

# Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council Meeting

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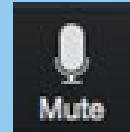
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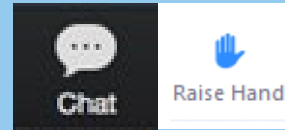
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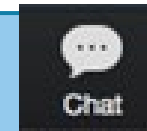
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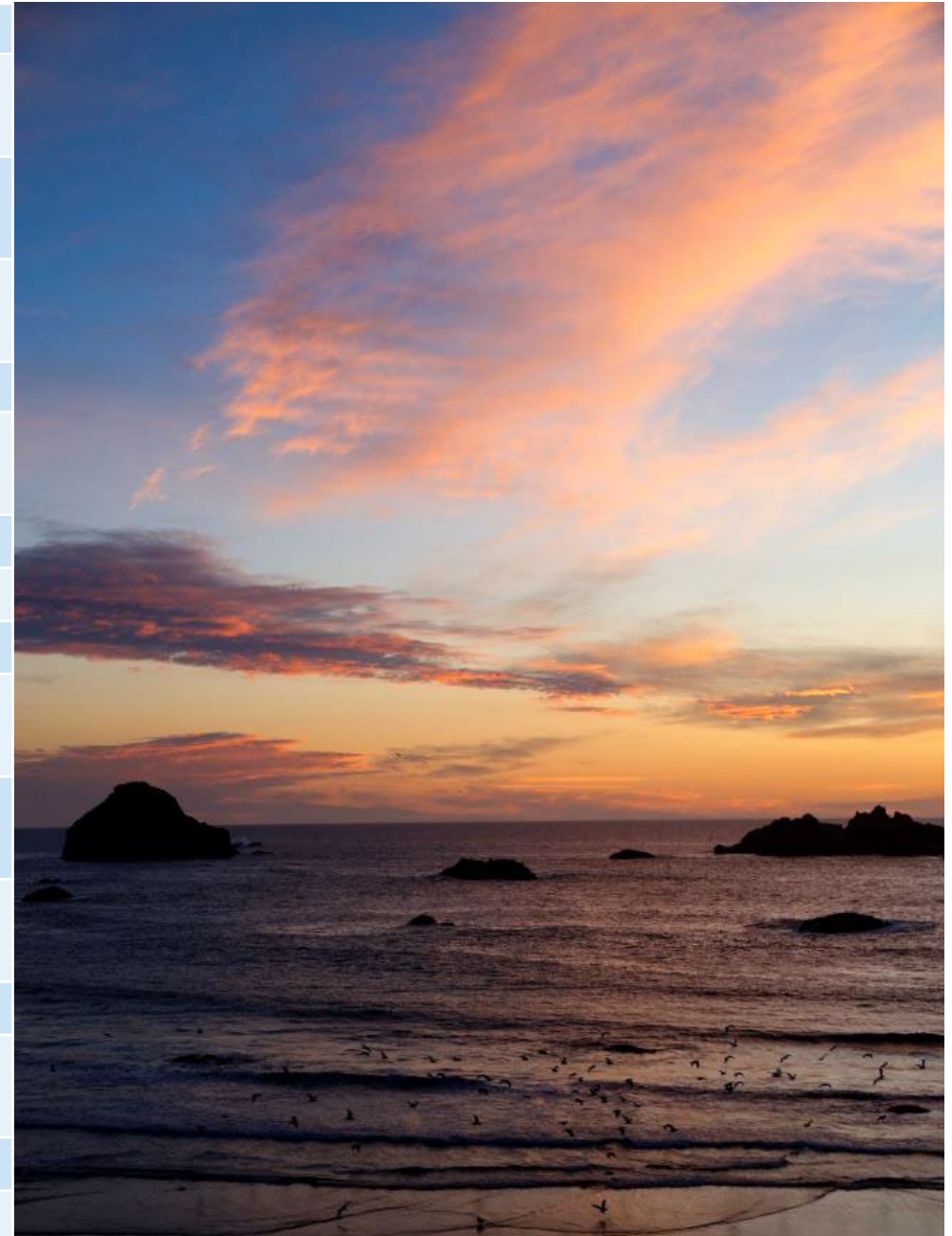
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# OPAC Members

## Voting Council Members

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Seat</b>
Susan Chambers - <i>Chair</i>	Commercial Ocean, - South Coast, Brookings
Tara Brock – <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Coastal Conservation or Environmental Organization
Kyle Motley	Coastal; Public At Large
Nick Edwards	Ports, Marine Transportation or Navigation
Margaret Corvi	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Richard Heap	Charter, Sport Fishing, Recreation ocean - S. Coast, Brookings
<i>Vacant</i>	Charter, Sport Fishing, Recreation ocean, N. Coast
Duncan Berry	Statewide Coastal; Public At Large
Joe Liebezeit	Statewide Conservation/Environmental Organization
<i>Vacant</i>	Coos, Curry, Douglas & Lane Counties Representative
Amelia O'Connor	Non-consumptive Recreation
Mark Kujala	Tillamook, Lincoln & Clatsop Counties Representative
Fran Recht	Elected City Official
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Commercial Ocean - North Coast, Astoria</i>

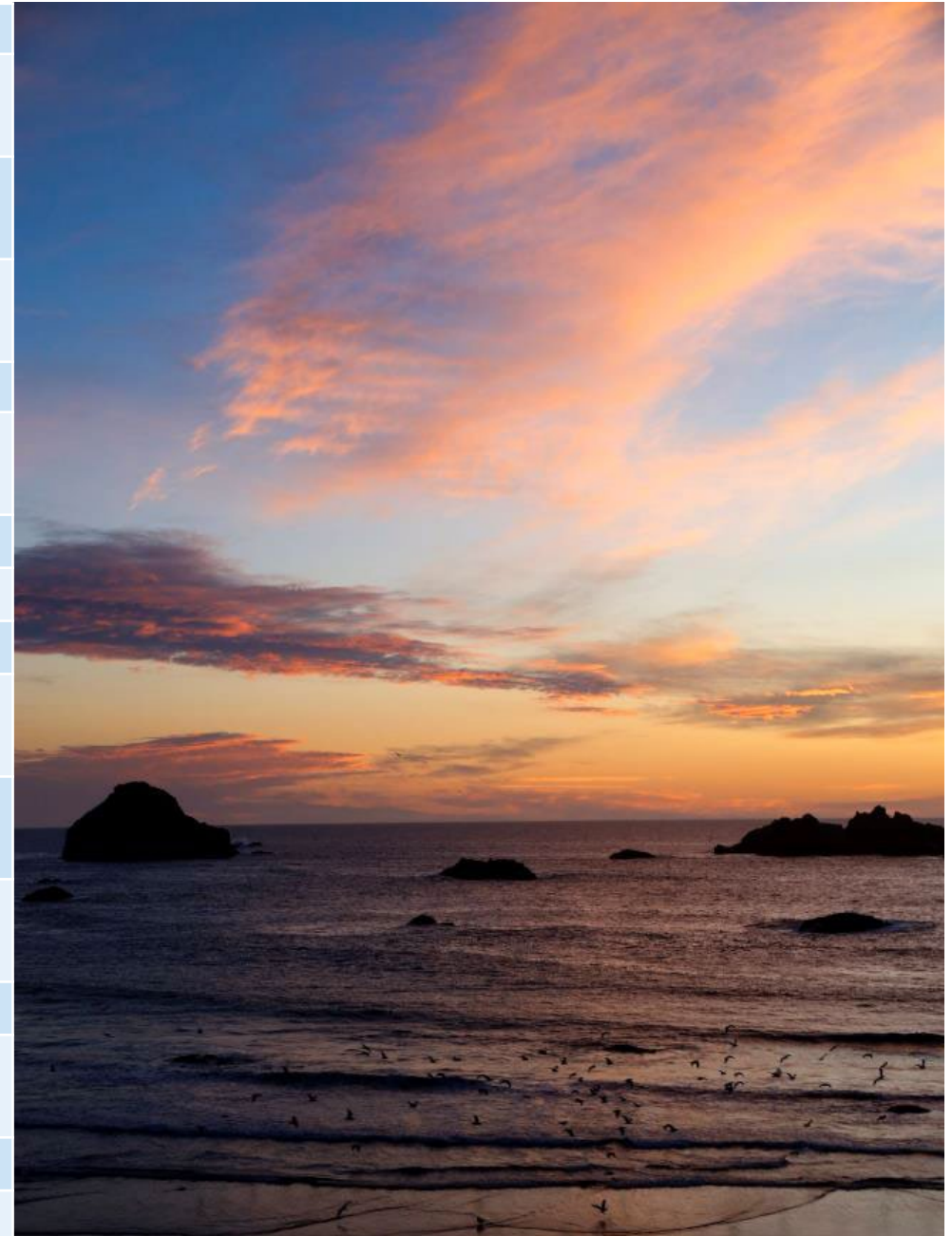
# Member Introductions

## Ex Officio Council Members

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Seat</b>
Ray Monroe	Coastwide Organization representing small ports and local governments
Lisa Sumption (Laurel Hillmann)	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Justin Ainsworth	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Karina Nielsen	Oregon State University Sea Grant Director
Rian Vanden Hooff	Department of Environmental Quality
Nataliya Stranadko	Department of State Lands
Chandra Ferrari	Gov's Office Advisor
Jon Allan	Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Alexis Taylor (Alex Manderson)	Department of Agriculture.
Lisa Phipps	Department of Land Conservation and Development
Steve Shipsey	Department of Justice
Kris Wall	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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# Revisions or comments on the May 7, 2025 Draft Meeting Summary

ANY REVISIONS?

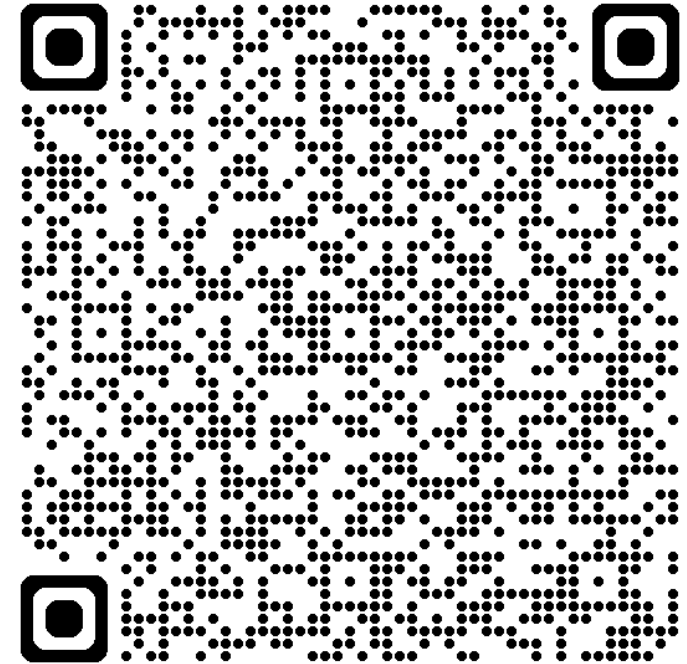
**Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council**  
Draft Meeting Summary – May 7, 2025  
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Agenda Link  
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Issues Decided/Positions Taken

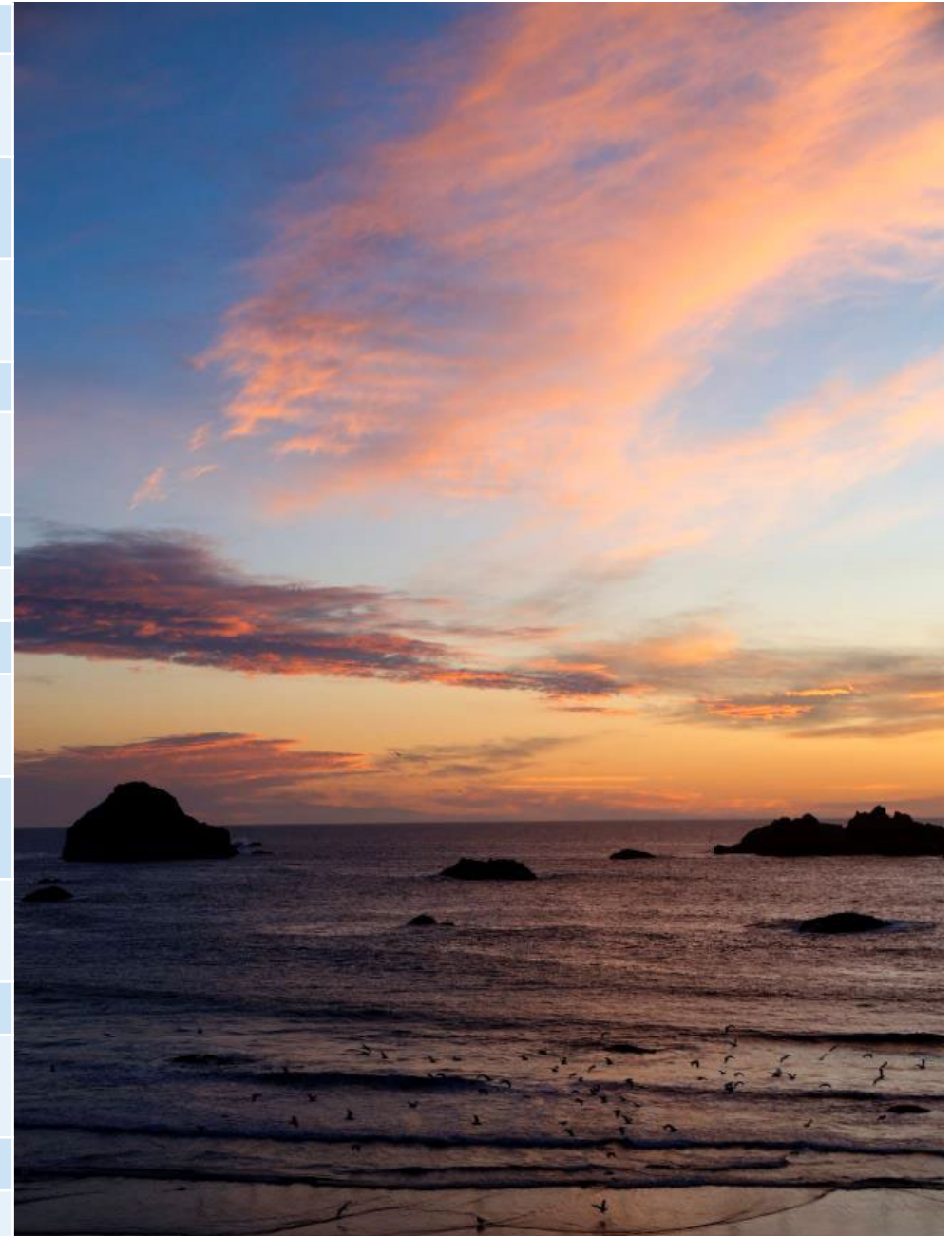
OPAC approved the following consensus motions:

