

Site Name:	Chapman Point		
Proposal Type:	New	Designation Type:	MEA
Proposer:	North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition		
Links:	Chapman Seasketch Link (better image)		



Site Specific Goals: The goals are twofold. **1.** To preserve and strengthen ecological integrity including existing marine life, fish, seabird and shorebird nesting areas for long term sustainability. **2.** To provide an opportunity for public outreach/education to help achieve the first goal and to educate members of the public that are walking north toward Ecola Point.

Site Location: 0.11 miles north of the tip of Chapman Pt to 0.12 miles south of the tip of Chapman Pt, and extending from the statutory vegetation line out to approximately 0.23 miles west into the ocean from the tip of Chapman Pt. The southern boundary lines up with the West 7th Street beach access. Chapman Point is adjacent to Ecola Point.

Key Natural Resources: This site hosts at least two dozen bird colonies of high importance, numerous black oystercatcher nests, is a resting place for harbor seal pups and adults, and has truly incredible rocky intertidal diversity, marine invertebrates and plants. Large boulders full of life dot the beach and caves lie at the bottom of the cliffs.

Stakeholder Outreach: Two years of outreach in multiple formats (in person meetings, letters, webinars, public meetings, presentations) to the local community has resulted in enthusiastic support from the City of Cannon Beach Police Department, Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP), Friends of Haystack Rock (FOHRAP) the North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC), and Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition (OSCC). Changes from the 2020 proposal reflect the group's facilitation, cooperation and coordination among nearby coastal conservation groups and state and federal agencies to ensure that marine resources and habitats are holistically managed. Tribes expressed and reiterated that they wanted to be engaged in outreach efforts as projects developed.

Management Overview: The North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition has been monitoring the area's wildlife and providing peer to peer education for two years at Chapman Point during low tides in summer and fall months, resulting in greater public awareness of state park rules such as a new administrative rule that went into effect in March 2022 that prohibits recreationalists from taking home sea stars. This demonstrated activity, and the support from the Cannon Beach community encouraged the decision to propose this recommendation rather than new regulations, to meet site goals.

Non-Regulatory Management Recommendations:

- Build upon existing North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition to continue monitoring black oystercatcher nests and cormorants, begin sea star surveys in cooperation with PISCO and marine debris surveys in cooperation with CoastWatch and NOAA
- With documented support from HRAP, FOHRAP, NCLC and OSCC, create a schedule of volunteers and tools for educational outreach
- Partner with Oregon State Parks (OPRD) to add to and/or update and maintain informational signs at the 7th street entry area
- Work with OPRD to create messaging and talking points to the public
- Invite beach rangers to meet volunteers on the beach once per season

Regulatory Management Recommendations:

Fish Harvest		Marine Plants	
Commercial	No additional site-based fish harvest regulations beyond baseline ODFW regs (status quo)	Commercial	No harvest (scientific permit only) - intertidal only
Recreational	No additional site-based fish harvest regulations beyond baseline ODFW regs (status quo)	Recreational	No harvest (scientific permit only) - intertidal only
Invertebrate Harvest		Other	
Commercial:	Status quo no harvest (scientific research permit only)	Boats: Retracted recommendation for 500' buffer Dogs: Retracted regulatory recommendation. Shift to non-regulatory outreach only	
Recreational:	No harvest in all categories except for single mussels for bait (everything else scientific research permit only) intertidal only	Climbing on rocks/trampling: Retracted regulatory recommendation. Shift to non-regulatory outreach only (existing rules)	

**Rule change required*

Access and harvest by members of Federally recognized Tribal Nations are unaffected.

Summary Statement : Together, with cooperative planning and regular discussions, a shared goal emerged to safeguard Chapman Point rocky habitat with a designation of Marine Education Area (MEA) instead of an MCA, as it was first proposed in 2020. After careful consideration, the MEA designation would be more appropriate for this location. Chapman Point is an entry point to Ecola Point during low tide, making it a fitting place to intersect with members of the public and provide important etiquette tips to minimize wildlife disturbance as they head toward Ecola Point, one of the most special and pristine natural places on the north Oregon coast. Site stewardship and public education would be focused at the point itself, with roving volunteers at low tides.