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Ed Bowles
Fish Division Administrator
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3406 Cherry Avenue N.E.
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Dear Mr. Bowles,

As per ORS 196.540 to 196.555 (HB3013), the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide consultation on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) recommendations for marine reserve sites. On behalf of OPAC, I want to thank you and your staff for the time and energy put into implementing OPAC's November 29, 2008 recommendations to further evaluate the Cape Perpetua, Cascade Head and Cape Falcon potential marine reserve sites. OPAC recognizes that the process your department implemented utilized a collaborative, community-based approach consistent with HB3013 and our original recommendations, allowing the community teams to further evaluate the three potential marine reserve sites based on the best available information and stakeholder participation. This process allowed teams to develop compromises on proposed site designs and additional conditions necessary to best meet socioeconomic and ecological constraints.

OPAC recognizes the hard work and dedication of the marine reserves community teams. It was a difficult task recommending sites to the ODFW that attempted to fall within the two constraints of Executive Order 08-07: individually or collectively large enough to allow scientific evaluation of ecological benefits, but small enough to avoid significant economic or social impacts. The tremendous commitment from community teams is reflected in their valuable input and difficult compromises.

OPAC considered the recommendations brought forward on these sites at our December 6-7, 2010 meeting. After extensive discussion and public input, OPAC gave **consensus** support for the three ODFW marine reserve site recommendations and the additional ODFW recommendations. The ODFW recommendations for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head mirror the original community team recommendations, strongly supported at their final team meetings. The ODFW recommendation for Cape Falcon represents input and compromises put forth by both sides during the community team process, as did the additional compromises developed by ODFW and key stakeholders prior to OPAC deliberations. The additional recommendations, with modifications based on OPAC's input, include details regarding review



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and evaluation, commitment to funding, community engagement, monitoring and research, and mitigation associated with potential marine reserve sites. The OPAC consensus was to support the ODFW site proposals and the additional recommendations from ODFW as a package – with much of the support for the site proposals contingent on inclusion of all the additional recommendations.

Finally, OPAC recognizes that there were difficult compromises made throughout this process. And while no one is fully satisfied, OPAC believes that the compromises forged through this long process should be honored. As ODFW reports these recommendations to the Legislative Assembly, OPAC hopes that the strong voice from the community teams and OPAC will be supported through the Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott McMullen".

Scott McMullen, Chair
Ocean Policy Advisory Council

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Senator Betsy Johnson and Representative Jean Cowan (acting and chair-elect of Coastal
Caucus)