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To: Oregon Coastal Management Program

I am writing on behalf of Salem Audubon Society in support of efforts to protect rocky coastal habitat in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties. Specifically, we support Audubon Society of Lincoln City's proposal to the Working Group of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council to designate Cape Foulweather and Cape Lookout as Marine Conservation Areas under Oregon's Rocky Habitat Management Strategy.

Both the Cape Foulweather and Cape Lookout sites are rich in marine life and worthy of designation. Both host seabird colonies that are dependent on food sources provided by a healthy rocky habitat. Underwater kelp forests at both sites are a species-rich ecosystem. Unfortunately, the kelp forests are threatened by sea urchins, and site-specific management is necessary to address this ecological imbalance and restore them.

The education, stewardship, and citizen science projects included in ASLC's proposals are a refreshing change from the status quo and will help to better understand and protect these treasured rocky habitats.

We strongly encourage the Working Group and OPAC to recommend designating Cape Foulweather and Cape Lookout as Marine Conservation Areas. Please include this letter in the record of public comment on the Working Group's initial recommendations for site proposals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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