

Territorial Sea Plan Working Group Workshop Public Comment

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Lou Costa, Brookings resident, "God has created our oceans to support and feed our families. It's our God given right to go where we must go to accomplish this. Any one person or group that challenges this right for whatever purpose is infringing on our God given right. Our human necessities are food, water, shelter, and clothing, not electricity. Especially when alternatives are right here on land, under our feed. It appears that you are not listening to strong opposition about wave energy and marine reserves and it's obvious that your infringements on our rights are 'cut and dry'. You are not talking if, but when and how. That's unfair and selfish. I urge everybody in this room to stand up for our rights. Just a few minutes ago I was talking with Commissioner Itzen I brought up a point that he commented on and agreed with me. Take a car manufacturer, who builds hybrid cars, who pays for that technology? You put a wave energy out there, that's a brand new technology that we don't know an awful lot about its impacts on the sea life, communities, and fisheries. That technology right there is going to cost you in the pocket book. You think you pay a lot for electricity right now, hold on to your pocket books. When they have to run that line through people properties, that means they are going to have to buy people properties, hold on to your pocket books. You are going to pay for that technology. Right here on land we have natural gas, solar, and its less impact on the people and communities and the state here or anyplace else then being on the water. That's all I have to say, it's an infringement on our rights and I oppose it. Its not right. Just because the governor set a mandate on it, doesn't mean everybody should do this. We have other alternatives."

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Dave Lacey, Gold Beach resident, "I've lived in Curry County for 16 years and I have spent quite a bit of time on the ocean here, fishing, surfing and kayaking. The point I want to make it that people don't just come here to fish. A lot of people do come here to fish but I think it's important that we recognize those other economic drivers in these communities. It's tourism. The vast majority of people come here to walk on the beach. People come here for other reasons, and I think we need to make it clear. According to the Ecotrust and Surfrider Natural Equity survey, it's about \$2.4 billion annually to coastal communities.

They may gas up in the valley but they are coming here to stay in motels and eat at restaurants. It also says they did about 27 million trips to the coast. A lot of these people live inland and its important to realize that they have a say in what goes on in the ocean as well, not just us who live here on the coast. I've personally been keeping track of how many days I surf and go fishing, and it's been about 12 years now, I also participated in the Surfrider Non consumptive use surveys, and I look at those maps and they seem really accurate to me. And my short stint as a commercial fisherman, it all jives with what I see on the screen there. So I think that the process they have gone through is really good, they included a lot of people they got a lot of big players in there. I think those maps are ready to use to help make some decisions. I also want to thank [TSPWG] for coming down here today and taking the time and energy. Hopefully, and when you come down again we can get a few more people from the community here."

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Peg Reagan, Conservation Leaders Network, Gold Beach, "I want to thank [TSPWG] for being here. As a south coast resident, I do want to say that I'm glad that so many of you made it out here this morning. To follow Goal 19, I think that you do need to prioritize protecting living marine resources, and stay out of whale migration paths and use large buffer zones around whatever areas need to be protected and err on the side of being conservative."

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Loretta M Johnson, Johnson Ranch and commercial fisher, "I just don't want to see the fisherman hurt. The cost of everything has gone up. License, boat, insurance, docking it, everything you need for the boat has gone sky high. Bait, ice, diesel, gas."

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Ralph Dairy, commercial fisherman, Brookings, "I would like to make a follow up on a comment made about whale migration. That's up to God where those whales go, and if you can't put this wave energy where whales go then you can't put them out there. Because that's there house and they go wherever they want to go and their paths change all the time. Anyways, for every dollar that commercial fishermen bring into the community, use a million dollars to start with, it comes across the bar, it comes in here, it generates seven times, seven million dollars, to out local community. You take 10% of that away; say wave energy takes away 10% from fishermen, the wave energy companies need to be financially responsibly to the communities, and the fishermen, for their losses. And guarantee their losses. Then you

will get full compliance. It's all about dollars and cents. And we all need to live and survive and pay our bills and do our thing.