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Shoreline Education for Awareness

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Dear Shoreline Education for Awareness,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Bandon Association, I want to add GBA's support for SEA's proposal for a Marine Garden designation for Coquille Point.

We are a non-profit organization of volunteers with the mission of revitalizing our community and its economy with a focus of preserving our assets and building upon our historic culture. Tourism has become over time the backbone of our local economy. It is our natural features such as those at Coquille Point that have led us to become the primary tourist destination on the southern Oregon coast.

While our visitors have helped sustain our economy and in turn our way of life, they continue to damage the very treasures that we are trying to preserve. While they are enjoying our beaches and rock formations, they are trampling over sensitive natural areas. They and their pets are disturbing the wildlife there such as breeding seabirds and seals. In almost every case, they are doing so unintentionally simply because of a lack of awareness.

With a Marine Garden designation, not only would these attractions be protected but enhanced education would be offered that will protect the wildlife as well. GBA is in full support of SEA's initiative and will be gladly help find the local volunteers to make the designation a success!

We thank you for your leadership in protecting our rocky habitat resources.

Sincerely,

Harv Schuboth

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Executive Director, Greater Bandon Association