WHAT IS HAPPENING?

The State of Oregon invites all members of the public including individuals, organizations, academic institutions/researchers, and governments to engage in the rocky habitat site designation process, beginning June 1, 2020! Interested individuals and organizations can now submit proposals for additions, removals, and alterations to rocky habitat site management designations. This initial pilot phase of the designation process will run through December 31, 2020.

WHY IS IT HAPPENING NOW?

This opportunity is part of the update to Oregon’s Rocky Habitat Management Strategy (see inset), which aims to sustain and support the use and health of coastal rocky habitat resources. 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.

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 goals and management based on the best available information. The public now has an opportunity to propose designation changes during the initial proposal period OPEN NOW from June 1 – December 31, 2020.
THE SITE DESIGNATION PROCESS

USING SCIENCE
The Rocky Habitat natural resource inventory is being updated with the best available data and information. It is now available to the public through our new Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool (http://Oregon.SeaSketch.org).

COMMUNITY PROPOSALS
Using the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool, interested parties can create and submit proposals outlining desired changes to rocky habitat site designations. These may include site alterations, additions, or removals.

UPDATING THE STRATEGY
Proposals will be reviewed by the Rocky Habitat Working Group, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, and the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Accepted proposals will be incorporated into the Strategy!

CREATING YOUR PROPOSAL

- Rocky habitat sites are eligible for one of three management designations (right).
- Goals, regulations, and management practices differ for each designation category.
- Be sure to review the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy for complete information.

Using the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool, follow these basic steps to create your proposal:

**STEP 1:** Gather data and information about your site.

**STEP 2:** Draw and evaluate your site.

**STEP 3:** Collaborate and share your plans with others.

**STEP 4:** Answer the questions on the proposal template form and submit!

Visit www.OregonOcean.info for additional information including a user guide and video demonstration.

Contact Michael.Moses@state.or.us with questions

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