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Our mission is to encourage residents and visitors to protect and enjoy the native birds, other wildlife, and habitats found on the Central Oregon Coast.

## Serving Lincoln and Tillamook Counties since 2006

### IN THE NEWS

**Thursday, March 5, 6:30pm**

**MidCoast Watersheds Council ~ Ridgetop to Reef series.** Learn why conservation and restoration of Pacific Northwest tidal wetlands is of global significance [More info...](#)

**Friday, March 13, 9-11am**

**Lincoln City Bird Walk ~ Spring Lake Open Space.** This beautiful, peaceful lake is located in Lincoln City off 14th St. Join us as we walk through woods along the lake and up to hilly meadows. [More info...](#)

**Saturday, March 14, 9-11am**

**ASLC Second Saturday Bird Walk ~ Tillamook Raptor Survey.** Join us for this unique driving tour to survey hawks, eagles, and other raptors in and around Tillamook. [More info...](#)

### TAKE ACTION!

#### TAKE ACTION to protect our rocky coastal habitats.

Thanks to strong requests from coastal residents like you, Oregon will soon be empowering communities to propose lasting protections for the coast. The draft Rocky Habitat Management Strategy is now available for public comment. Read about it on our website and at the link below and submit your comments! [More info...](#)

#### TAKE ACTION to protect Seabirds!

Today, there are three hundred million fewer seabirds in the world than there were in 1950, a population decline of seventy percent. These magnificent birds such as Atlantic Puffins, Least Terns, and Black Skimmers rely on fish as their primary food source, but they often can't find enough to eat. A new bill in Congress would help these essential fish populations to rebound and become more stable for the seabirds and other marine wildlife, people, and economies that depend on them. [Ask your U.S. Representative to support the Forage Fish Conservation Act!](#)

#### How to Contact Your Elected Officials.

Find out who your Federal, State, and local officials are and obtain their contact information. [More info...](#)

### Oregon's Rocky Coast Belongs to You!

The Oregon coast is one of the state's most valuable natural resources. It draws hundreds of thousands of visitors who explore tide pools, fish, surf, paint, take photos, walk on the beach, fly a kite, or take in a sunset. The majestic cliffs and offshore rocks provide habitat for more than 1 million seabirds. Submerged reefs and kelp forests produce food and refuge for a wide variety of fish and other marine wildlife. This environment is a spectacular living laboratory for students and scientists.



*Boiler Bay at low tide, photo by dawn villaescusa*

### What is Rocky Habitat?

Rocky habitat consists of outcrops or deposits of [rocky] materials either along the shoreline or in submerged areas. The individual rock structures or fragments within a rocky habitat area are often interspersed with gravel or sediment and overlain with biogenic habitat features. This creates a complex mix of substrate characteristics that all contribute to the form and function of the rocky habitat. Thus, a rocky habitat can have non-rock (sand, gravel, and biological) components. These habitats are variously referred to as rocky reefs, rocky banks, rocky beaches, rocky intertidal areas, rocky subtidal areas, boulder fields, rocky debris fields, benches, rock pavement, sea stacks, wash rocks, pinnacles, and many other names.

Rocky shores make up 41 percent of Oregon's 362-mile coastline. However, only a fraction is protected by the state. Oregon has an opportunity to expand protections of rocky habitat during the update of its Rocky Shores Management Strategy.

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**Buy a Bird Brick!** *It's not too late to purchase a bird brick to support the Lincoln City Cultural Center Plaza!* [More info...](#)

## RESOURCES

Whether you are a resident state birder or a visitor, you might be interested in finding out **what birds were sighted where** in the state and when. Click [here](#) for up-to-date reports from the **OBOL (Oregon Birders Online)**.

If you are interested in signing up to receive Oregon bird sightings reported to **OBOL**, click [here](#).

**eBird** includes reports of birds seen locally and around the world. For recent reports and places to bird in **Lincoln County**, click [here](#). For **Tillamook County**, click [here](#).

Want to know the status of bird migrations? Check out [BirdCast](#), the realtime migration forecast by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

See our [Links](#) page for more resources.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Injured birds, dead mammals, poaching,**  
call: State Police: 800-452-7888

**Injured Birds along central OR coast,** call  
Harry Dodson (Lincoln City) 541-921-0048

**Injured Bird and Mammal Rehab Centers:**  
[Chintimini Wildlife Center](#) (Corvallis) 541-745-5324  
[Wildlife Care Center](#) (Portland) 503-292-0304  
[Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center](#) (Salem) 503-540-8664  
[Wildlife Center of the North Coast](#) (Astoria) 503-338-0331

**Injured Raptors**  
[Cascades Raptor Center](#) (Eugene) 541-485-1320



*Fishing Rock in winter, photo by dawn villaescusa*

## Management Strategy Objectives

1. To maintain, protect, or restore rocky habitats and biological communities;
2. To implement a holistic management program through site designations and management recommendations that allows for enjoyment and use of Oregon's rocky habitats while protecting them from degradation, and loss;
3. To enhance appreciation and foster personal stewardship of Oregon's rocky habitats through education, interpretation, and outreach;
4. To improve our knowledge and understanding of rocky habitat ecosystems by fostering research and monitoring efforts; and
5. To facilitate cooperation and coordination amongst local, state, and federal resource management agencies, and tribal governments, to ensure that marine resources and habitats are holistically managed.



*Nelscott beach sunset. photo by dawn villaescusa*

## Want to Help?

You can become involved in a number of ways, from simply sharing your story and photographs on our [My Favorite Rocky Habitat Facebook Group](#) to volunteering to help with events and outreach during Phases 2 and 3 of the process (see "Managing Our Rocky Coast" below). There are several other ways to become involved. Please contact us and we'll provide you with information and opportunities that best suit you!

## Managing our Rocky Coast

### What is the Rocky Shores Management Strategy?

Also referred to as Part 3 of Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan (TSP), the Rocky Shores Management Strategy is the coordinated management framework used to manage

Oregon's coastal rocky habitats zero to three miles from shore. The strategy includes both coast-wide and site-specific management recommendations.

### Why are we updating the Strategy?

The TSP was first adopted in 1994, with little subsequent alteration. 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. Updating this strategy is a complex process and, to better organize our efforts, work is being done in phases -- see the three phases on the right to learn more.

### What does it mean for an area to be "designated"?

The Rocky Habitat Management Strategy recognizes special rocky habitat areas along the Oregon coast that are in need of site-specific management using designations. These designations outline recommended management and goals based on the best available ecological and human use information. The designations are adaptable and the public will have an opportunity to propose designation changes during Phase 2 of the strategy update.

### More information...

#### PHASE I (complete)

Determine public interests and priorities in the Rocky Shore. Update the gener

coast-wide strategy and incorporate public interest

#### PHASE II (ongoing)

Update the Rocky Shores Natural Resource Inventory with the best available science. Develop and use the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping tool to collect community proposals for adaptive site designations

#### PHASE III (not yet started)

Review and incorporate accepted community proposals into the strategy and rocky shores resource inventory. Develop and distribute rocky shore communication plan