



**OPAC TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN
ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
FOGARTY CREEK MCA - FURTHER EVALUATION WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

April 27, 2022, 8:30 AM Pacific Time

REMOTE MEETING ONLY – See below for remote connection details.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The Fogarty Creek Further Evaluation Workshop was an opportunity to discuss the rocky habitat proposal identified by OPAC for further evaluation. The workshop provided an opportunity for the entity who proposed the site to have discussions around and work through considerations identified in the Rocky Habitat Working Group proposal evaluation process. The workshop was structured to:

- Allow the proposer to present modifications of their site proposals to the management agencies
- To identify whether the site proposal as configured is a concern to management agencies who would be required to implement new rules or regulations.
- To help prepare proponents for the opportunity to present their proposals to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) in 2022.

MEETING LOGISTICS

Date & Time: April 27, 2022, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Workshop Participants: Fran Recht, Andy Lanier – DLCD, Michael Moses – DLCD, Laurel Hillmann – OPRD, Jered Mangini- OPRD, David Fox – ODFW, Guy Rodrigue – OPRD, Blake Helm - DSL, Shawn Stephensen – USFWS

Members of the Public: Charlie Plybon – Oregon Surfrider, Joe Liebezeit, Peggy Joyce, Margaret Corvi – CTCLUSI, Jamie Fereday, Dick VanderSchaaf,

Meeting Video Link: <https://youtu.be/wF04982lqms>

Proposal Presentation: <https://youtu.be/wF04982lqms?t=876>

Wrap-up summary of the discussion: <https://youtu.be/wF04982lqms?t=8561>

Public Comment: <https://youtu.be/wF04982lqms?t=9290>

PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS:

Proposer agreed to not include the recommended regulation of fishing from shore. This can alleviate some of the concerns associated with impacting a community of practice that is already established at the site.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The discussion was centered on the following considerations (which were recommendations for implementation of this site):

- **Site management with respect to goals, harvest restrictions, and use:**

The resulting recommendation is somewhat complex if fishing from shore is allowed but not from a watercraft. This could be overcome through rulemaking but will require additional efforts by ODFW in the rulemaking process.

This is already a high-use site. A designation could draw additional people to the area. OPRD remains concerned about limiting access at this site, specifically from an equity of access in the central coast region.

Safety concerns associated with closing this area for harvest access, causing people to look for harvest opportunities at more dangerous locations.

Equity of access for invert and algae harvest in the central coast region – the proposal is to close this area to invertebrate and algae harvest, and it is currently one of the few places on the coast where there is relatively easy access to be able to harvest small amounts of marine vegetation or invertebrates.

The proposer has the desire to maintain the site in a state of high biodiversity and to understand whether the diversity of algae in the area can impact the resilience of the system to the impacts of ocean acidification.

- **Enforcement Concerns:**

Some areas of the site are not visible to easily accessed observation points for the purpose of rules enforcement. Consultation with the State Police is necessary to understand whether they have concerns based upon the proposed boundaries.

The group agreed that DLCD should work with the Oregon State Police regarding enforcement of this proposed designation.

- **Marine Reserves Perception:**

The site is so small that it is not a significant concern to changing fishing access, and the fact that the boundaries of the site are limited to the shallow subtidal also reduces the concern. Additionally, the change in design to allow fishing from shore should eliminate the perception of it being a Marine Reserve.

Additional stakeholder engagement was conducted, with letters of support from local chambers of commerce, additional outreach needs (Port of Depoe Bay, or with charter boat communities out of Depoe Bay).

- **Site Boundary change, and the issue of overlapping boundaries of the proposed area and the existing marine research area:**

This needs further clarification of the proposed boundaries by the proposing entity.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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