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To the Rocky Habitat Working Group and the Ocean Policy Advisory Council,

I write in strong support of the following eight proposals that would help protect critical rocky habitats for marine life along the Oregon coast and that have significant stakeholder and community support, expert input, and include clear long-term goals and objectives:

- Ecola Point Marine Conservation Area
- Chapman Point Marine Conservation Area
- Cape Lookout Marine Conservation Area
- Cape Foulweather Marine Conservation Area
- Coquille Point Marine Garden
- Blacklock Point Marine Conservation Area
- Cape Blanco Marine Reserve Area
- Crook Point/Mack Reef Marine Conservation Area

The proposals are meant to inform and shape long-term protection efforts and goals to improve site management and should be allowed to go forward. Especially for those reasons, please do not reject any of the proposals based on funding or capacity concerns.

It is critical that the Department of Land and Conservation Development incorporate objective evaluation in this process. Do work with the site proposers to clarify any perceived misrepresented information in the site proposal evaluation summaries available for public review.

This is your and our watch. In this time of accelerating climate change and additional human-caused environmental degradation, let's protect and manage these rich marine biologically diverse areas **now** -- vital habitat for marine life like nesting seabirds (over one million colonial nesters in Oregon), kelp forests and seagrass beds, marine mammal haul-out sites, spawning areas for juvenile fish, and thousands of invertebrate intertidal species.

For the protection and conservation of Oregon's rocky habitats and precious marine life!

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