

JUDITH JOHNSON LETTER OF SUPPORT

To SEA - the Dedicated Shoreline Defenders,

I heartily support your intention to protect Coquille Point's Elephant Rock area via a special designation as a Marine Garden.

Bandon is seeing unusual growth with lots of folks moving to the area and a surge of tourist visits. The word is out that Bandon is a special place and that our beach in Bandon is a must see.

We therefore need to provide extra protection to this biologically rich and vibrant spot. Part of the appeal of Coquille Point is that marine life can be seen up close by beach walkers. But this also can result in misuse and harm, especially during the pupping and nesting season. While SEA and USFWL volunteers already provide protection, additional signage, publicity and onsite docents would increase public enjoyment and help educate visitors about the fragile community of organisms that live in and on the tidepools and rocks of Coquille Point.

Thank you for the effort you have been devoting to Coquille Point for the past 30 years. With a Marine Garden designation, we can further protect it for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Judith Jackson
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