- To approve that Dr. Kelsey Emard and Dr. Jenna Tilt are appointed to STAC.
- To approve proposed changes to the STAC charge, as described in the language below:
  - In support of OPAC, the Oregon's Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process, and in the context of a proposed regional OSW research entity to inform adaptive management needs for research and monitoring:
    - Develop an offshore wind energy "research prioritization framework" to prioritize key knowledge gaps for further research or monitoring
    - Summarize regionally relevant research to identify current knowledge gaps
    - Deliver/present an initial short report to OPAC (summer)
  - In support of OPAC, Oregon's Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process, and in the context of a proposed regional OSW research entity to inform adaptive management needs for research and monitoring:
    - Crosswalk STAC identified knowledge gaps with those identified by the OSW Roadmap work group(s), revise STAC summary
    - Apply "research prioritization framework" to knowledge gaps summary to identify priority research and monitoring needs for Oregon
    - Deliver a final report to OPAC (fall/winter)
- Regarding OPAC Executive Committee Membership:
  - Susan Chambers was re-elected as Chair
  - Tara Brock was re-elected as Vice Chair.
  - Amelia O'Connor and Joe Liebezeit were elected as the two At-Large Members.
- OPAC directed the executive committee to send a funding support letter to the Governor for Oregon ocean and coastal management programs, including the addition of the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Coordinating Council and Oregon Ocean Science Trust to other programs addressed in a previously approved letter (December 2024). Letter included as addendum 1 to this meeting summary.
- OPAC directed the executive committee to send a letter to the Governor raising awareness to and characterizing the federal cuts to the ocean related agencies and programs that were represented in the panel. Letter included as addendum 2 to this meeting summary.



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# Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council

Member Orientation – October 29, 2025

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# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council

## Structure

- Officers:
  - Chair, Vice-Chair, at-large Executive Committee member
- Offices will be held for a period of 2 calendar years, may be re-elected to subsequent terms
- Committees – members will be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Council.
  - The Council will appoint a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) – to be chaired by the Oregon Sea Grant Director (or other similarly qualified member)
  - Other standing or *ad hoc* committees and subcommittees may be appointed by the Council as deemed necessary.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (Cont.)

## Roles

- Chair and Vice-Chair
  - *Setting the Meeting Agendas:*
    - The Chair of OPAC will work with an Executive Committee, consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Governor or Governor's designee, STAC Chair, and an at-large position filled with a Council voting member, to design agendas that will be both efficient and effective.
  - *Meeting Management:*
    - Council Meetings will be run by the Chair
      - When appropriate, the use of a facilitator will enable the chair to participate directly in the substantive process of building consensus and seeking agreement on recommendations.
- The Council's staff, STAC, and other councils, panels, and working groups, will assist the Council by providing appropriate information to support decision making and advisory recommendations.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council

## Council Member Roles

- OPAC members serve on the Council representing key stakeholder interests, agencies, and the public, as set out in ORS 196.438.
- There is an expectation that members will bring the concerns and perspectives of their various constituencies to the Council's table, where appropriate, for discussion and possible consensus building.
- All members will directly engage in the consensus-building process, including the identification of issues and development of options informed by technical assistance, and will make consensus decisions on recommendations to the Governor, the State Land Board, state agencies, and local governments.
- To enhance the possibility of constructive discussions and dialogue as members educate themselves on the issues and engage in consensus building, members agree to be candid and respectful of the diversity of views on the topics the Council will address. Members agree to avoid personal attacks both at the table and away from the table.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council

## Council Member Roles

- It is understood that many members participate in other initiatives at local, state, regional, and national levels and may advocate in those forums for solutions on issues related to the Council's work, but will make it clear they are representing only themselves, not OPAC, unless OPAC has taken an official position on the matter, in which case it should be presented verbatim.
- Members of the STAC are encouraged to participate in the Council's consensus building on the development of options, but, with the exception of STAC members who are also OPAC voting members, will not participate in voting on the Council's reports and decisions on recommendations.
- The Council may also invite a state agency that is not an OPAC member to designate a representative to attend a council meeting in which the agenda includes issues or topics the invited state agency has expertise in. The invited state agency is encouraged, but not required, to attend the meeting.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council.

## Meeting Planning

### Agenda Development

- Overall Policy Statement
  - The Council will attempt to follow an agenda at each meeting that balances the needs to expeditiously complete a planning work program, provide a forum for discussion and action on issues as needed, allow public notice of actions to be taken, and provide the public with a means to raise issues for consideration by the Council.
- The agenda for each Council meeting will be developed from three major sources:
  - The work program and task schedule agreed to by the Council;
  - Additional items proposed by Council members based on a solicitation of Council members prior to the Executive Committee meeting; and
  - Requests from the Governor, State Land Board, state agencies or local government, or the public approved in advance of the meeting.
- All agendas will be prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the Chair prior to distribution. Draft agendas will be posted on the OPAC web site and mailed to members and to the public at least one week prior to Council meetings. The Executive Committee will invite chairs of Council working groups to Executive Committee meetings as necessary.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council.

## Decision Making

### Consensus and Decisions

- Overall Policy Statement
  - The Council will endeavor to reach consensus on each policy item or plan decision, including recommendations and resolutions to the Governor, State Land Board, state agencies or local government.
  - A consensus process will enable the Council to more freely discuss issues to arrive at a decision acceptable to all.
    - In some instances, precise wording of a consensus decision may be developed by staff after review of recordings of the discussion for approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting.
- Definition of Consensus
  - Consensus means that each OPAC member can say: (1) I was a respected member of the group that considered the decision; (2) my ideas (opinions, knowledge, concerns, beliefs, hopes) were listened to; (3) I listened to the ideas (opinions, knowledge, concerns, beliefs, hopes) of others; and (4) I can support the decision of the group, even though I might have made a different decision had I acted alone.
  - OPAC will seek consensus decisions on their advisory recommendations. General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members (voting and nonvoting), strive for agreements that they can accept, support, live with, or agree not to oppose.

# Procedures of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (Cont.)

## Consensus and Decisions (cont.)

- In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on a recommendation, and the Council finds that 100 percent acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions will require a majority of a quorum of voting members, per OPAC standard voting guidelines.
  - This majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members. The consensus process will preserve the opportunity for minority opinions to be expressed and reflected in the record of the Council's deliberations.
- Quorum/Voting
  - In those instances where consensus cannot be reached after debate and discussion, the Chair may initiate or entertain a motion to vote on the issue. All members, voting or *ex officio*, may fully participate in discussion.
    - Voting members may make motions and seconds. All motions must be seconded to be acted upon.
    - The Chair may also elect to suspend debate and set aside the issue to a subsequent meeting.
    - Minority reports, *per se*, will not be issued, but all products and positions of the Council will reflect minority positions, with minority language to be approved by minority members.
    - A motion to reconsider a decision may be entertained by the Chair, if a majority of those present votes to reconsider.
  - A majority of the voting members of the Council, which may include the Chair, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. A council member may attend a meeting, participate and vote by telephone. A quorum is necessary for an official vote of the Council. A majority vote of the quorum present is necessary to take an action.

**State law requires all current board and commission members to complete online courses administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS)**

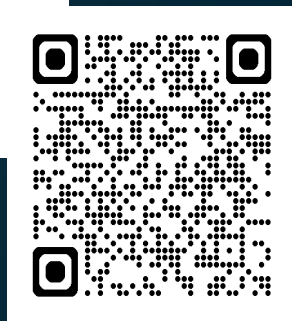
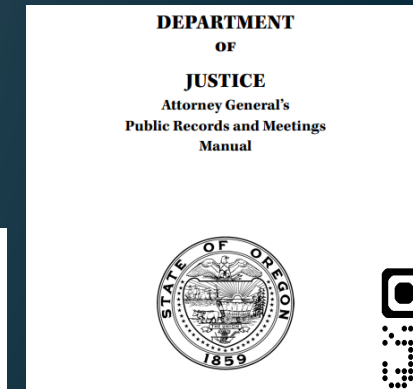
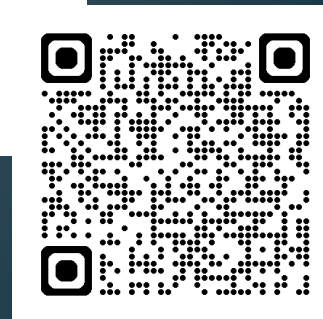
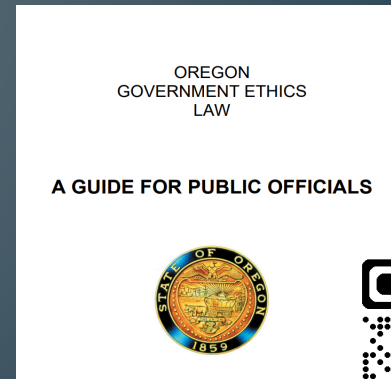
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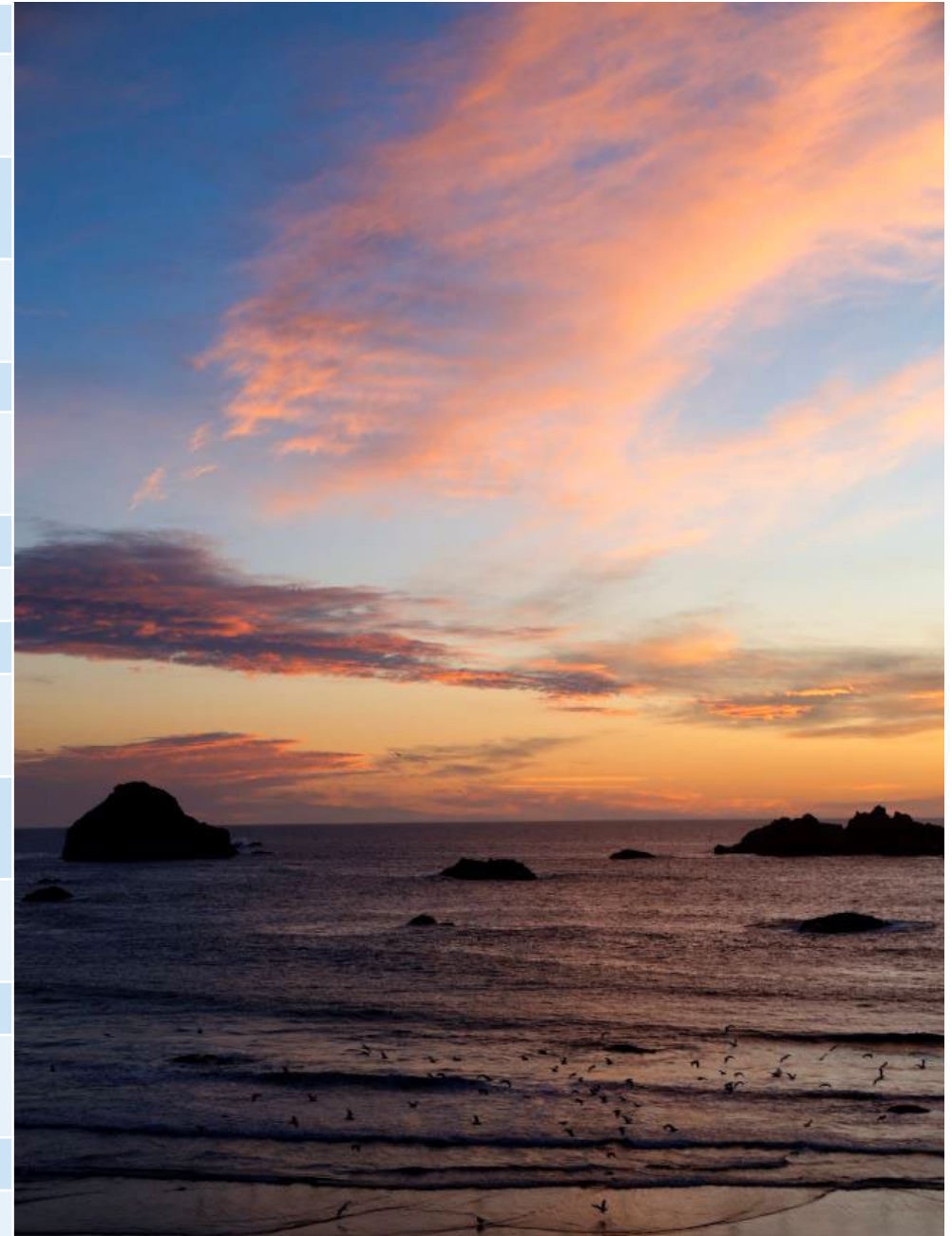
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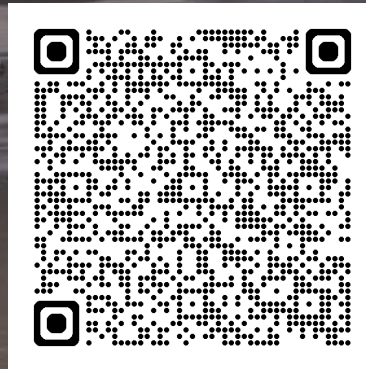
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# Governor's Executive Order on Climate Resilience for Natural and Working Lands and Waters

PRESS RELEASE LINK:



# Messaging from the Governor's Office

## **Regarding the 10% by 10 Years Goal:**

The Executive Order sets a goal for agencies to conserve, protect, restore or connect 10% of Oregon's lands and waters within 10 years. To be clear, this is a collective goal and applies to all land and water types (including ocean/near-shore).

There is not an expectation for an agency-by-agency, equal contribution to the goal. The inter-agency team that will be convened and led by ODFW and OWEB in coordination with the Governor's Office is charged with determining baseline conditions and requirements for qualifying actions that fit under the protect, restore, connect, and conserve categories.

