**Site Name:** Fogarty Creek

Proposal Type: New Designation Type: Marine Conservation

Area (MCA)

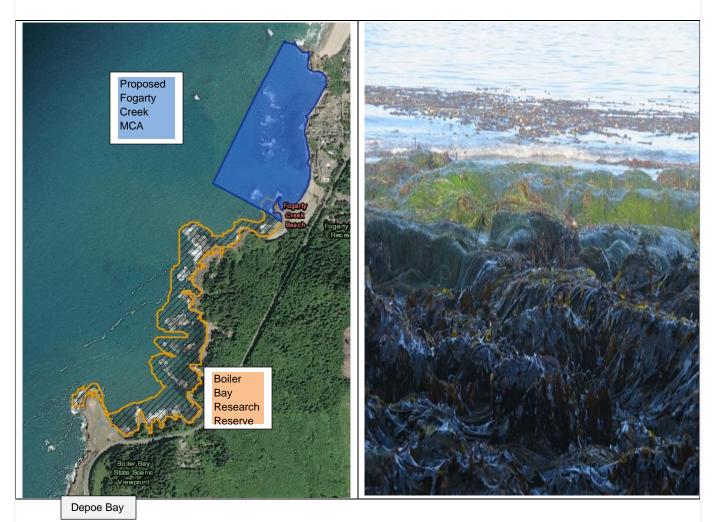
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**Site Specific Goals:** Conserve the full diversity of species and habitats in the intertidal and shallow subtidal areas.

Site allows non-invasive research; fishing, algae collection from shore; supports public's stated interest in increased nature watching opportunities

**Site Location:** The area is within and offshore Fogarty Creek State Park day use area, about 3 miles north of Depoe Bay on the central Oregon Coast. It's siting avoids overlap with most of the existing Boiler Bay research reserve to the immediate south.

**Site Description**: This is a small, biodiverse 64 acres site, along .6 miles of shoreline that extends from the intertidal into shallow subtidal areas (within the 1 fathom contour).



## **Key Natural Resources:**

Extensive and diverse kelps, sea grasses, and algae Pacific Coast feeding group of gray whales use the area Bird diversity and use

#### Support from:

City of Depoe Bay (City's Harbor Commission had no concern due to site's shallowness) Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce and the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce Lincoln City Audubon

MidCoast Watersheds Council

Clarion Surfrider Front Desk Manager

**Management Overview:** This designation will not change how the site is currently mostly used, so management of the site will largely be passive, utilizing educational signage and articles published in local blogs, newsletters to help people appreciate the site and its natural resources. Offshore boundaries visualized by extending line between rocky headlands.

#### **Non-Regulatory Management Recommendations:**

- Interpretive signs: place & maintain signs at each of the three entry areas to help the
  public appreciate the site. (Note: one sign already exists about kelp values; place two
  more interpretive signs).
- Rule boards: place & maintain information about rules on signs at each of the access points. (Note: two rule boards already in place; need one more).
- Utilize the Lincoln City and Depoe Bay Chambers of Commerce to help publish information in their blog/newsletters and help people appreciate the natural resources.

# Regulatory Management Recommendations\*: Allowed activities shown with check mark

	Intertidal	Subtidal	Note
Fish Harvest	✓	✓	from shore only
Invertebrate Harvest			
Algae Harvest	✓		in intertidal only. As per existing regulations (souvenir quantities)
Research	✓		non-invasive
Tidepooling, bird observation, agate hunting	✓		

\*Note: State is coordinating with Tribal Nations regarding tribal use rules

### Summary Statement :

- This site is well supported locally and not controversial; agency concerns addressed.
- This small intact system may help promote and test resiliency on SAV benefits to OAH mitigation. OSU's Dr. Francis Chan and Dr. Bruce Menge are interested in helping to characterize & study the site
- Supports Oregon State Park goals for Fogarty Creek from master plan;
- Does not curtail fishing from shore or intertidal harvest of souvenir quantities of kelp; immediately adjacent shell fishing opportunities
- Meets Goal 19, TSP objectives: Conserve the long-term values, benefits, and natural resources of the nearshore ocean; maintain & protect, rocky habitats & biol. communities.