
TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN

Site Designations

The Rocky Shore Management Strategy proposes six different management categories for Oregon's rocky shores: Marine Garden, Habitat Refuge, Research Reserve, Priority Rock & Reef, Not Yet Designated, and Marine Shore. However, currently only three categories are actively managed: Marine Garden, Habitat Refuge, and Research Reserve.



MARINE GARDENS

- Areas targeted for educational programs that allow visitors to enjoy and learn about intertidal resources.
- Collection of intertidal animals (except single mussels for bait) is **prohibited**.
- ODFW manages Oregon's seven marine gardens. Organize any necessary meetings to take place on your trip; book appointments and meeting rooms.



HABITAT REFUGE

- Designated based upon the need to maintain natural habitat values and viable populations of marine rocky shore species.
- Take of marine fish, shellfish and all marine invertebrates is **prohibited**.
- ODFW manages one habitat refuge.
 - Seasonal closure of Three Arch Rocks, a USFWS National Wildlife Refuge.



RESEARCH RESERVE

- Designated based upon the need to allow for scientists to reliably obtain baseline and long-term rocky shore information.
- **Closed to the take** of shellfish and marine invertebrates, except for scientific take if a permit is obtained. ODFW has five intertidal research reserves. Four of the five sites are closed (except by scientific take permit) to the take of shellfish and marine invertebrates, except abalone, clams, Dungeness crab, red rock crab, mussels, piddocks, scallops and shrimp. The last site is closed to the take of all shellfish and marine invertebrates, unless collectors have a scientific take permit
- ODFW manages two subtidal research reserves



PRIORITY ROCK AND REEF

- Offshore rocks, islands, or reefs determined to be most likely to need study and possible management action.
- **No management** category is designated or management action prescribed for these sites except at Shell Island/Simpson reef, part of the larger rocky-shore management area of Cape Arago.



NOT YET DESIGNATED

- Additional planning and information is necessary to affirmatively apply one or more of the other management designations.
- These sites are still subject to applicable rules and regulations of state and federal agencies such as Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife, and Parks and Recreation, as well as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, etc.
- As additional site assessment becomes available these sites will be amended with a management designation.



MARINE SHORE

- Areas of general biological, aesthetic, or geologic interest, open to the public for recreational, educational, or commercial use, including collecting or harvesting as allowed by general regulations.
- This designation is intended for all rocky shoreline sites not otherwise classified as one of the above designations.

This guide is meant to be a brief overview of the rocky shore designations outlined in the Territorial Sea Plan: Part 3 – Rocky Shore Management Strategy. To view designation information in its entirety and learn more about the Territorial Sea Plan visit

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