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To members of the Rocky Habitat Working Group and the Ocean Policy Advisory Council:

- Please work with site proposers to clarify any misrepresented information in the initial site proposal evaluation summaries that are currently available for the public to review. Any misinformation should be corrected and updated as soon as possible and prior to the working groups re-evaluation of proposals after the 30-day comment period.
- Please do not evaluate proposals based on funding or the capacity of agencies' programmatic support for implementation. The proposals were meant to help 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.
- Please strongly consider 8 out of the 12 proposals that have gotten significant stakeholder and community support, expert input, and include clear long-term goals and objectives. These eight proposals include 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 so now is time for the State to follow through.
- In the future, we recommend DLCD use an objective evaluation rubric that is similar to other state agency frameworks. DLCD staff can take ideas from other state or federal agency public proposal processes. Objective evaluation processes are essential to any state-run public proposal process and would minimize much of the politicization of the process that has emerged.

Our beautiful Oregon coast is a treasure that can only endure with strong protections. My husband and I are grateful that people like you are working to do the right thing for our state's important habits.

Sincerely,
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