From: Lisa Kerr
To: TSP comments
Subject: Letter concerning Ecola Point and Chapman Point proposals
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I am writing to show support for the proposals for Ecola Point and Chapman Point to be designated Marine Conservation Areas. To that end, I am asking the Working Group to make recommendations that support restriction on off leash dogs and climbing.

There are more and more people flocking to the Oregon Coast. The Chapman Point and Ecola Point areas used to be relatively unknown and lightly trafficked. This is changing rapidly. I want to say that I am a dog lover. I have always

had dogs and love having them run loose on the beach. However, I believe that the restrictions on off-leash dogs in this area are necessary to protect the fragile ecosystem. There are miles of beaches for dogs to run free. All of Cannon Beach

with the exception of the Haystack Rock Marine Garden operates as a dog park! I have seen dogs chasing seabirds, running onto the rocks, barking at seals and elk. Much as I love them, I think it is important to have some

areas off-limits to dogs. I do not understand the entitled attitude of people who insist that their dogs should run "free" in all areas and under all circumstances. These restrictions are necessary.

I also would like to see restrictions on climbing and walking on the intertidal rocks. I know from many years as a volunteer and a staff member of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, the damage that can occur to intertidal life by

lack of enforcement and lack of any rules. Restrictions that promote the greater good are not restrictions at all, but a means to permitting more people to enjoy and learn about the natural environment of these areas before they are

trampled and run into oblivion.

You are in a position to act—to protect—to save. I hope you will take that seriously and promote protection.

Thank you,

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