



## **Participants Are Needed for an Online Activity about Climate Change on Oregon Coast**

Researchers at the University of Washington and Oregon State University are seeking volunteers in Oregon communities to take part in a unique online research project. Help us evaluate an innovative new website where you can:

- Learn about one another's concerns about climate change on the Oregon coast
- Synthesize your concerns with those of others
- Develop indicators to help measure conditions related to those concerns
- See your indicators matched to data from the Oregon Coastal Atlas and other sources as appropriate, then turned into climate change "vulnerability maps"

**Voicing Climate Concerns** is an Internet-based tool ([www.climateconcerns.org](http://www.climateconcerns.org)) designed to help people understand each other's concerns about the impacts of climate change on the Oregon coast. In a series of steps starting September 21, 2009, taking a total of roughly five hours across five weeks, participants will contribute and then help synthesize each other's concerns in an online facilitated process that will lead to the collaborative selection of a set of indicators. Indicators are measurements that most people can understand. The indicators will then be used by analysts to identify map datasets within the Oregon Coastal Atlas and from other data sources.

In a follow-up Internet-based activity, approximately two months later, the indicator-based datasets will be made available as maps that can be used by project participants to explore/discuss how coastal communities might be vulnerable to climate change impacts. Such maps might be used to inform community-wide discussions about climate change.

Participate at your own convenience wherever you have access to the Internet. No experience with coastal planning or prior knowledge about climate change on the Oregon coast is necessary. To register for this activity and/or learn more please visit:

**[www.climateconcerns.org](http://www.climateconcerns.org)**

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