# Messaging from the Governor's Office

## Regarding the 10% by 10 Years Goal (continued):

The expectation is that the qualifying actions will be *additive* to conditions that exist today and within 10 years there will be 10 percent more lands and waters in Oregon that will be conserved, restored, protected or connected. There are no interim targets specified in the Executive Order but these may be set during the implementation process to track progress.

# Messaging from the Governor's Office

## **Regarding Plan Implementation:**

Implementation will begin immediately with the convening of the Governor's Natural Resources Cabinet and the establishment of an inter-agency, technical team led by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).

The inter-agency team will be considering characteristics that make Oregon's lands and waters resilient to the impacts of climate change "resiliency attributes." It is expected that the inter-agency team will include or consult with representatives with expertise in different areas including the ocean/marine environment.

# Messaging from the Governor's Office

## **Regarding Plan Implementation (cont):**

Agencies will then use these attributes to inform actions they will take in furtherance of the 10 by 10 goal. These actions will be specified in biennial workplans that will be developed on a schedule to inform the development of the Governor's Request Budget (GRB). The biennial workplans must also be shared with Boards and Commissions in a manner that allows for public comment.

There is a lot of work to be done in the short-term establishing the teams, next steps and timelines.

# Messaging from the Governor's Office

## **How will OPAC be involved?**

Still a lot of early implementation work to be done before this question can be answered with certainty. However, implementation activities will ultimately include thinking about actions or processes that will protect, restore, connect or conserve the ocean environment in a manner that promotes resiliency to climate change effects.

Encourage brainstorming on this point and there will be more discussion to come with the Governor's Office and implementing agencies.

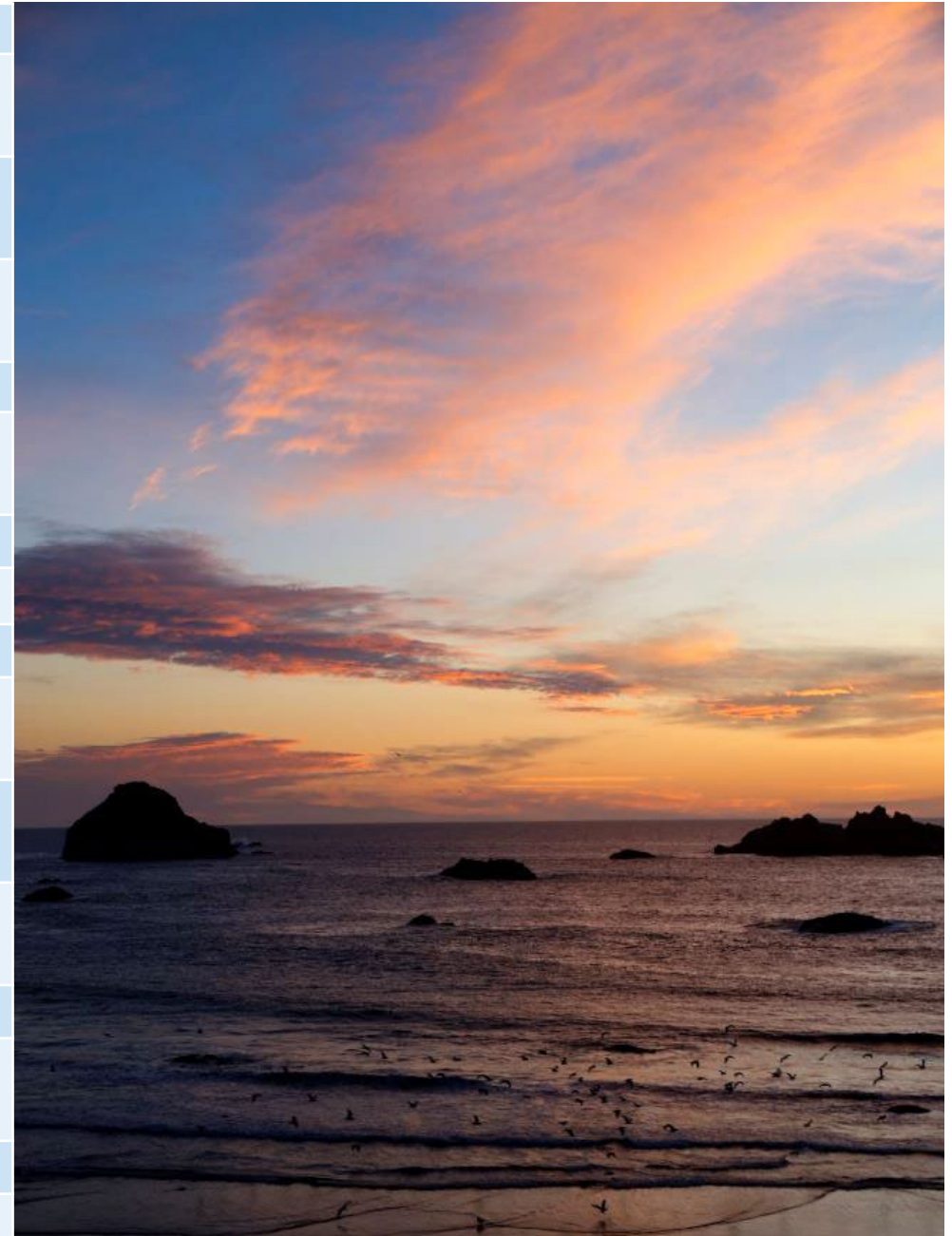
# Executive Order Language Regarding OPAC

“The Department of State Lands, Department of Land and Conservation Development and Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall work with the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust and Oregon Sea Grant to evaluate opportunities to support long-term resilience of nearshore resources in Oregon, and incentivize and promote globally competitive ocean-reliant products derived through sustainable practices.”

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# Rocky Habitat Management Project Update

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Territorial Sea Plan  
Part Three

OPAC Meeting  
October 2025



Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Eva Krukowski, Rocky Habitat Projects Coordinator  
Andy Lanier, Marine Affairs Coordinator





# Rocky Habitat Management Strategy

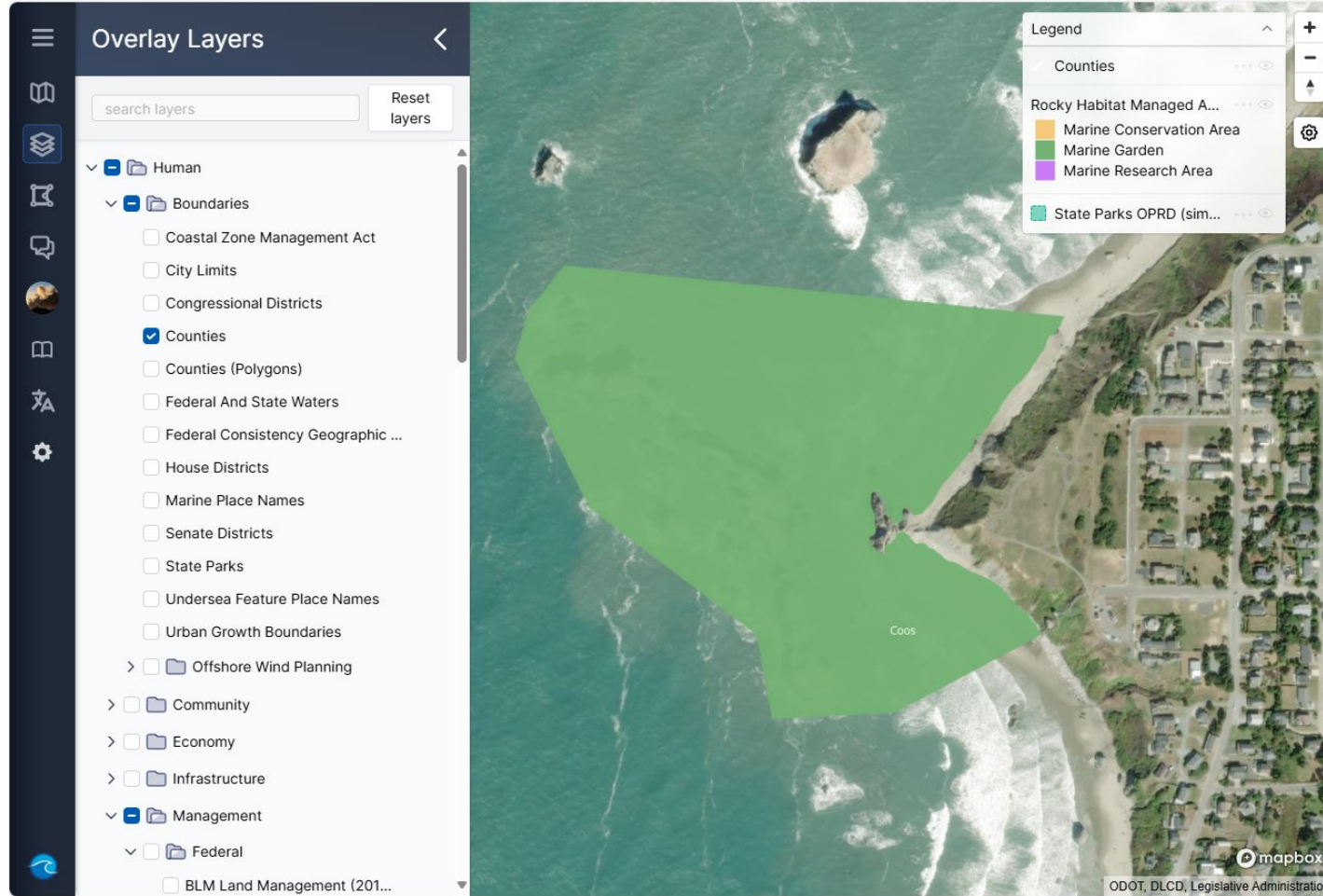
## Territorial Sea Plan Part III

### Objectives of the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy (Excerpt)

- Implement management programs that **allow for the enjoyment of OR's rocky shores** while **protecting them from overuse**, degradation, and loss;
- Enhance appreciation and **foster personal stewardship** of OR's rocky shores through education, interpretation, and information;
- Maintain, **enhance**, or restore rocky-shore habitats and **biological communities**;
- Improve our knowledge and **understanding of rocky shore ecosystems** by fostering research and monitoring efforts;
- Foster **coordination among natural resources management agencies** to ensure that marine resources and habitats are protected from human damage.

# Designation Process

## Territorial Sea Plan Part 3 Appendix E



Oregon SeaSketch

- Grassroots effort to propose new state designated rocky habitats
- Ocean Policy Advisory Council recommended sites (2021-2023)
- Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) approved designation of eight new sites
- NOAA grant to build capacity for site implementation
- Interagency rulemaking coordination and outreach



# Project Goals

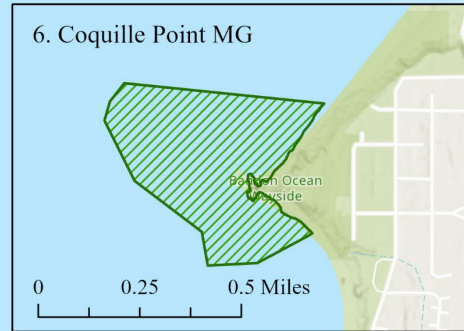
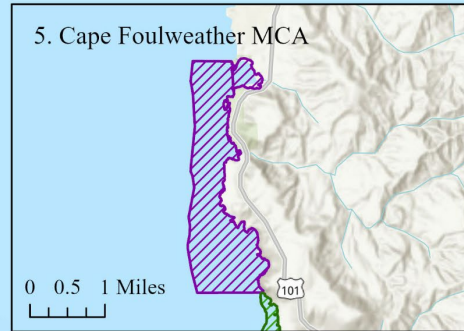
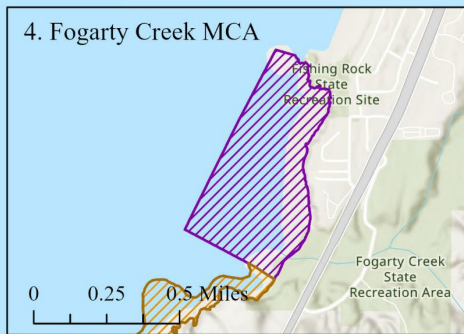
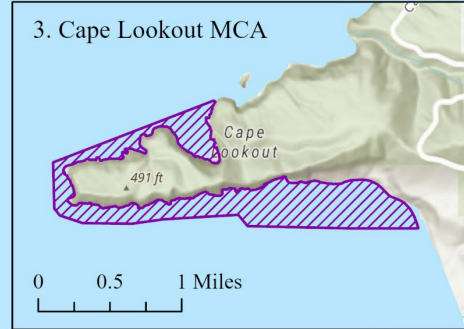
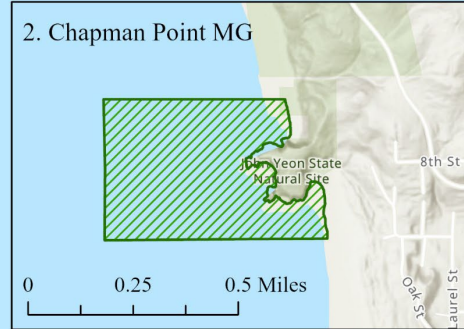
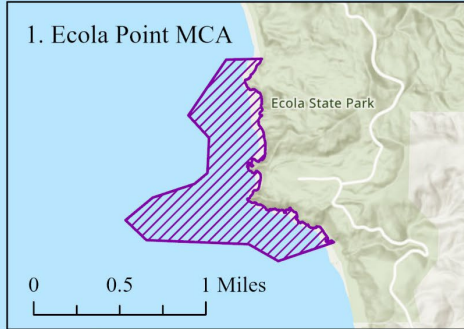
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## Site Management Plans

- Build capacity for local programs
- Develop eight plans
- Coordinate with organizations and agencies on management strategies

