABS make Dungeness crabs too toxic to eat
- HABS close mussel and oyster beds to recreational and commercial harvesting
- HABS cause the death of sea otters, dolphins, sea lions and pelicans

*When:* February 12, 2009 from 5 - 7p.m.

*Where:* Portland, Oregon; Portland Marriot Downtown Waterfront

*Why:* The public session culminates a three-day West Coast Regional Harmful Algal Bloom Summit and is open to the press and public. The public will hear plans for the development of a HAB Monitoring, Alert and Response Network and a West Coast Regional HAB Forecasting System.

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For more information on the Summit visit : [http://www.cop.noaa.gov/west\\_coast\\_summit](http://www.cop.noaa.gov/west_coast_summit)

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