

Bandon's Coquille Point Wildlife Refuge is one of the most beautiful and scientifically diverse areas on the Oregon Coast. Casual and professional observers are enthusiastic about this remarkable site frequented by sea mammals, extraordinary birds, fish and sea life. Its popularity has positive and negative consequences.

Many will agree it is an education for all. However, the growth of the abutting City of Bandon and its many visitors creates pressure on this area that requires respect and consideration on the part of those who may not understand its concomitant fragility. Too many, too close can discourage and damage nature's treasures!

I support Shoreline Education for Awareness and their efforts to protect and preserve this area for the creatures that enjoy it and future generations of humans who would learn and benefit from an opportunity to discover natural, coastal eco systems.

The guidance and stewardship of SEA will help to protect this area and make sure that it doesn't suffer from what I would call high traffic syndrome. Without the occupation of natural life, it would be reduced to a "dead zone."

SEA's request to have the Coquille Point Refuge and the area below it at sea level designated as a Marine Garden would assist in helping the public to understand it's importance and I am for it 100%.

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