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Dear Rocky Habitat Working Group and the Ocean Policy Advisory Council,

Thank you for your hard work to preserve Oregon's marine rocky habitats.

To resolve various concerns and controversies, please ensure correct information in the initial site proposal evaluation summaries that are available for the public to review. Any misinformation must be corrected before re-evaluating proposals after the 30-day comment period.

Please keep in mind that funding or the capacity of agencies' support for implementation are not part of the evaluation. The proposals are to shape long-term efforts and goals to improve site management. The rocky habitat plan clearly states that proposals cannot be rejected based on funding or capacity concerns.

Eight of the 12 proposals have significant stakeholder and community support, expert input, and clear long-term goals and objectives. These includes: Ecola Point MCA, Chapman Point MCA, Cape Lookout MCA, Cape Foulweather MCA, Coquille Point MG, Blacklock Point MCA, Cape Blanco MRA, and Crook Point/Mack Reef MCA. Six of these sites were recommended for designation in the original 1994 Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. Now is time for the State to follow through!

In the future, if you develop an objective evaluation rubric that is similar to other state agency frameworks, this would minimize much of the politicization of the process that has emerged.

Best regards,
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