

To whom it may concern:

Department of Land Conservation and Development:

We are residents of Bandon, Oregon who appreciate and value the multitude of scenic wonders and ecological treasures of our coastline. Just a mile from our home, Coquille Point is one portion of that coastline that is a part of our almost daily exercise routine and a place to view/enjoy the wonders of nature. Too often we have observed mostly well-meaning folks, who perhaps are doing likewise, encroach on habitat in a variety of thoughtless ways, thus endangering all that we hold dear. Thoughtless, risky behavior endangers everything from seal pups to sea stars, nesting sites to tidepools.

While SEA and USFWS have made valiant attempts to educate such folk and protect the area, Coquille Point needs additional help and resources. Signage, media coverage, education, and more trained volunteers are components of the kind of help that the area could use. A "Marine Garden" designation to protect rocky habitat, support public enjoyment, increase educational opportunities, while continuing to maintain ecological integrity, is an obvious way to make those components a reality. It is our hope that you give this suggestion serious consideration.

Thank you,

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