

# Example Rocky Shore Policy Updates

*The rocky shore working group has been drafting policy statements that have clear intent and goals that align with the objectives of the overall strategy. Since these policies are still being heavily manipulated by the working group, this document highlights some examples of how 1994 policies have been updated during this drafting process. Please note that this is not a comprehensive rough draft of the policies.*

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## Draft Introductory Text

The policies for rocky shores have been crafted to ensure consistency with state goals and priorities. These policies are mandatory and all actions of local, or state agencies in relation to managing rocky shore areas and resources shall be consistent with them. A subset of these policies will be used for federal consistency review purposes and can be viewed in Appendix \_\_\_.

## Draft Policy Statement:

Oregon's rocky habitats, in the broadest definition, are unique and carry coast wide importance ecologically, economically, culturally, and recreationally. The Rocky Shore Management Strategy recognizes the importance of these interconnected habitats and the resources within them regardless of designation or recommendation. Therefore, management actions that support the sustainability and resilience of rocky habitat resources are a priority over unsustainable or destructive practices, while allowing appropriate uses.

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## Policy Comparison & New Policy Examples – 1994 & 2018

### Sustainable Use Policy Example

#### ➤ 1994 Language

- Utilize regulations, permits, and agreements to control harvesting, gathering, or special collecting of marine plants and animals where appropriate.
- Encourage those who visit rocky shore areas to observe animals and plants in place, avoid unnecessary disturbance to marine life, and refrain from taking any plants or animals except under special circumstances.

#### ➤ Draft 2018 Language

- Harvesting, gathering, or scientific collection of marine plants and animals in rocky shore habitats shall be conducted in a way that is sustainable and minimizes disturbance, trampling, or removal of rocky shore living resources.
- Managing agencies shall educate and inform those who visit rocky shore areas in a manner consistent with conservation goals; to observe animals and plants in place, avoid unnecessary disturbance to marine life, and practice responsible harvest where authorized.

### Education & Awareness Policy Example

#### ➤ 1994 Language

- Use education, information, and awareness programs as preferred techniques to promote stewardship of rocky shores and resources.

#### ➤ Draft 2018 Language

- To promote stewardship of rocky habitats and associated resources, through the use of education, awareness programs, and/or informational products.