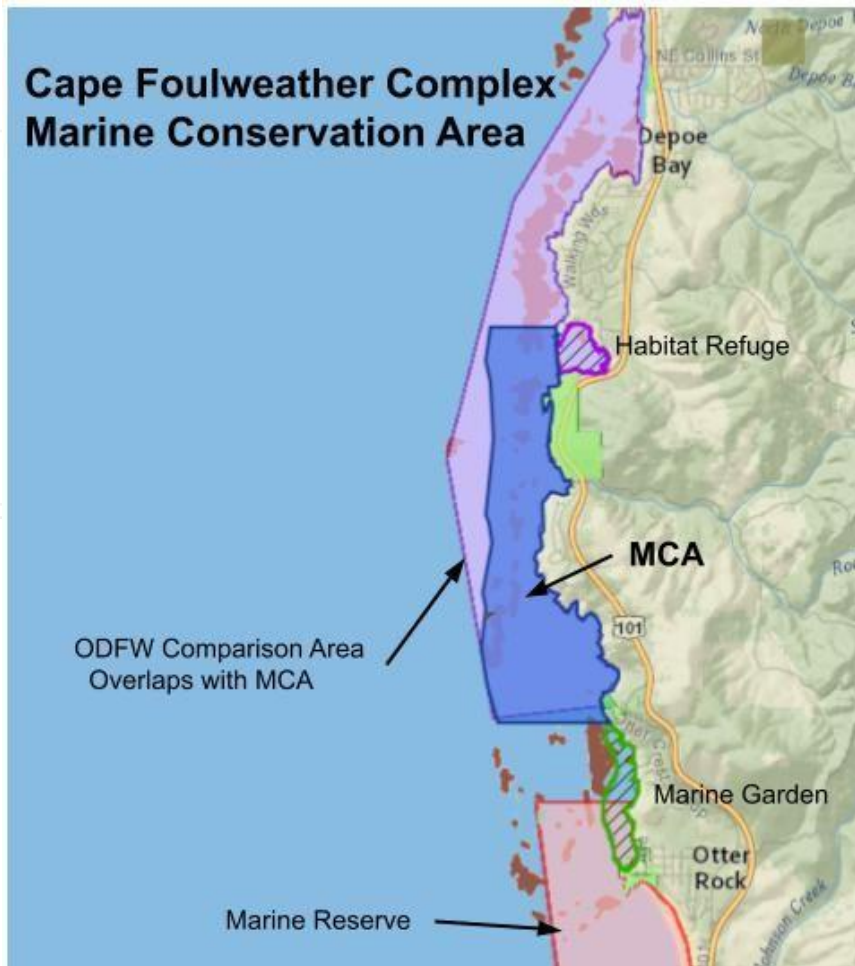


<b>Site Name:</b>	Cape Foulweather Complex		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	New	<b>Designation Type:</b>	MCA
<b>Proposer:</b>	Audubon Society of Lincoln City (ASLC); info@lincolncityaudubon.org		
<b>Links:</b>	<a href="#">SeaSketch Map (Cape Foulweather)</a>	<a href="#">Materials (Documents packet)</a>	

**Site Specific Goals:** In coordination with management of other nearby marine designations, conserve the ecological functions and rocky habitat resources in order to provide long-term ecological, economic, and social benefits for current and future generations.

**Site Location:** The Cape Foulweather Complex is on the central Oregon coast 12 miles north of Newport and 1.5 miles south of Depoe Bay. The shoreline is within T9S, R11W, Sec. 17,20,29. The plan area encompasses 599 acres with 1.9 miles of shoreline.



**Key Natural Resources:** ASLC chose the site for its iconic views and rich biodiversity including the largest nesting colony of Pelagic Cormorants in Oregon. The kelp forests, largest in Oregon north of Cape Arago, support our local fishing economy.

**Stakeholder Outreach:** Building community is central to this proposal. Outreach included webinars, social media posts, in-person conversations, newspaper articles, and videos. A broad spectrum of stakeholders provided input, including charter boats, commercial and recreational fishers,

educators, environmental groups, faith-based groups, local governments, neighborhood residents, Tribes, and watershed councils. ASLC listened to these groups' interests and concerns to shape the management recommendations. The outreach process built a community network ready to implement this MCA. More than 20 letters of support accompany this proposal, including endorsements from the cities of Newport and Depoe Bay, the natural

resources manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and all the residents in the adjoining Miroco neighborhood.

**Management Overview:** Community engagement through programs that emphasize education and stewardship rather than regulations is ASLCs management strategy to achieve the site-specific goal. Area users will learn about the value and complementary function of all the local marine designations. Furthermore, this MCA provides ecological connectivity between several designated marine areas and allows for holistic and efficient management. Most importantly, the designation ensures habitat integrity for an area that serves as an open harvest comparison monitoring area for the nearby Otter Rock Marine Reserve.

**Non-Regulatory Management Recommendations:**

- Coordinate with educators, institutions, and media on education about rocky habitat.
- Host a biennial State of the Cape Symposium.
- Conduct onsite interpretive actions (signs, digital media, volunteer interpreters) for rocky habitat, kelp forests, and Black Oystercatchers.
- Implement a volunteer stewardship program.
- Consider climate change in management decisions, research, and monitoring (Nearshore Conservation Strategy).
- Review ongoing ODFW monitoring data to support adaptive management.
- Foster regional collaboration on rocky habitat ecosystem trends.
- Sponsor community science (kelp monitoring and effectiveness of management activities).
- Educate users on avoiding seabird disturbance.
- Focus education and stewardship activities along Otter Crest Drive.

**Regulatory Management Recommendations:**

Fish Harvest		Algae Harvest	
<b>Commercial:</b>	No change	<b>Commercial:</b>	Already closed
<b>Recreational:</b>	No change	<b>Recreational:</b>	Subtidal kelp closed* Intertidal open *
Invertebrate Harvest		Other	
<b>Commercial:</b>	Subtidal No change Intertidal closed	Boat access/anchorage are unaffected	
<b>Recreational:</b>	No change		

*\* Rule change required*

Access and harvest by members of Federally recognized Tribal Nations is unaffected.

**Summary Statement :** This proposal aligns well with the policies and principles of the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy. Broad community support and a willingness to help implement this proposal underscore that both locals and visitors cherish this site for its biodiversity and grandeur. This MCA provides interpretive opportunities inclusive of all the nearby marine designations that will enrich the user experience while promoting good stewardship.