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Kate Brown, Governor

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Governor Kate Brown
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RE: Oregon Marine Debris Action Plan

Governor Brown,

At the December 8, 2016 meeting of Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council, OPAC heard a report from our Marine Debris Exploratory Working Group on its activities and on a draft action plan regarding marine debris. The working group has been working with the Pacific NW Regional Coordinator for NOAA's Marine Debris Program to develop an action plan that addresses current and future needs for addressing marine debris in Oregon. I have included a copy of Draft 4 of that plan, which is still being revised. The purpose of the Oregon Marine Debris Action Plan is to facilitate collaborative and effective actions to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of marine debris in Oregon.

Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council encourages the State of Oregon and all of its agencies to support securing funding from Federal, State or private entities to implement the Oregon Marine Debris Action Plan.

Respectfully,

Scott McMullen, Chair

Enc.: The Oregon Marine Debris Action Plan (Interim Draft 4 Reorganized)

CC via email:

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