

Rocky Shores Habitat Management Strategy

To whom it may concern,

We are strongly opposed to any designation of Cape Lookout for a Rocky Habitat Marine Conservation Area.

Cape Lookout is an important fishing area as well as a safe harbor. It is the only area that a fisherman without a boat can have an opportunity to catch lingcod and rockfish. The large majority (most likely 90+ %) is inaccessible to humans just by the nature of its geography.

Nothing that the proponents want to do, cannot be done without the designation.

There was not a fishing representative on the committee that forwarded the proposal and when one tried to join, he was told it was too late. There is no guarantee that if the proposal is passed that there will not be mission creep or future need for enforcement to meet their 'goals'.

The south side is used extensively by the dory fleet out of Pacific City. In the summer, a dory can make its way up there in the morning and spend a day in beautiful sunshine protected from the strong northwest winds.

Excluding historical users in favor of study and eco-tours appears to be exploitation disguised as conservation.

Sincerely,

Craig Wenrick, Pacific City-Commercial fisherman

Captain John Holloway-Mary Kate, Recreational

Captain Al Barney, Holiday Charters

Captain Mick Buell and Linda Buell-Alaska Sunrise Charter boat

Captain Lance Fletcher-Norwester

Captain Joe Ockenfels- Siggie G Charters

Kelly Barnett- "The Spot" Seafood Store and Commercial Captain-The Silver Girl

Norm Shattuck, - Ocean Recreational fisherman

Gus Meyers Ocean Recreational Fisherman

Barbara Trout –Ocean Recreational Fisherwoman

Ty and Captain Tamara Mauntner-Garibaldi Charters