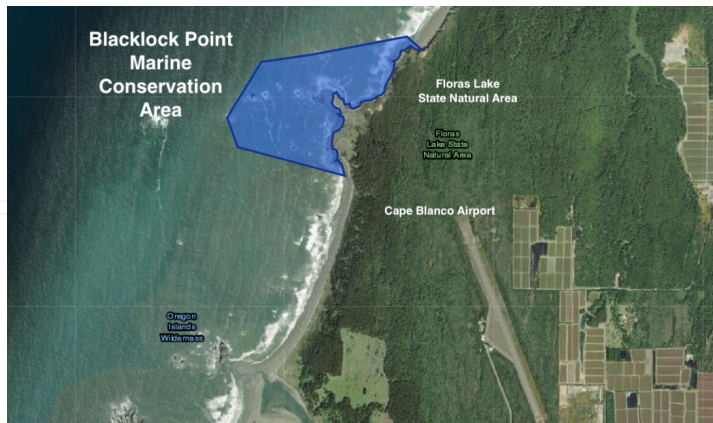


Site Name:	Blacklock Point		
Proposal Type:	New	Designation Type:	MCA
Proposer:	South Coast Rocky Habitat Group		
Links:	Blacklock Point proposed MCA		

Site Specific Goals: 1. Educate, monitor, and apply adaptive, ecosystem-based management to conserve the ecological structure, function, and resiliency of nearshore rocky habitat species facing effects of changing climate. 2. Allow for continued legal sustainable human uses of their goods, services, and resources including fisheries, using non-regulatory management measures. 3. To provide long-term ecological, economic, and social benefits for current and future generations on Oregon's south coast.



Site Location: Blacklock Point (BP) is the coastal section of Floras Lake State Natural Area between Langlois and Port Orford and directly west of Cape Blanco State Airport in Curry Co. The proposed site is bounded by the approximate coordinates in degrees 42.8901 /

-124.5184 (NE cliffs); 42.8698 / -124.5347 (SE corner); 42.8786 / -124.5433 (NW corner); 42.8723 / -124.5470 (SW corner). The NW cliffs section has been removed from boundary per considerations/recommendations.

Key Natural Resources: BP has high biodiversity and productivity in part due to Cape Blanco, just to the south, a major marine biogeographic transition point. This is characterized by longer periods of upwelling to the south, and shorter periods to the north. There are several relatively small beds of canopy forming kelp included in the proposed site polygon. Seabird colonies ranging in size up to 1000-10,000 breeding birds have been documented. Black oystercatchers are present. The intertidal species diversity is extremely high due to the zone of upwelling & invertebrate species observed are abundant and span across many taxonomic groups. There are many species of red, brown, and green algae, and seagrass present which provide habitat for other intertidal and subtidal organisms.

Stakeholder Outreach: The South Coast Rocky Shores Group received support from community members and neighbors, the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society, hikers, and members of local conservation groups. Conversations happened with Coquille Tribal representatives, who asked to be consulted for any signage changes. At least one listening session was held, to seek feedback from members of the fishing community in Port Orford. Three informational webinars were held during 2020 and 2021 to solicit input from and to engage with the community.

Management Overview: We propose non-regulatory management measures including cooperation with OPRD, other agencies, and partner building to support enforcement through compliance-education and other management needs via a volunteer site stewardship program and formal cooperation.

Non-Regulatory Management Recommendations:

~The creation of a site-based volunteer stewardship program. Key to this stewardship program is building formal MOUs and working relationships with law enforcement and other agencies in the area so that appropriately trained volunteer site stewards can safely act as eyes and ears for law enforcement, emergency response, and call on their support when necessary (i.e., as with Haystack Rock Awareness Program)

~Use brief public education encounters to achieve visitor conformance with site and coastwide policies, rules and regulations. Contact agency personnel in cases involving risks to human safety, threats or damage to resources, or emergency conditions.

~Improve signage at parking lot at main trail entrance, across the street from Cape Blanco airport.

Regulatory Management Recommendations:

Fish Harvest		Marine Plant Harvest	
Commercial:	No additional site-based fish harvest regulations beyond baseline ODFW regs (status quo)	Commercial:	No additional site based plant harvest regulations
Recreational:	No additional site-based fish harvest regulations beyond baseline ODFW regs (status quo)	Recreational:	No additional site based plant harvest regulations
Invertebrate Harvest		Other	
Commercial:	No additional site based invertebrate harvest regulations		
Recreational:	No additional site based invertebrate harvest regulations		

**Rule change required*

Access and harvest by members of Federally recognized Tribal Nations are unaffected.

Summary Statement : An overall rationale for this proposed designation is to establish consistent, seamless levels of protection and effective management across the site's existing and proposed protected areas. While the site and nature of the proposed MCA provides some degree of natural protection, the addition of an MCA designation will help ensure a higher level of protection for this exceptionally high-quality coastal-marine ecosystem. We consider this proposal to be conservation and sustainability oriented, in large part to allow, support, and enhance opportunities for continued fishing and tourism, major pillars of the southern Oregon coast economy, as well as healthy outdoor activities for local residents in places we love, all key to upholding and sustaining the society, culture, environment and economy of the southern Oregon coast region.