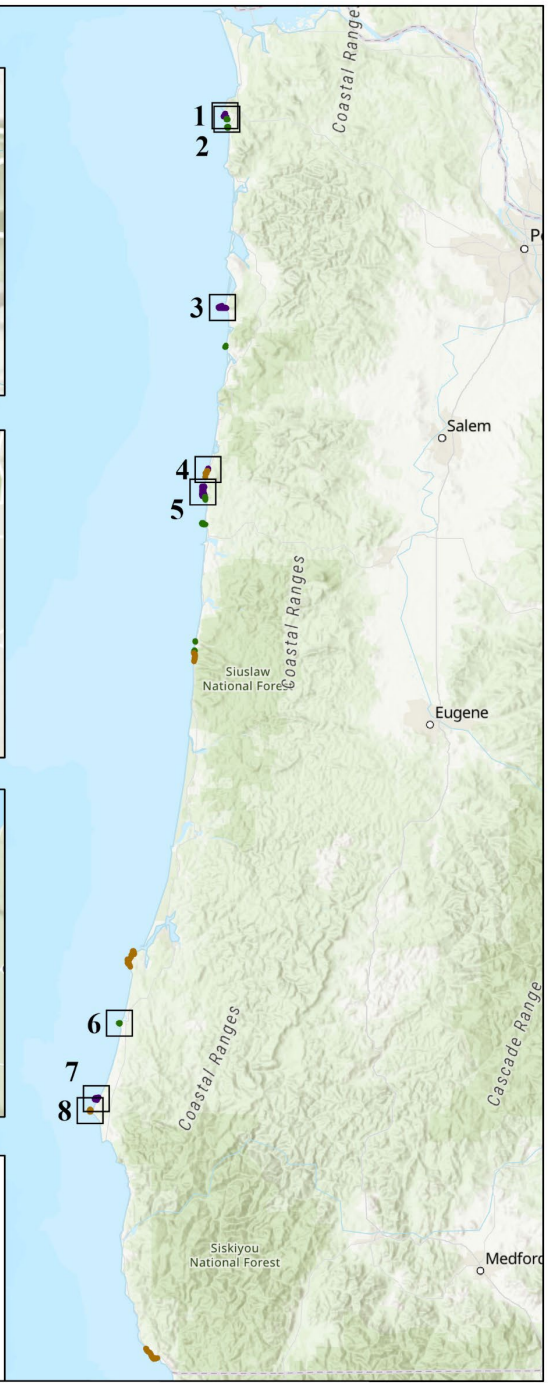
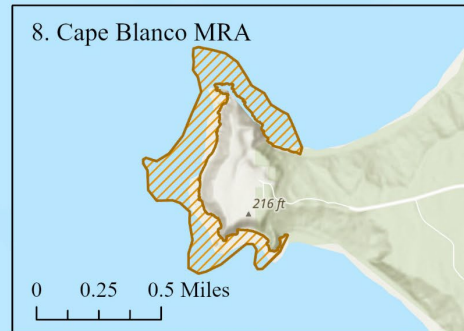
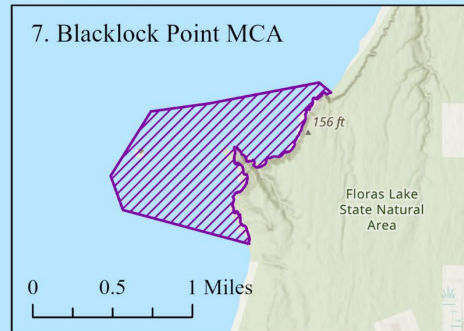
## Tools and Outreach Materials

- Compile library of tidepool educational materials
- Design maps and digital tools



**Legend**

- Marine Conservation Area (MCA)
- Marine Garden (MG)
- Marine Research Area (MRA)
- New Rocky Habitat Designations



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## ROCKY HABITATS DESIGNATED IN 2024



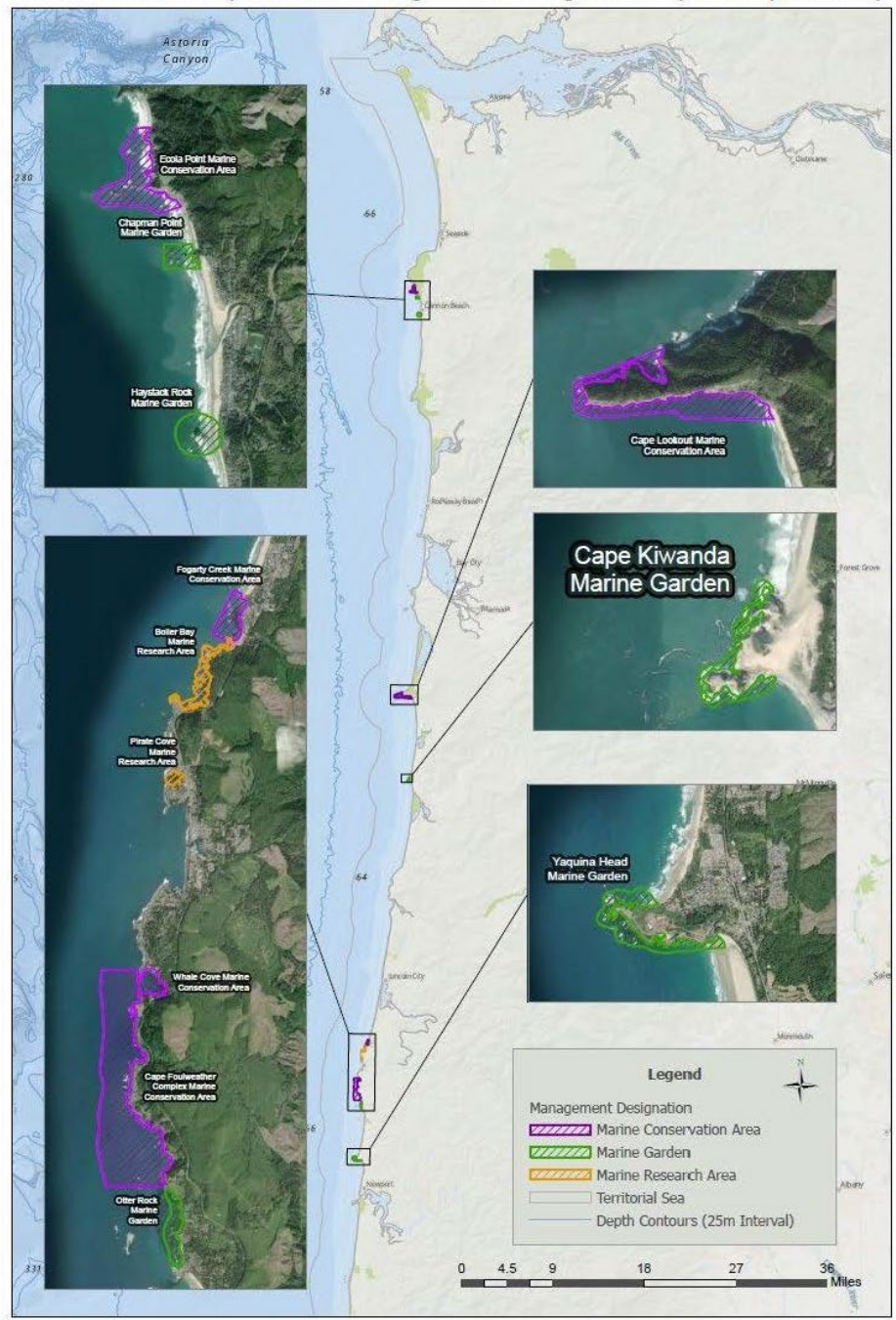
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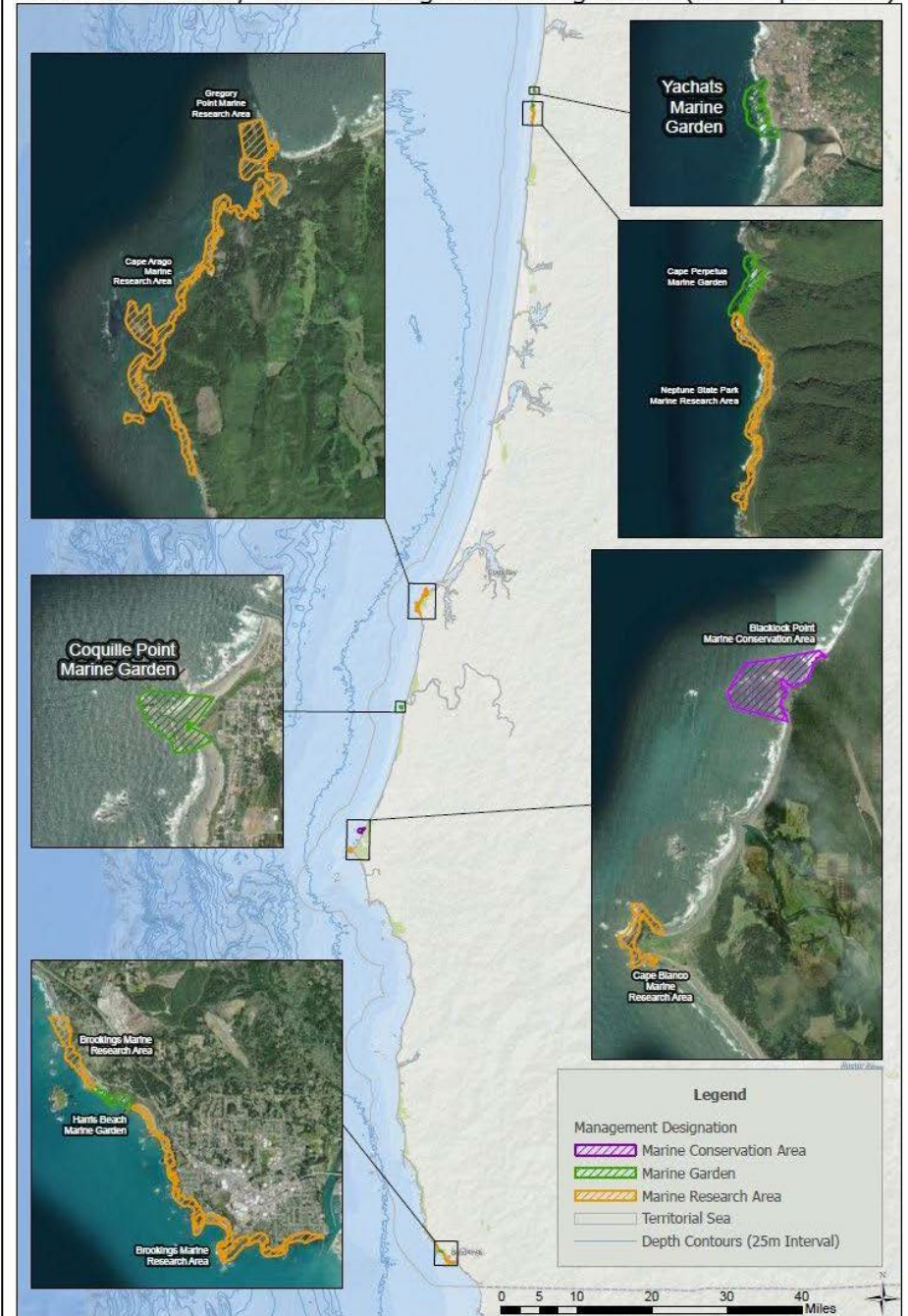


# Oregon Rocky Habitat Protected Areas

22 Designated Rocky Habitat Protected Areas

- 6 Marine Conservation Areas
- 9 Marine Gardens
- 7 Marine Research Areas

*\*Map does not include 5 Marine Reserves or Marine Protected Areas*



# Partnerships and Community Engagement



5 Federally Recognized Coastal Tribes  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Oregon State Police  
Department of State Lands

**Rocky Habitat Partners:**  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department



Seven Capes Bird Alliance  
Bird Alliance of Oregon  
Surfrider Foundation  
Redfish Rocks Community Team  
Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition  
Shoreline Education for Awareness  
North Coast Land Conservancy  
Haystack Rock Awareness Program  
Friends of Otter Rock



# Public Engagement

- Workshops
- Public comment
- Portland State University
- Trainings
- Project Updates



# Rocky Habitat Management Workshop Series 2024-2025

- Information Sharing
- Interpretation and Education
- Monitoring and Community Science
- Enforcement and Compliance

# How to Use the Management Plans

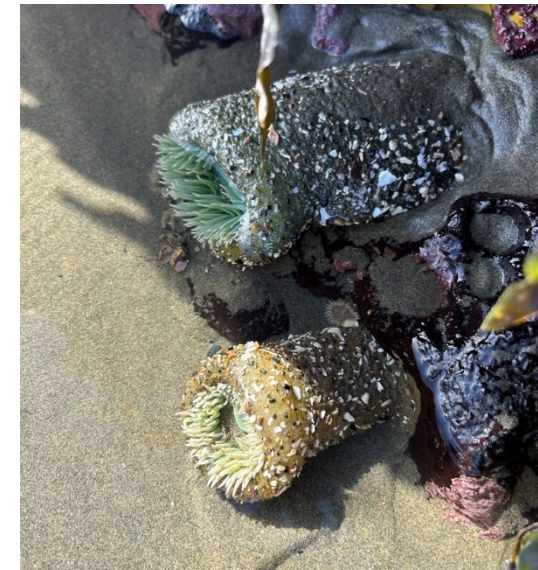


Wise, Short Sand Beach Survey, North Coast Land Conservancy, 2025

- Understand how state goals apply at the sites
- Share the individual site goals, objectives, actions
- Coordinate actions from community groups and government agencies
- Foster increased engagement between interested groups and the public
- Participate in scientific monitoring at each site
- Access outreach materials about rocky habitats

# Coquille Point Marine Garden

Proposed in 2020 → Recommended in 2021 → Designated in 2024



# Coquille Point Marine Garden Management Plan

## COQUILLE POINT MARINE GARDEN MANAGEMENT PLAN

OREGON ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



October 2025



## Marine Garden Non-Regulatory Management Strategies Excerpt

- Increase, enhance, and maintain visual and physical access on public lands to rocky habitats to be inclusive of diverse uses while prioritizing the protection of ecological and cultural resources.
- Encourage educational and interpretive programming that increases informed visitation to the site and minimizes impacts to site resources.
  - Educational programs should aim to reduce the impacts of trampling and wildlife disturbance, as well as monitor impacts of visitor use. Increase and enhance messaging around rules and regulations and highlight general rocky habitat etiquette and stewardship.

