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Cc:	Char Vonahlefeld; Frances Buchanan
Subject:	Proposal re: Ecola Point and Chapman Point
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Dear North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition:

We understand the North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition is developing a site proposal for Ecola Point (Sea Lion Rock) and Chapman Point adjacent to Ecola State Park on the North Coast as Marine Conservation Areas.

We are writing in support of this proposal.

We are a dragon boat team out of Nehalem, the Nehalem Bay TideRunners. Every time we are out on the water we are awed by the natural beauty of this corner of the world.

We understand that linked ecosystems protect and maintain the abundance and diversity of wildlife we so enjoy. Both the Sea Lion Rock and Chapman Point are important links in the ecosystems. Both areas are heavily visited and therefore vulnerable to degradation. Designation as a Marine Conservation Area carries with it an educational piece that is crucial in helping visitors appreciate and care for the habitat.

We urge you to designate both Ecola Point (Sea Lion Rock) and Chapman Point as Marine Conservation areas.

Respectfully,
Sue McGrath and Char Vonahlefeld
On behalf of the Nehalem Bay TideRunners

Sent from my iPhone