

MANAGING OUR ROCKY COAST

UPDATING OREGON'S ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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WHAT IS THE ROCKY HABITAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY?

Also referred to as Part Three of Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan, the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy is the coordinated framework used to manage Oregon's coastal rocky habitats 0-3 miles from shore. The strategy includes both coastwide and site-specific management recommendations. [Read the DRAFT strategy here.](#)

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 three 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 now has an opportunity to propose designation changes during a public comment period OPEN NOW from February 1 – March 1, 2020.](#)

PHASE 1

COMPLETED

Determine public interests and priorities in Rocky Habitats. Update the coastwide strategy and incorporate public interests.

PHASE 2

ONGOING

30-day public comment period on the [DRAFT Rocky Habitat Management Strategy](#). [Public beta test of the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool](#) to collect community proposals for adapting site designations.

PHASE 3

UPCOMING

Review & incorporate accepted community proposals into the strategy and Rocky Habitat Natural Resource Inventory. Develop and distribute rocky habitat communication plan.

PHASE 2 BREAKDOWN



USING SCIENCE

The Rocky Habitat Natural Resource Inventory is being updated with the best available science. The inventory is now available to the public through our new [Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool](http://oregon.seasketch.org) (<http://oregon.seasketch.org>). See schedule below for a list of upcoming training events.



COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

Now that the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool is available, interested parties have the ability to create and submit proposals outlining desired changes to rocky habitat site designations. These can include site **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!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SCHEDULE & 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.

Public comments on the draft strategy and mapping tool may be submitted to: TSP.Comments@state.or.us.

DATES	MEETINGS & EVENTS
February 2/01	30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Feb. dates below are public comment meetings/training)
Tues 2/11	3:30-5:00pm – Conference Room 1A-80, State Offices (800 NE Oregon St, Portland, OR 97232)
Wed 2/12	3:30-5:00pm – Guin Library Seminar Room, Hatfield Marine Science Center (Newport, OR)
Thurs 2/13	2:00-3:00pm – Webinar #1 (via Zoom)*
Tues 2/18	4:00-5:30pm – Warren Room, Tolovana Inn (Cannon Beach, OR)
Wed 2/19	4:00-5:30pm – Myrtlewood Room, Coos Bay Public Library (Coos Bay, OR)
Fri 2/21	2:00-3:00pm – Webinar #2 (via Zoom)*
March	(TBD) Ocean Policy Advisory Council reviews the Rocky Habitat Proposal process and Web Mapping Tool with incorporated public comments.
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**

*Visit www.OregonOcean.info for Webinar connection details.

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