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To: Shoreline Education for Awareness

Thank you for the effort SEA has been devoting to Coquille Point (CP) for the past 30 years, devoting time and talent to educating visitors of Coquille Point, the rocks, tide pools around Elephant Rock, Coquille Rock, and North Coquille Rock.

The natural beauty of the Oregon Coast and Coquille Point is truly breathtaking and extremely vital for many shorebirds and sea creatures. Understanding and respecting the cycle of nature is most important as very few visitors live near these fragile coastal ecosystems and are unaware of the amazing activity that exists on the rocks, in the ocean and on the sandy beaches.

Coquille Point is not only a vital breeding ground for numerous species of birds and mammals it is also one of the most highly visited tourist sites.

Too often during the breeding season I have encountered situations on the beach involving human intrusions that have caused irreparable damage.

Educating visitors will empower them to become good stewards and help our sensitive ecosystems thrive.

Our beach in Bandon is a treasure to humans and marine life. I support you in your intention to have Coquille Point's Elephant Rock area protected and given a special designation by the State of Oregon as a Marine Garden.

Sincerely,

KQuinlan  
Bandon Resident