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RE: Meeting follow-up: Sept. 8th workshop prep

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Sat, Sep 5, 2020 at 3:43 PM

To: Margaret Treadwell <northcoastrockyhabitat@gmail.com>

Margaret,

I don't have any changes to the draft narrative.

We talked about the invertebrate data, and I don't have scientific surveys, but following is information based on observations of the Chapman Point/Indian Beach area.

Clamming – Recreational and Commercial

A few clammers are generally out on the North End beach and Crescent Beach at low tides. It doesn't appear that anyone is harvesting large quantities of clams. I'm told that there used to be more clams in the "old days" but they were clammed out. When the clams did start to recover, the commercial fishermen came in and depleted the population again, using them for fishing bait. Locals seem to prefer to clam elsewhere where more clams are present. I have not seen clamming at Indian Beach, but I don't spend as much time there as the other areas.

Fishing – Recreational

One person consistently fishes off the rocks at Ecola Beach at low tide. There are other intermittent fishermen throughout the North end to Indian Beach area, both beach and rocks, but it doesn't look like they catch much. We ran into Keith Chandler, Tiffany Booth, and Seaside Aquarium employees at Ecola Beach the day after we released the Black Oystercatcher chick, where they were live catching rock greenlings and other species for the aquarium. Keith said this is the only spot to find the rock greenlings.

Although there are sometimes commercial fishing boats near Indian Beach, I don't know if any are fishing, or if they are after crab only.

Crabbing – Recreational and Commercial

Occasionally folks are catching crabs in tide pools with nets or rakes on Ecola Beach. Earlier this year, when the passageway to Crescent Beach from Chapman Point was deep, someone put crab pots in the channel until the sand filled in the walkway again. He told me he was catching crab in that spot.

Periodically fishing boats are in proximity of Indian Beach, and I see pots not too far from the beach.

Mussels – Recreational

There is intermittent harvesting of mussels on an ongoing basis, at Chapman Point and the Ecola Beach rocky area. It appears to be recreational use.

Bird Species Present

I wondered if this meant bird colonies or birds present in the area? And resident birds only, or migrant birds? There was a designation of “Seabirds” in the Chapman Ecola report, and that would encompass a variety of unknown species.

Chapman/Ecola

In the rocky habitat I've seen pelicans, Harlequin ducks, surf scoters, eagles, herons, a kingfisher, mallards, and Canada geese. One pair of Canada geese has nested on top of the first Bird rock for the past several years. There is a pair of mallards that hang out at that same rock and other rocky habitats on Crescent Beach until they nest. Migrating birds are wandering tattlers. I saw an eagle calmly sitting on the outer rocks at Ecola Beach among the pelicans, cormorants, and murrelets one day, pretty shocking! He hung out for quite a while before he took off.

In the beach habitat are a variety of sandpipers, terns, mergansers, killdeer, buffleheads, and osprey. Migrating birds are whimbrel and Bonapart's gulls.

I haven't seen auklets, rhino or Cassin's, in many years. The Cassin's had a die off in 2014, the rhino's in 2006. It seems like many seabird and shorebird populations are diminishing over time.

I'm not an expert birder, so this list is incomplete.

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From: Margaret Treadwell [mailto:northcoastrockyhabitat@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:16 AM

To: Tabea Goossen; Frances Buchanan; Ed Joyce

Subject: Re: Meeting follow-up: Sept. 8th workshop prep

Hello again all,

I'm following up on yesterday's email about the site review workshop preparation with the following attachments for your review:

- Site reports from the "Web Mapping Tool" (SeaSketch) for Indian Beach, Chapman and Ecola Pt (the largest boundary scheme that I sent yesterday for this area) and Tillamook Head (1994 boundary scheme). These include