*The site goal of the Coquille Point Marine Garden designation is to afford more protection of the plants and animals while encouraging enjoyment of the designated area.*

# Coquille Point Marine Garden Management Plan Objectives

## Tribal Coordination

1. Preserve cultural resources
2. Include Tribes in resource monitoring

## Public Access

1. Maintain visual access
2. Enhance inclusive physical access

## Natural Resource Conservation

- Protect ecological resources
- Minimize wildlife disturbance
- Advance research and adaptive management

## Public Visitation

- Promote inclusive education and interpretation
- Encourage stewardship through outreach
- Increase informed visitation
- Minimize visitor impact
- Monitor visitor use

## Site Monitoring

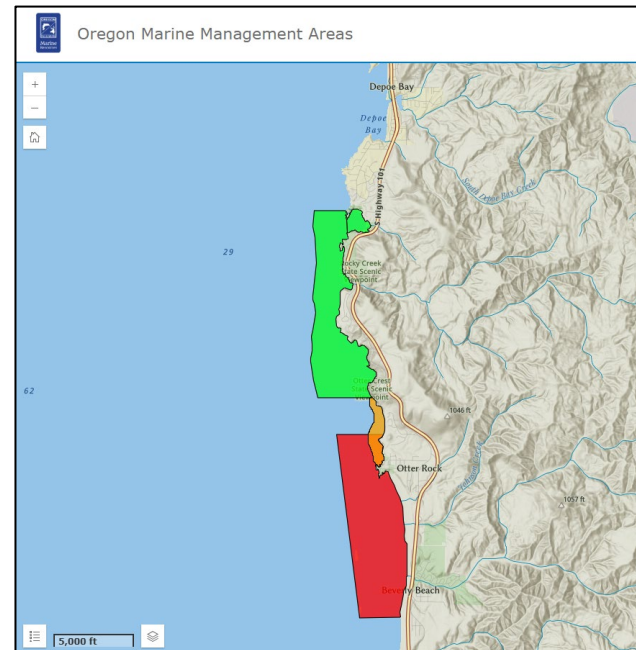
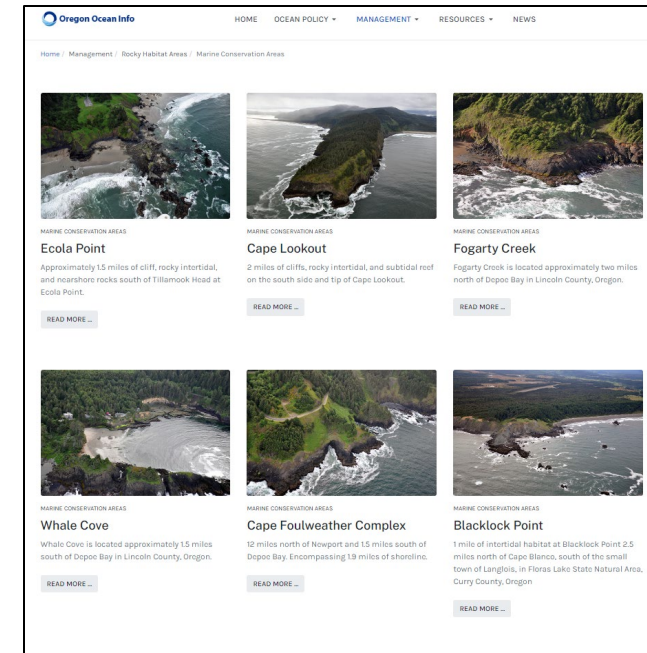
- Standardize data collection
- Practice accessible and inclusive monitoring efforts
- Prioritize relevant research projects

## Compliance

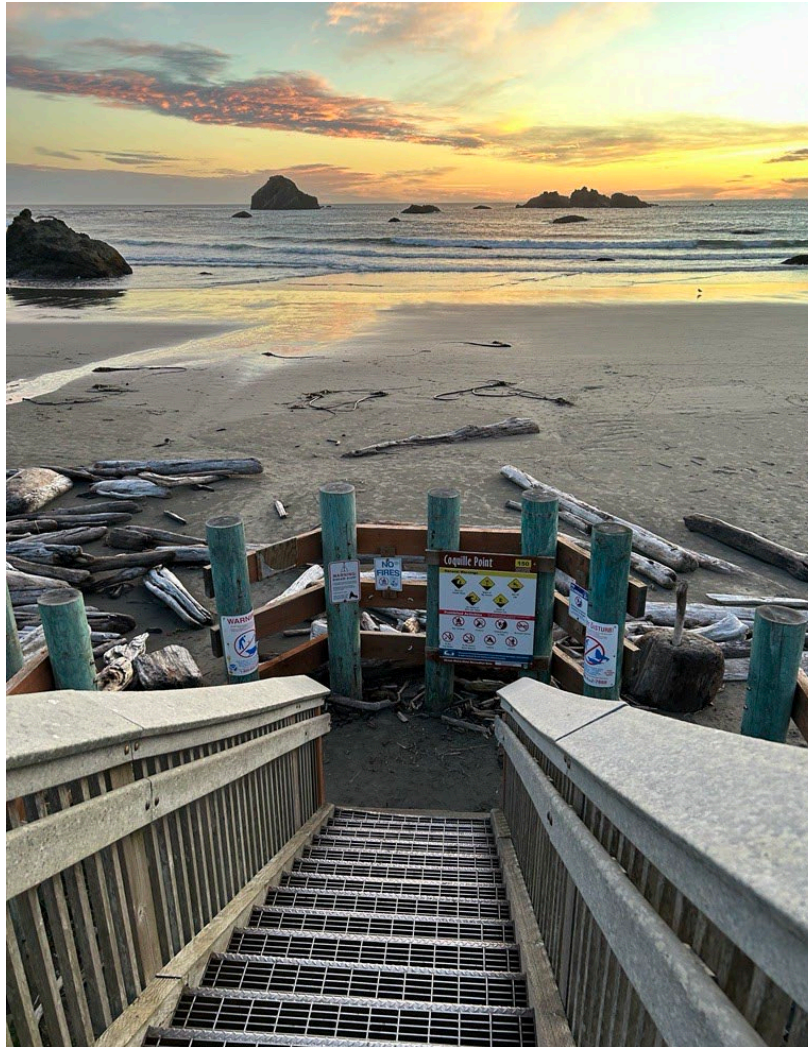
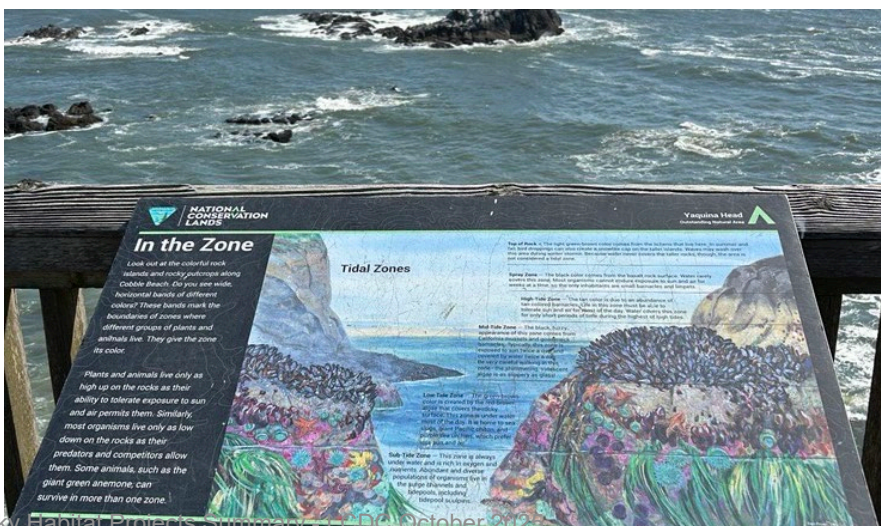
- Encourage regulatory compliance
- Prioritize public education
- Maintain public safety
- Support informed stewardship programs

# Digital Resources

- Tools
- Planning documents
- Reference materials
- Educational resources
- Current regulations



# Regulation & Interpretive Signs



## Marine Garden



Chapman Point is a protected rocky habitat area. Leave plants and animals undisturbed.



Watch your step. Step on bare rock or sand whenever possible--for your safety as well as for the animals that live on the rocks.



Keep all pets on a leash or under direct control.



No shellfish, marine invertebrate, kelp or seaweed collection. See regulations for exceptions.



No climbing on offshore rocks.

For more information:



A complete copy of rules is available at Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD) websites. ODFW sport fishing rules and regulations apply.

# Compliance and Enforcement

## Urgent Response Contact List

Situation	Phone Number	More Information
Emergencies or Life-Threatening Situations	Dial 911	Connects to a local emergency dispatch center.
Non-Emergency Assistance	Dial *OSP or *677 from your mobile phone or  Dial 1-(800)-452-7888	Connects to one of Oregon State Police Command Centers.
Report a Wildlife or Habitat Law Violation		Fish & Wildlife Division  <a href="mailto:OSP.FWD@osp.oregon.gov">OSP.FWD@osp.oregon.gov</a>
Report a Stranded or Injured Marine Animal	West Coast Hotline:  (866)-767-6114  OSU Marine Mammal Stranding Network:  (541) 270-6830	<a href="#">NOAA Fisheries Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program</a>  <a href="#">Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network</a>  Fill out an online <a href="#">form to report the stranding of a marine mammal or sea turtle</a> .
Report an Entangled Whale	West Coast Hotline:  (877) SOS-WHALE, (877) 767-9425	<a href="#">National Marine Mammal Entanglement Response Networks</a>

# What's Next?

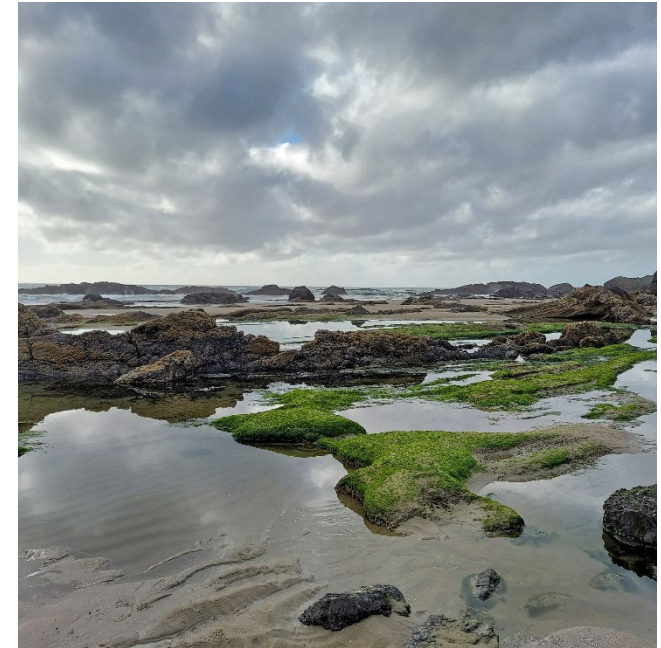
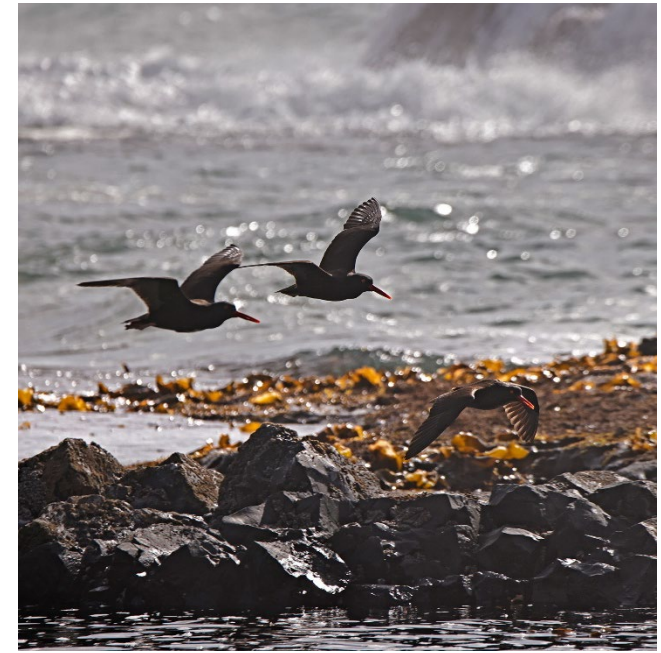
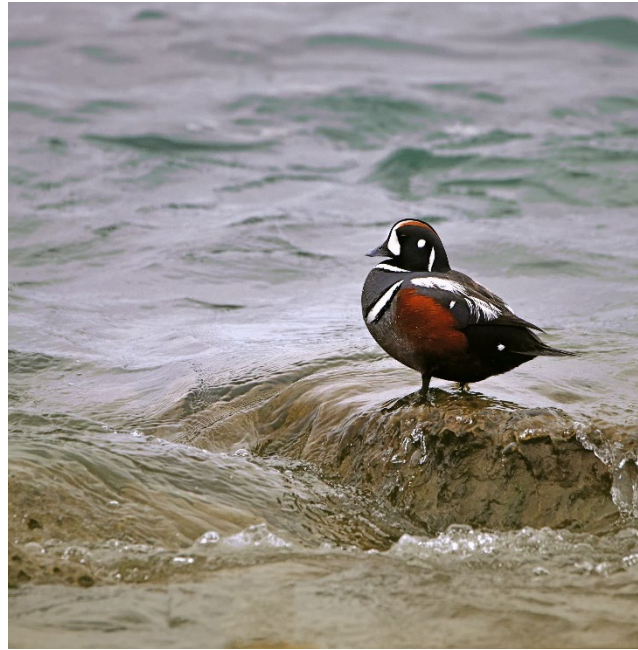
- Collaboration with Marine Reserves Partnership Program
- Formalizing a coastwide standards for community science data collection
- Integration of iNaturalist observations with SeaSketch
- Development of a marine education curriculum
- Seeking future investments



