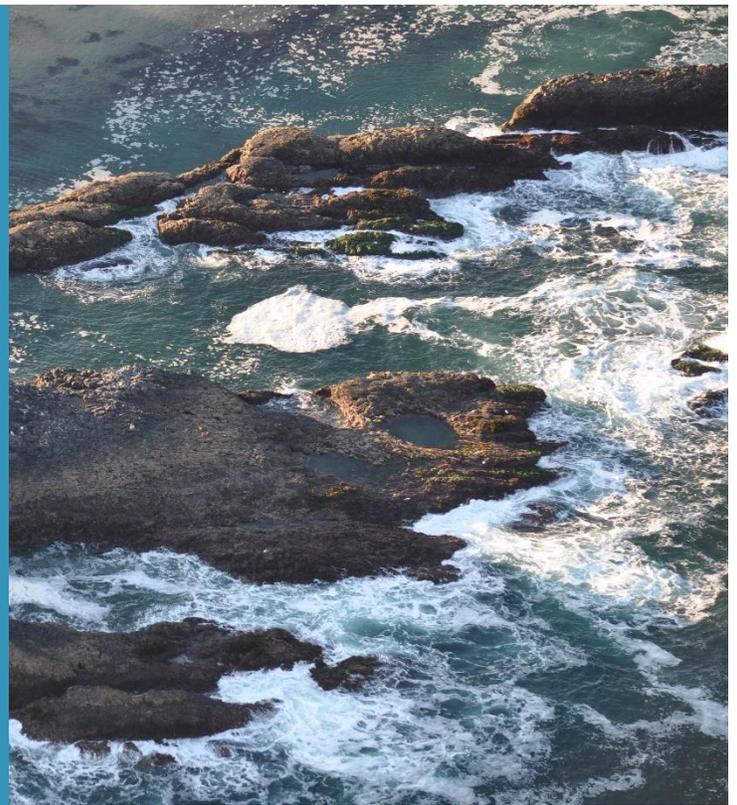


MANAGING OUR ROCKY COAST

INITIAL SITE DESIGNATION
PROPOSAL PROCESS

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WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The State of Oregon invites all members of the public including individuals, organizations, academic institutions/researchers, and governments to engage in the rocky habitat site designation process, beginning June 1, 2020! Interested individuals and organizations can now submit proposals for **additions, removals, and alterations** to rocky habitat site management designations. This initial pilot phase of the designation process will run through December 31, 2020.

WHY IS IT HAPPENING NOW?

This opportunity is part of the update to Oregon's Rocky Habitat Management Strategy (see inset), which aims to sustain and support the use and health of coastal rocky habitat resources. The plan was first adopted in 1994, with little alteration since. We have learned a lot about rocky habitats since then and this update is the opportunity to include new information and data on ecology and human use in rocky environments.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR AN AREA TO BE 'DESIGNATED'?

The Rocky Habitat Management Strategy recognizes special rocky habitat areas along the coast in need of site-specific management using *designations*. These designations outline recommended goals and management based on the best available information. The public now has an opportunity to propose designation changes during the initial proposal period OPEN NOW from June 1 – December 31, 2020.

THE ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

PHASE 1

COMPLETED

Determine public interests and priorities in rocky habitats. Update the coastwide strategy and incorporate public interests.

PHASE 2

COMPLETED

30-day public comment period on the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. Development of the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool to collect community proposals for site designations.

PHASE 3

STARTING NOW

Review and incorporate accepted community proposals into the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. Update the Rocky Habitat Communication Strategy.

THE SITE DESIGNATION PROCESS



USING SCIENCE

The Rocky Habitat natural resource inventory is being updated with the best available data and information. It is now available to the public through our new [Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool](http://Oregon.SeaSketch.org) (<http://Oregon.SeaSketch.org>).



COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Using the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool, interested parties can create and submit proposals outlining desired changes to rocky habitat site designations. These may include site **alterations, additions, or removals.**



UPDATING THE STRATEGY

Proposals will be reviewed by the Rocky Habitat Working Group, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, and the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Accepted proposals will be incorporated into the Strategy!

CREATING YOUR PROPOSAL

- Rocky habitat sites are eligible for one of three management designations (right).
- Goals, regulations, and management practices differ for each designation category.
- Be sure to review the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy for complete information.

Management Designation Categories

Marine Research Area

Marine Garden (Marine Education Area)

Marine Conservation Area

Using the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool, follow these basic steps to create your proposal:

STEP 1: Gather data and information about your site.

STEP 2: Draw and evaluate your site.

STEP 3: Collaborate and share your plans with others.

STEP 4: Answer the questions on the proposal template form and submit!

1. A satellite map showing a rocky area with a yellow polygon drawn around it. The map includes a 'Data Layers' panel on the right with various layers like 'Intertidal Area for Rocky Shore Si', 'National ESI Shoreline', and 'Geology'.

2. The same map with a yellow polygon, and a 'Create a new Designated Area' form on the right. The form includes fields for 'Name' (Haystack Rock), 'Site Designation Type' (Marine Garden (Marine Education Area)), and 'Notes'.

3. A 'Participate' forum interface showing a post by Michael Moses: 'Here is the plan I drew to designate Haystack Rock as a Marine Garden. Let me know what you think.' The post includes a map thumbnail and a 'Haystack Rock' plan.

4. The 'Site Information' form with fields for 'Name of Proposed Site' (Haystack Rock), 'Site Location' (This location is in the intertidal zone on the beach west of Cannon Beach), and 'General Site Description' (The site is characterized by Haystack Rock, a large basalt monolith, as well as several smaller rocks including The Needles. The rock is accessible by foot during low tide, revealing many boulders and rock formations. Nesting shorebirds occupy the top of Haystack Rock and several others as well).

Visit www.OregonOcean.info for additional information including a [user guide](#) and [video demonstration](#).

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