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Rocky Habitat Working Group and the Ocean Policy Advisory Council:

Please protect important rocky habitats, vital habitat for marine life on the coast by:

- Working with site proposers to clarify any misrepresented information in the initial site proposal evaluations summaries. Misinformation should be corrected and updated prior to the working groups re-evaluation.
- Evaluating proposals based on long-term efforts and goals to improve site management, NOT funding or the capacity of agencies' programmatic support for implementation. The rocky habitat plan clearly states that proposals cannot be rejected based on funding or capacity concerns.
- Considering 8 of the 12 proposals that have gotten significant stakeholder and community support, expert input, and include clear long-term goals and objectives. This includes: Ecola Point MCA, Chapman Point MCA, Cape Lookout MCA, Cape Foulweather MCA, Coquille Point MG, Blacklock Point MCA, Cape Blanco MRA, and Crook Point/Mack Reef MCA. Six of these sites were recommended for designation in the original 1994 Rocky Habitat Management Strategy, so now is time for the State to follow through.
- Recommending DLCD use an objective evaluation rubric that is similar to other state agency frameworks. DLCD staff can take ideas from other state or federal agency public proposal processes. Objective evaluation processes are essential to any state-run public proposal process and would minimize much of the politicization of the process that has emerged.

Regards,

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