

MANAGING OUR ROCKY COAST

— UPDATING THE OREGON'S ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

PROCESS UPDATE

The timeline for this project has recently been adapted due to staffing changes.

WHAT IS THE ROCKY SHORES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY?

Also referred to as Part 3 of Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan, the Rocky Shores Management Strategy is the coordinated framework used to manage Oregon's coastal rocky habitats 0-3 miles from shore. The strategy includes both coast-wide and site-specific management recommendations.

WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE STRATEGY?

The plan was first adopted in 1994, with little alteration since. We have learned a lot about rocky habitats since then and this update is the opportunity to include new information and data on ecology and human use in rocky environments. Updating this strategy is a complex process and to better organize efforts work is being done in phases – see the 3 phases on the right to learn more.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR AN AREA TO BE "DESIGNATED"

The Rocky Habitat Management Strategy recognizes special rocky habitat areas along the coast in need of site-specific management using *designations*. These designations outline recommended management and goals based on the best available ecological and human use information. These designations are adaptable and the public will have an opportunity to propose designation changes during Phase 2 of the strategy update.

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PHASE 1

COMPLETED

Determine public interests and priorities in the Rocky Shore. Update the general coast-wide strategy and incorporate public interests.

PHASE 2

ONGOING

Update the Rocky Shores Natural Resource Inventory with the best available science. Develop and use the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping tool to collect community proposals for adapting site designations

PHASE 3

NOT YET STARTED

Review & incorporate accepted community proposals into the strategy and rocky shores resource inventory. Develop and distribute rocky shores communication plan.

PHASE 2 BREAKDOWN



USING SCIENCE

The Rocky Habitat Resource Inventory is being updated with the best available science. The inventory will be available to the public through an online mapping tool in the fall of 2019. Community trainings will be available upon request to help users learn how to use the tool.



COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Once the Rocky Shores Web Mapping Tool is available and interested parties have been educated on its functions, community entities will have the ability to create and submit proposals outlining desired rocky shoreline site designation **alterations, additions, or removals.**



UPDATING THE STRATEGY

Proposals will be collected and reviewed by multiple entities including the Rocky Habitat Working Group, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, and Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission. Accepted proposals will be incorporated into the strategy!

UPDATED TIMELINE

All Working Group meetings are open to the public both in person and via remote connection and offer multiple opportunities to submit public comment. Learn more about the members of the working group and meeting details at www.OregonOcean.info/RockyShores.

The following timeline was adjusted on September 27, 2019 to reflect changes in project staffing.

MONTH	KEY DATES & PUBLIC MEETINGS
October 2019	(10/18) Working Group Meeting (10/21) Project briefing to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council
November	(11/5) Working Group Meeting (11/21-22) Project briefing to the Land Conservation & Development Commission
December	(12/31) Rocky Habitat Mapping Tool Published
January 2020	Information on upcoming public comment period published to www.OregonOcean.info
February	(2/1-2/29) Public Comment Period on Rocky Habitat Proposal Process and Web Mapping Tool
March	(TBD) Ocean Policy Advisory Council reviews the Rocky Habitat Proposal Process and Web Mapping Tool with incorporated public comments - potential recommendation.
April	Begin Initial Public Proposal Process [If recommended by OPAC in March] Proposals will be accepted during this limited duration period for approximately 3-4 months.

*Due to uncertainty around the quantity of public proposals that may be submitted, the date of review completion and recommendation is uncertain.