Tidepool Interpretation, North Coast Land Conservancy, 2025

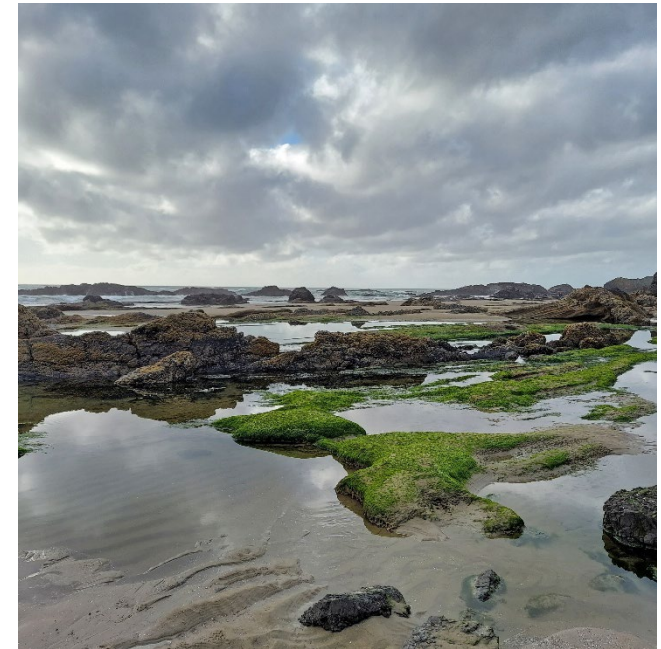
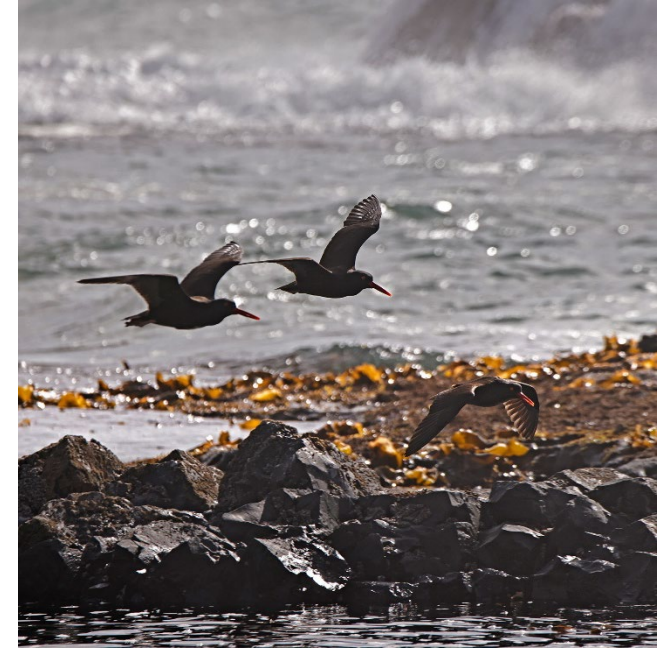
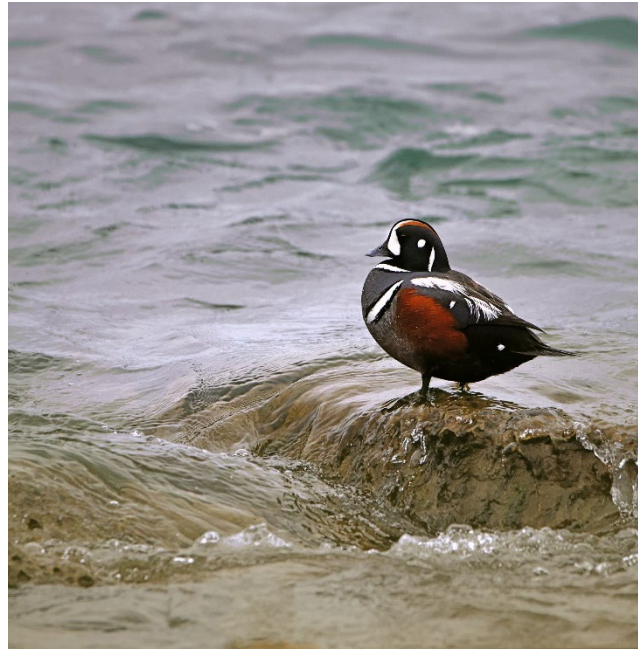


# Questions?





# Mini-Panel



# Mini-Panel

15-20 mins



Seven Capes Bird Alliance, Hike at Cape Lookout, 2024

## Angela Whitlock

Marine Program Manager, North Coast Land Conservancy

## Kent Doughty

Coastal Conservation Coordinator, Seven Capes Bird Alliance

## Questions:

1. If additional resources became available in the future, what would be your top priorities for advancing rocky habitat management?
2. What aspects of the partnership between State agencies and organizations have worked particularly well, and what could be improved in future efforts?
3. As we look ahead, what role do you think the State should play in supporting continued collaboration with communities?



North Coast Land Conservancy, Tabling at Cape Falcon, 2025

# Nearshore Habitat and Marine Conservation Assessment

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OREGON TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS

# The Assessment Goals & Driving Questions

**Goal: To inform the next TSP Part Three Proposal Process with basic facts about Oregon's current investments in nearshore marine habitat conservation.**

Driving Questions:

- What is the composition of habitats in Oregon's nearshore marine ecosystem?
- What percentage of Oregon's Nearshore ecosystem is in a protected area?
- What is the composition of habitats protected by Oregon's marine conservation efforts?





What is the composition of nearshore habitats in the Territorial Sea?

# Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership



The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP) is a nationally recognized partnership that seeks to advance regional and national goals relating to juvenile fish habitat.

PMEP is a consortium of organizations focused on West Coast fish habitat in the region's estuaries and nearshore marine waters. We invite local, state, tribal, and federal governments and non-governmental and private organizations in California, Oregon, and Washington to join this voluntary collaboration.

**To receive notices of funding availability, sign up for our newsletter at [www.pacificfishhabitat.org](http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org)**

## Providing Data

**PMEP produces comprehensive assessment reports on the state of the knowledge of estuarine and nearshore fish habitats**

**PMEP compiles datasets to inform conservation and restoration actions for estuarine and nearshore fish habitat**

## Project Funding

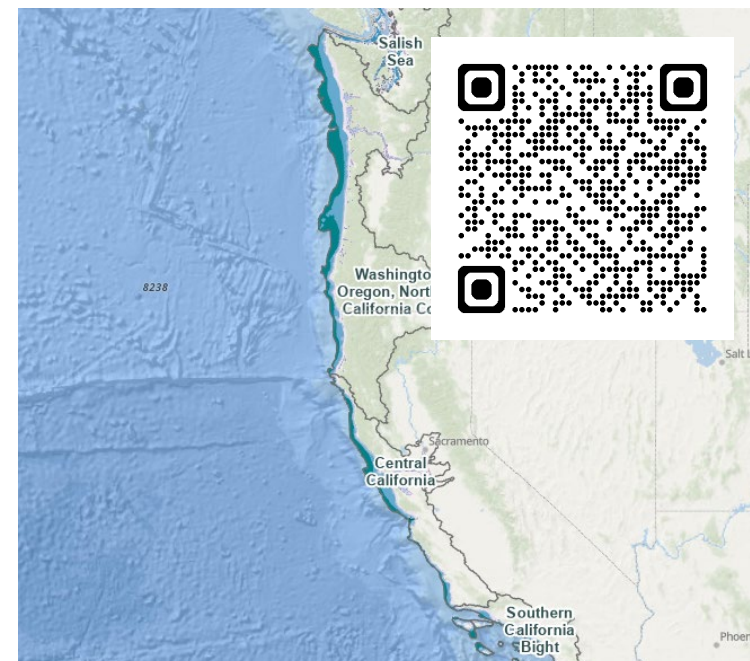
**PMEP provides targeted restoration and conservation funding to support on-the-ground work**

## PMEP Data Products

**Estuaries Explorer** allows users to quickly compare estuaries using dynamic filters and criteria

**Habitat Viewer** holds spatial data available for download, including:

- West Coast USA Current and Historical Estuary Extent
- Locations of 444 PMEP mapped estuaries along the West Coast
- Biotic Component of the Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard (CMECS) for West Coast Estuaries
- Assessment of West Coast USA Tidal Wetland Loss
- West Coast USA Eelgrass Habitat
- Substrate and Biotic Components of the CMECS for West Coast Nearshore Habitats by Ecoregion and Depth Zones



# Geospatial Analysis Data

## PMEP West Coast Nearshore Substrate Habitat



### PMEP West Coast Nearshore Substrate Habitat

File Geodatabase Feature Class



Tags

Coastal and Marine Ecological Classification Standard, environment, oceans, PMEP, nearshore habitat, substrate component, Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership, Nearshore, substrate, habitat, West Coast, CMECS

#### Summary

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Vers. 2.1, Last Updated June 2025

#### Credits


Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

<https://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/data/>

# PMEP Nearshore Habitat Viewer Training Opportunity!

Data Products

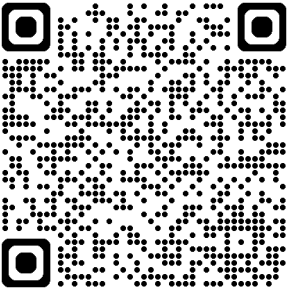
Applications



**APP HABITAT VIEWER**

Estuary and Nearshore Habitat Viewer

This map viewer highlights spatial data products developed by PMEP to characterize habitats and synthesize information in support of habitat conservation and restoration goal setting. Most of the data presented in this viewer are available for download below.



## PMEP Hosts Virtual Data Tools Training November 4 & 5

September 28, 2025 | Joan Drinkwin | Events | 0 cc

PMEP and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve Coastal Program are hosting a virtual data tools training on Tuesday, November 4 Wednesday, November 5 from 10am-12pm PST. The training will be available to participants. Registration is \$25.

The training is designed for restoration practitioners, resource managers, researchers and will cover the use and utility of PMEP's online spatial data based mapping tools: Estuary Nearshore Habitat Viewer and Estuary Explorer. Training participants will receive background information on PMEP's spatial framework and learn how to navigate and answer conservation planning questions through hands-on exercises. Participants will learn how to download data tools and how to upload datasets to the tool for customized mapping needs. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

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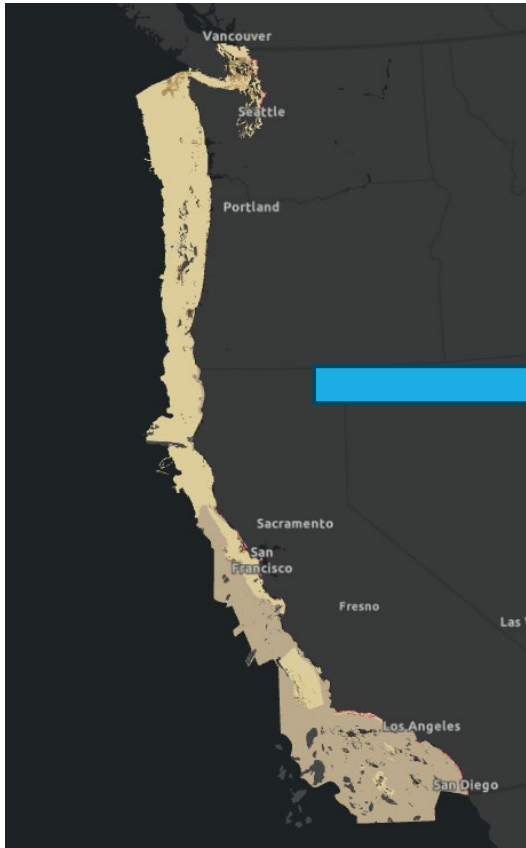


