

Ocean Acidification



of all atmospheric CO2 is absorbed by the ocean

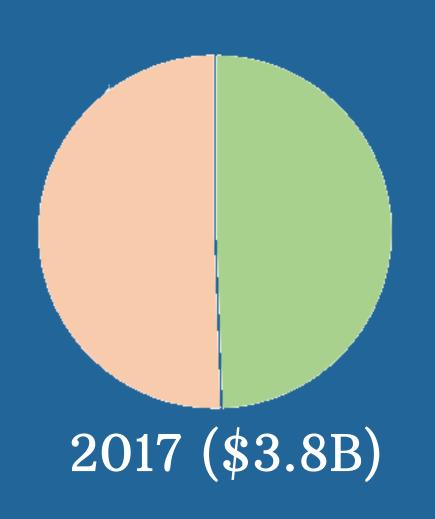
1988: 330.8 μatm

pCO2 levels have increased 12.1% since 1988

2017: 376.2 μatm

Shellfish Caught in Canada

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Other fish
1994 (\$1.74B)



jobs in Canada's shell-fishing industry are at risk!



While we know we are putting our \$3.8B/yr industry at risk, we do not know the effects ocean acidification will have on the ocean food web or the rest of the world.

Organisms require free carbonate in order to build their shells. Without enough carbonate, species are at risk

1988: 246.9 ppm









Carbonate levels have decreased 10% since 1988