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Shoreline Education for Awareness 83673 North Bank Lane Bandon, OR 97411

Dear Mr. Stenberg,

The City of Bandon Planning Department is pleased to support the effort to extend protection of Coquille Point with an official designation as a Marine Garden. While our local jurisdiction does not have land use authority over Coquille Point, we recognize this location as an important scenic, recreational, and ecological asset to our community, and appreciate your efforts to preserve this community landmark.

Our work at City Hall often revolves around protecting and enhancing the safety and well-being of our community, which includes our natural and scenic resources. Successful designation of Coquille Point as a Marine Garden will preserve the physical space, and also protect the history, culture, and intangible qualities of the area that make Bandon feel like home.

We thank you for attending our Planning Commission meeting and speaking to the public about the work that Shoreline Education for Awareness is contributing towards the preservation of Coquille Point. The proposed designation is critical to protecting our wildlife habitats, creating opportunities for the education of residents and visitors, and preserving the health and safety of our oceanfront areas. We are excited to have the opportunity to share our support for this project and look forward to seeing the impact of the designation of Coquille Point as a Marine Garden for years to come.

Best,

Dana Nichols, Planning Manager

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