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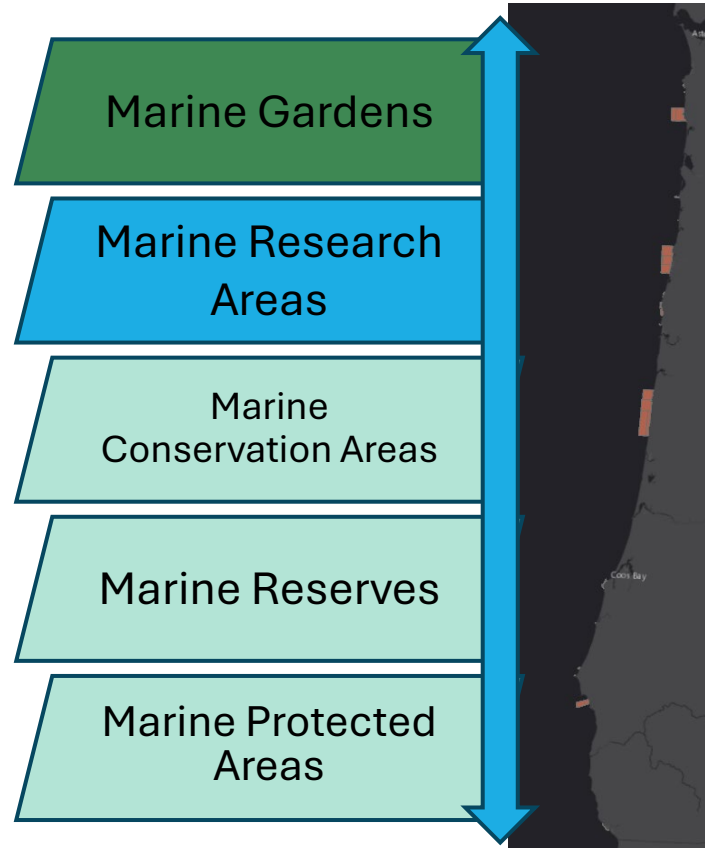
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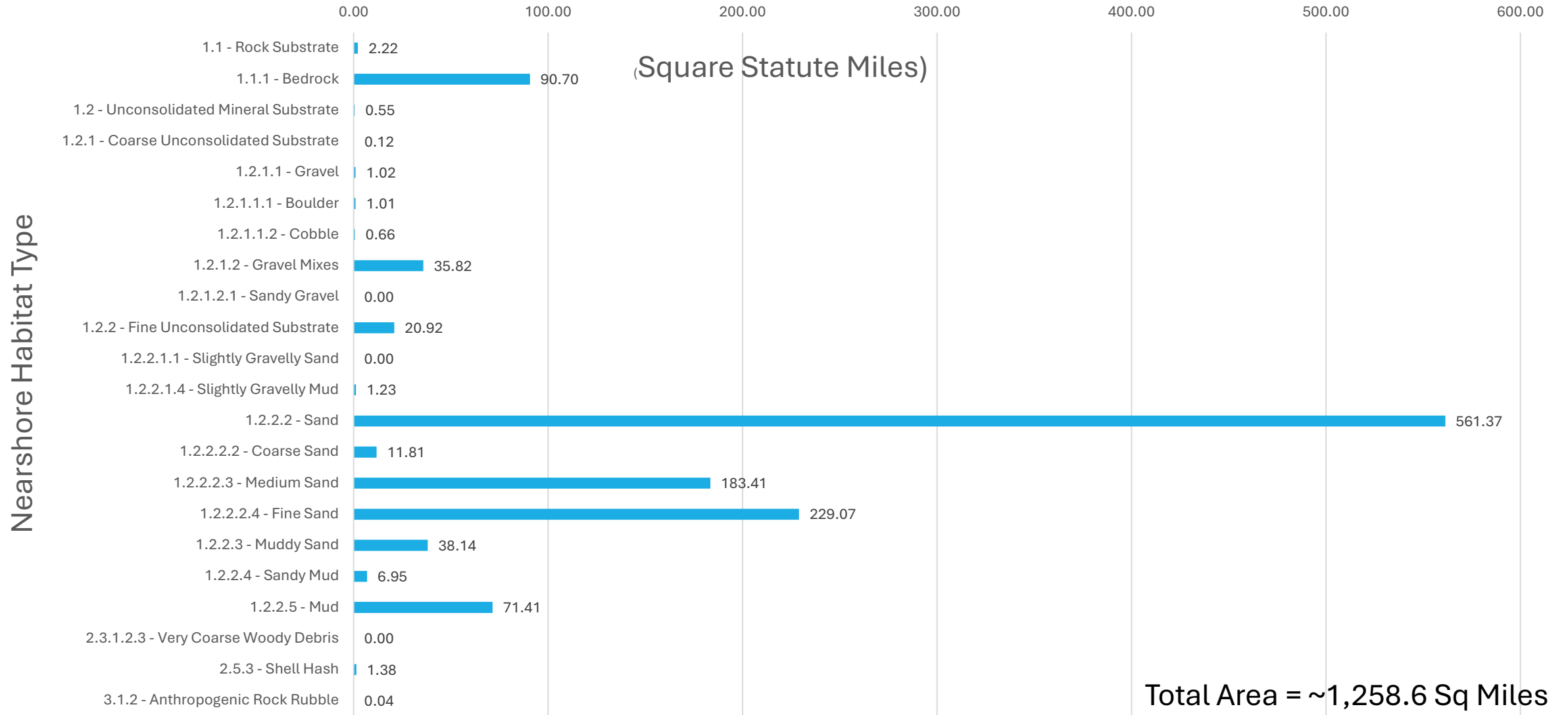
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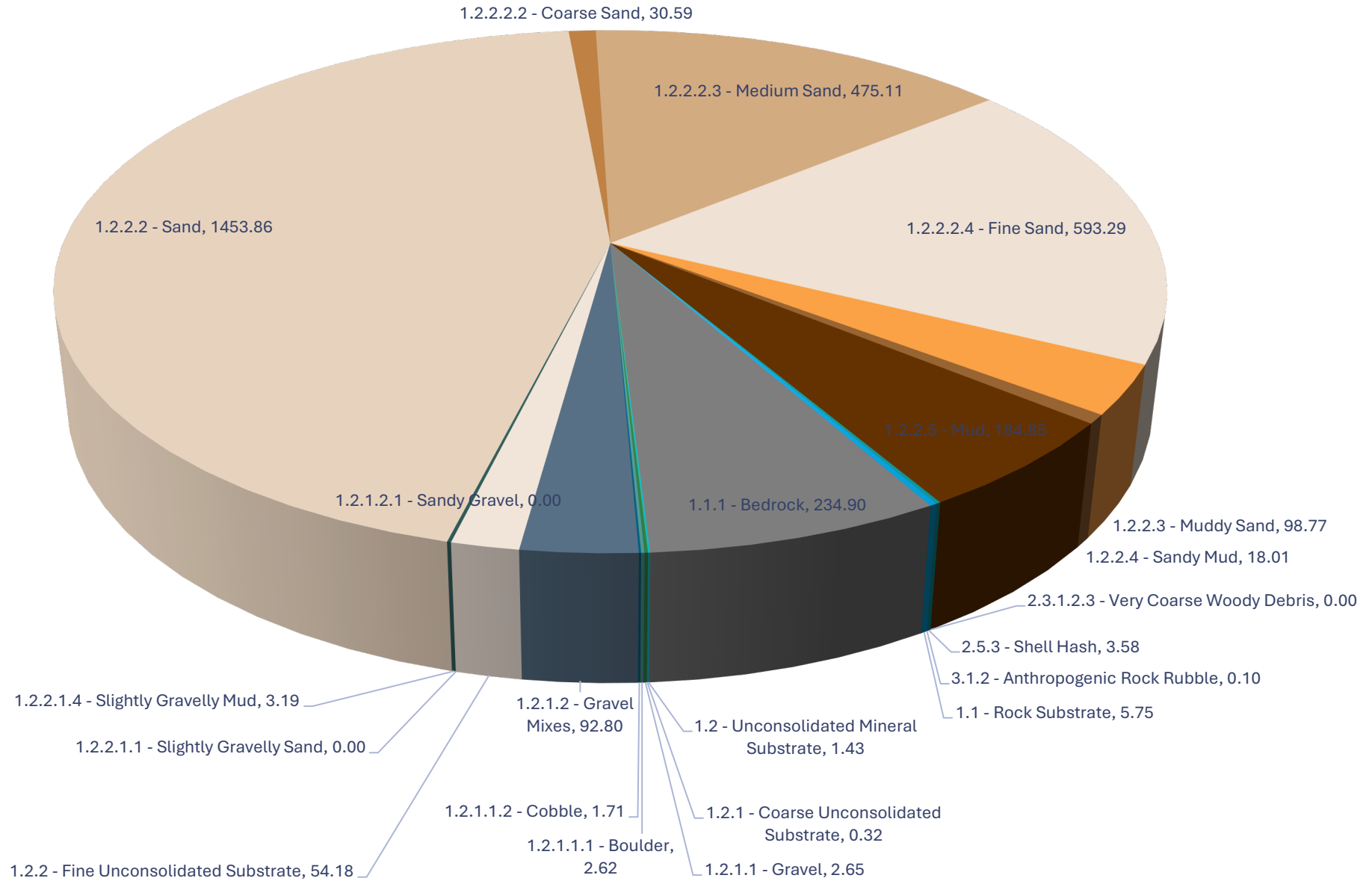
A spatial overlay analysis was performed, resulting in a table of protected areas and habitats



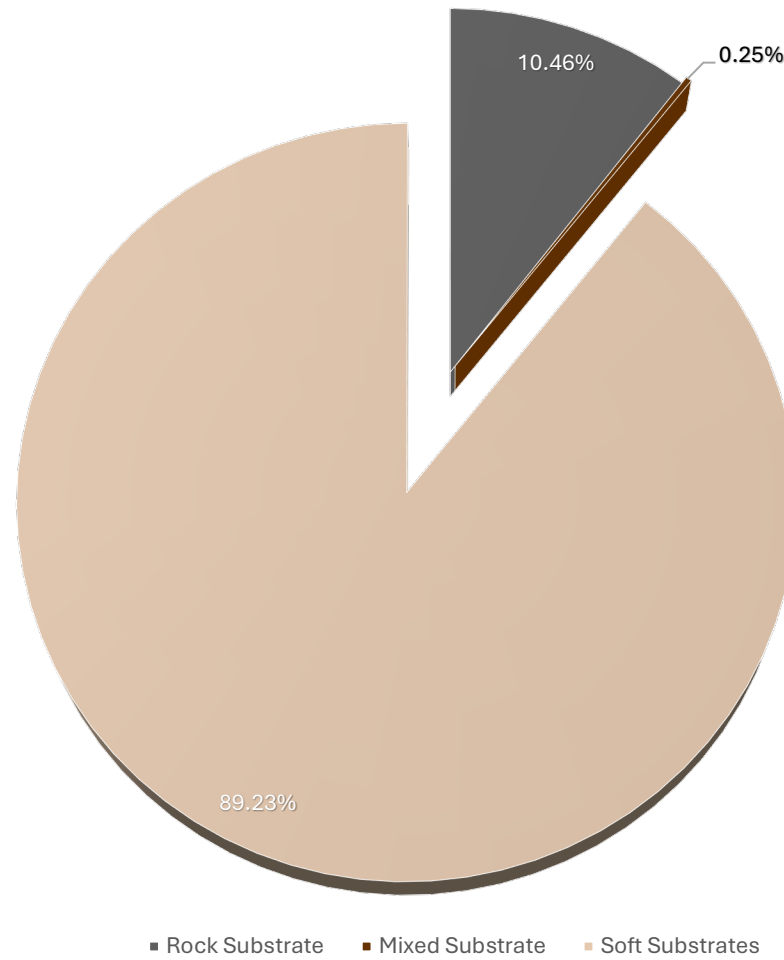
# Nearshore Habitats in the Territorial Sea



# Nearshore Substrate Habitats of Oregon's Territorial Sea



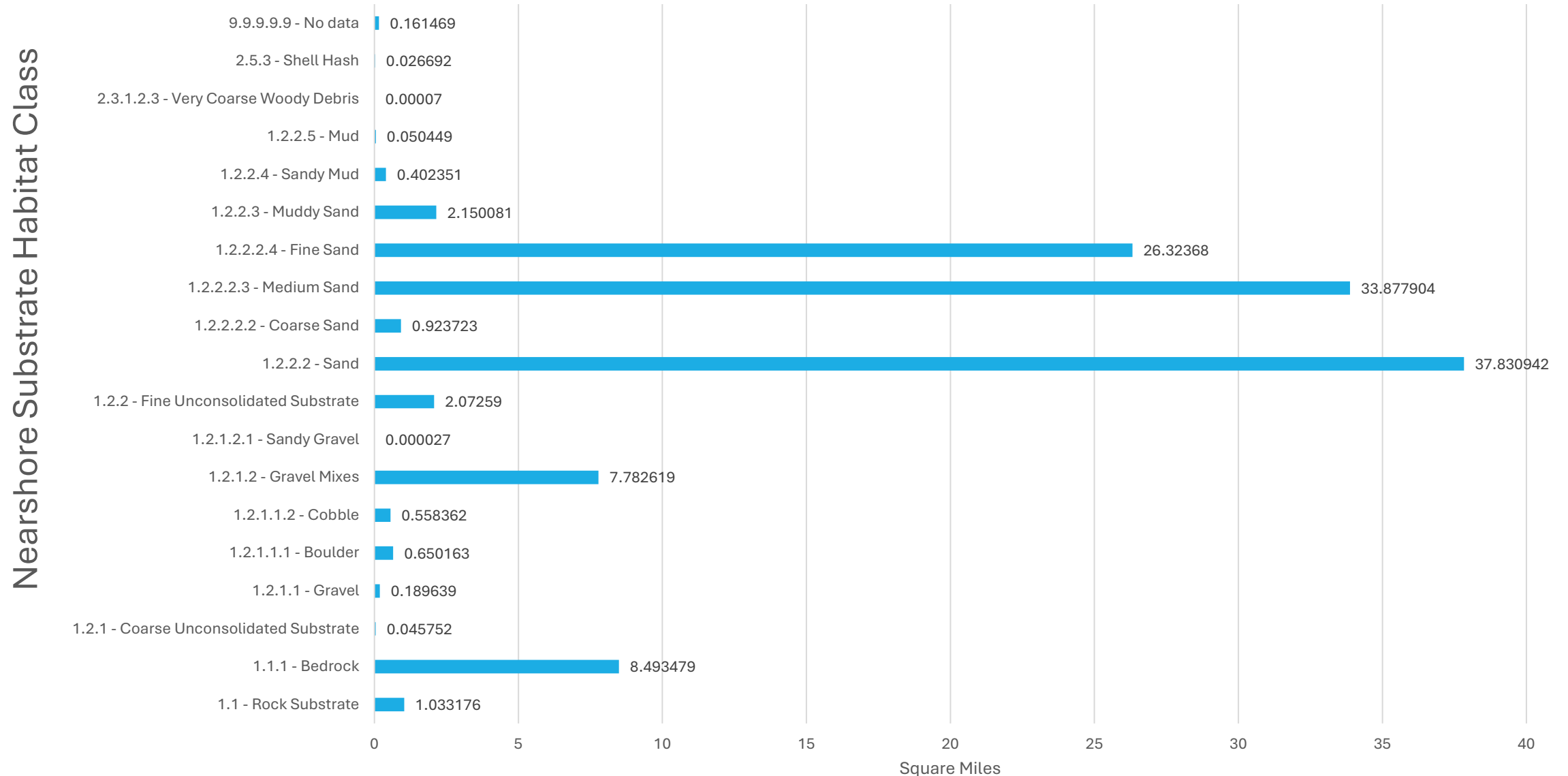
## Simplified Nearshore Habitats (% of the Territorial Sea)





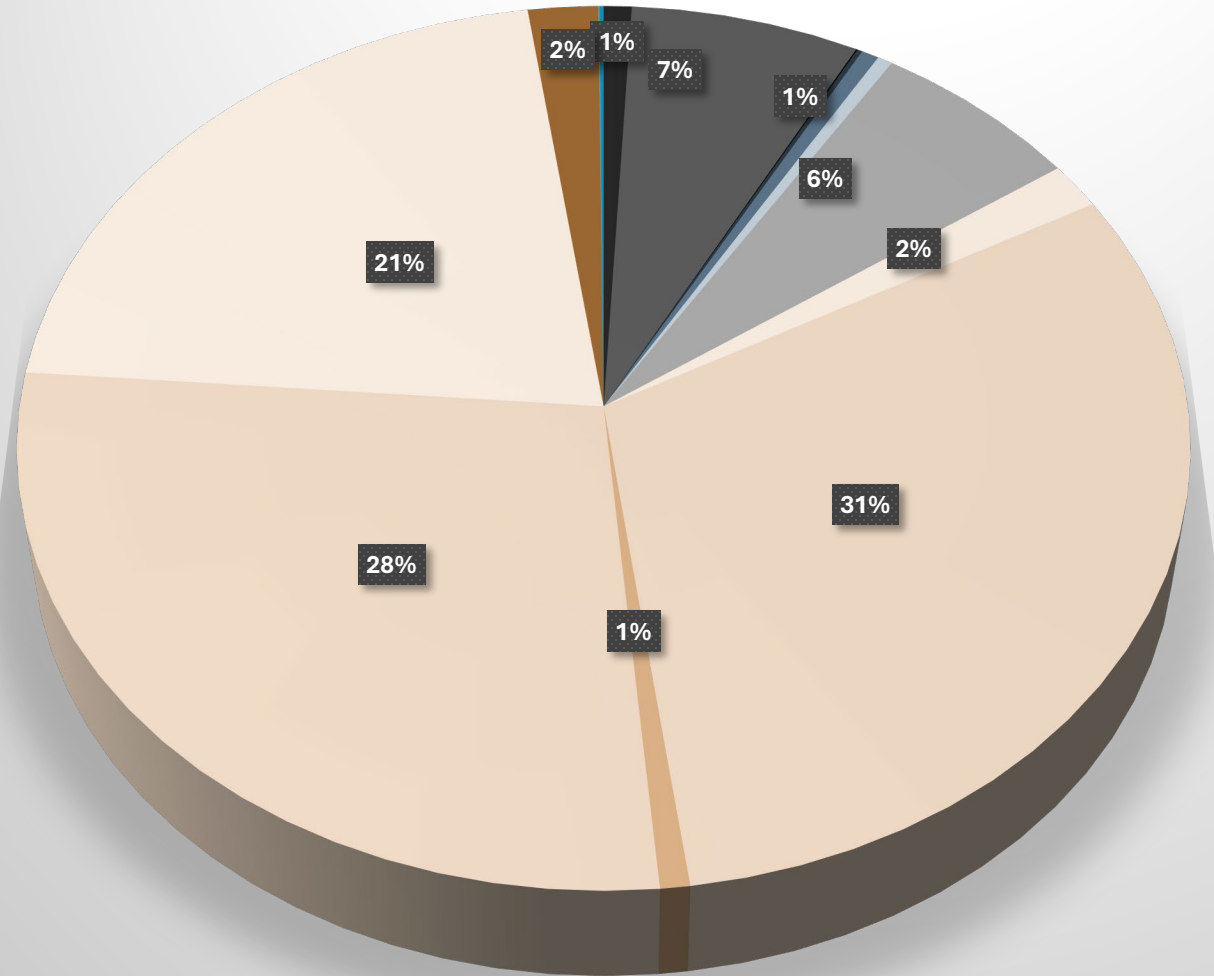
What is the percentage of the Territorial Sea  
in a protected area?

# Marine Managed Area Habitats (Square Statute Miles)



Total Area of Nearshore Habitats in Conservation Areas in the Territorial Sea = 9.73%

## Habitats within State Designated Marine Managed Areas

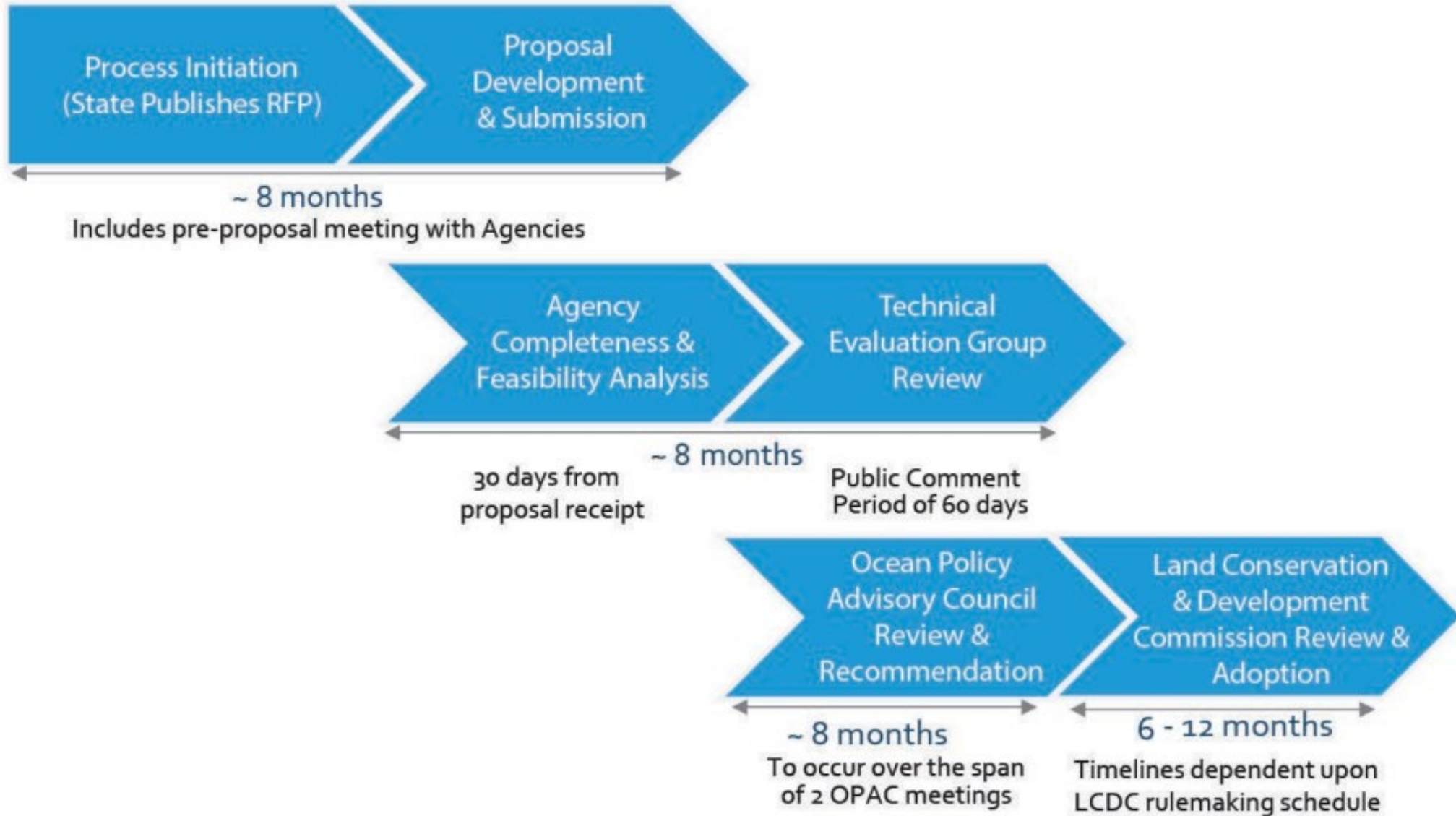


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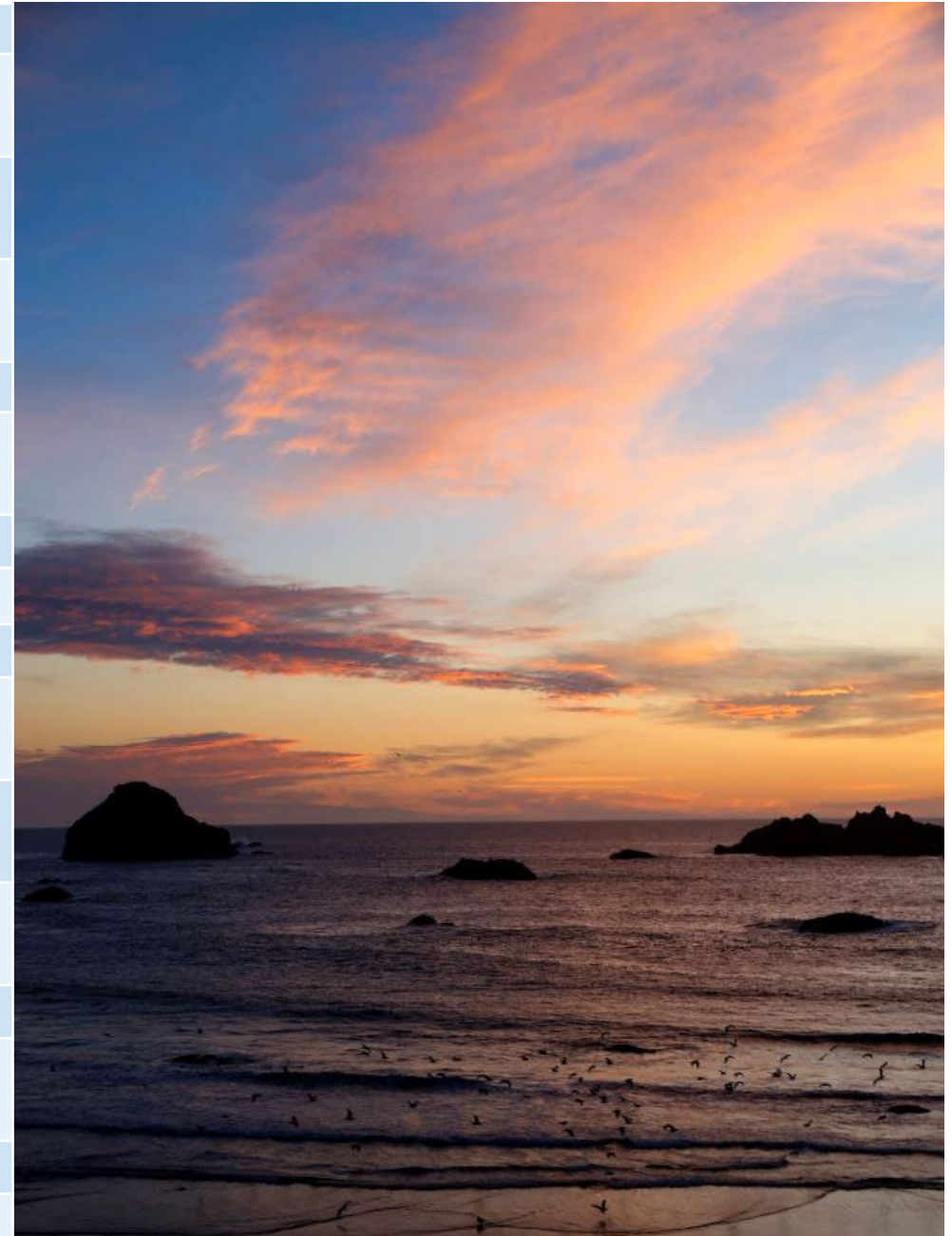
- What should be the focus of the next TSP Part Three Site-Based Management Proposal Process?
- With the EO release, what are the natural synergies or approaches OPAC can take to meet the Goal?
- What other area-based management tools (besides a regulatory approach) should be considered?

# Site Designation Proposal Process



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Lunch Break

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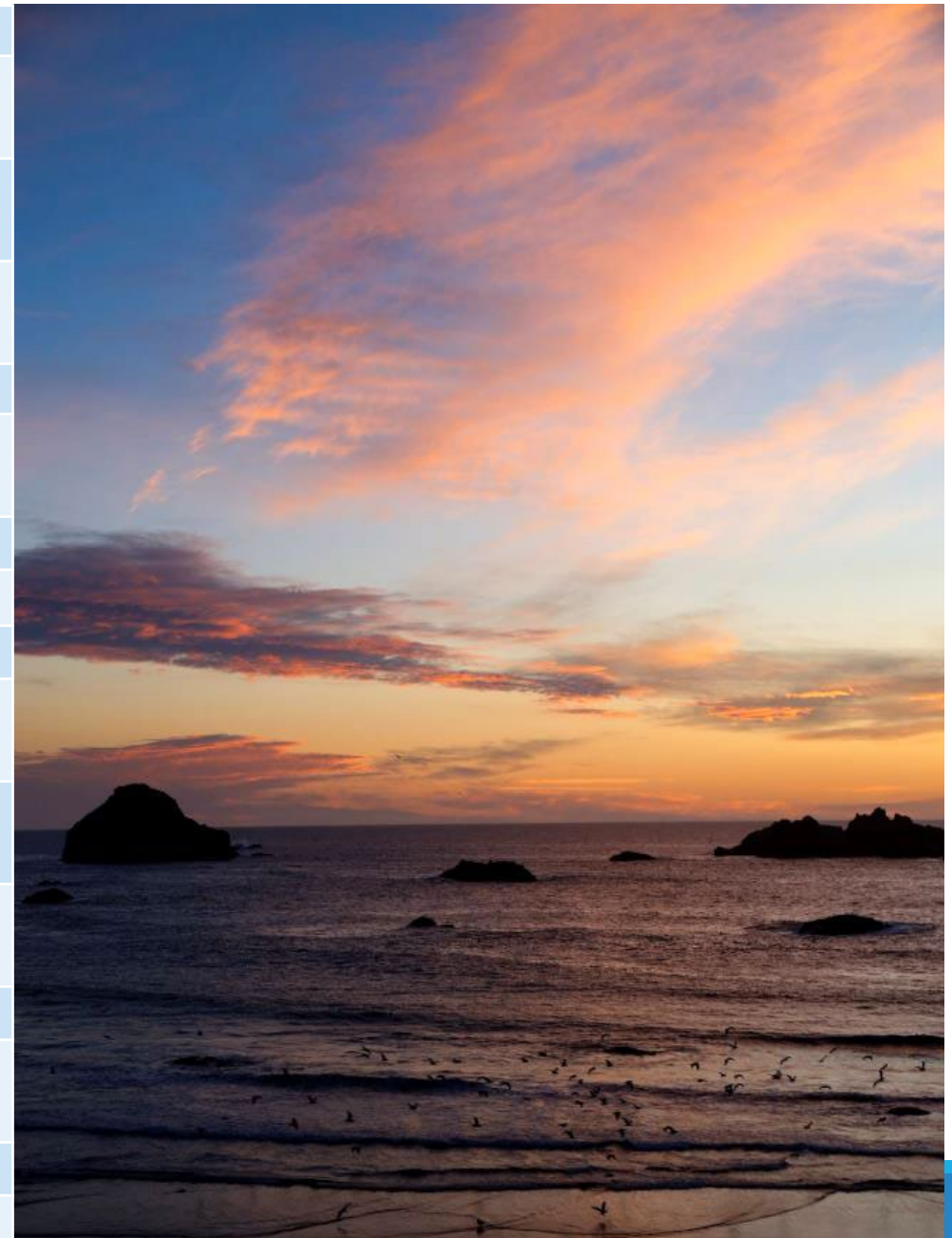


## Public Comment

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Afternoon  
Break

Reconvene at  
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# Oregon Coastal Mariculture Collaborative

**Oregon Coastal Mariculture Collaborative Briefing (30 min) –** *Tyson Rasor* (Ecotrust) and *Dick Vanderschaaf* (The Nature Conservancy) will provide a briefing to the Council on the work plan for the Collaborative.

# Recap, Meeting Scheduling, and Wrap-Up

***OPAC Chair and Vice-Chair*** will lead a discussion about the next OPAC meeting, action items, and any other follow-up.



Meeting Adjourned – Thank you!