

Updated Information: November 29, 2010

**Port's Board of Commissioners Approves Appointees
for Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee**

**South Coast of Oregon – Reedsport to Bandon
Marine Reserve Recommendation Committee**

During the fall of 2008 the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) recommended to Governor Kulongoski that two Marine Reserve study proposal sites – Otter Rock at Depoe Bay and Red Fish Rock at Port Orford – be forwarded to the Oregon Legislature for funding consideration.

OPAC also recommended that interested parties in the Cape Arago and Seven Devils areas be encouraged and supported to engage in further public discussion of the Marine Reserves issue, and requested that the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay organize and facilitate the Marine Reserves recommendation process in the area from Reedsport to Bandon.

The main criticism of recent Marine Reserve proposals for the Cape Arago and Seven Devils area was the lack of public involvement and the failure to follow the guidelines of the Governor's Executive Order regarding economic impacts to communities. The OPAC and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have indicated they believe the Port has the experience and expertise necessary to lead a transparent and inclusive community discussion for any future regional marine reserve proposals forwarded to the OPAC from this region.

The Port's Board of Commissioners approved a process for implementation of this community Marine Reserves discussion during their January 2009 meeting. This process is designed to get maximum community exposure. For this process the community is described as Reedsport to Bandon. Port staff will provide administrative support to the committee.

The make-up of the committee will involve one member each from identified community groups plus six public-at-large positions. The Port Commission has approved the appointment of committee members, and all public meetings laws will be followed to ensure maximum public exposure and participation.

The committee will discuss proposed areas for Marine Reserves consideration. At identified times during this process, Town Hall meetings will be scheduled in Bandon, Reedsport/Winchester Bay and the Coos Bay/North Bend/Charleston areas to receive public input on proposals under discussion by the committee.

The intended outcome of this process is a recommendation to the OPAC for the next biennium. The process will use a consensus approach, but if consensus cannot be reached, the recommendation would be based on an affirmative vote of the majority of the committee members. The make-up of the proposed committee includes one representative of each of the listed segments, plus six public-at-large positions. Port staff is requesting staffing support from ODFW, preferably one of the two ODFW staff members involved with the initial OPAC process.

Representatives from each of the following groups have been confirmed by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Board of Commissioners:

MARINE RESERVES RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bodnar, Steve	Commercial Trawl Fishing
Boehme, Mike	#6 Public-at-large
Butler, Wayne	Charter Fishing
Craddock, Rodger	City of Coos Bay
Doyle, Jamie	Sea Grant Extension Faculty
Garboden, Larry	City of North Bend
Gates, Gus	Surfrider
Goche, Rick	Southern Oregon Ocean Resource Coalition
Graybill, Mike	South Sough National Estuarine Research Reserve
Griffith, John	#1 Public-at-large
Helfrich, Mike	Port Charleston Advisory Committee
Hockema, Devin	Commercial Crab Fishing
Hodder, Dr. Jan	Rep. Seven Devils
Ivy, Don	#5 Public-at-large
Lacey, Dave	Our Ocean
Lane, Mike	City of Bandon
LeDoux, Matt	Coos Bay/North Bend Chamber of Commerce
Main, Bob	Coos County
Moore, James	Commercial Salmon Fishing
Nelson, Barry	Port of Umpqua
Peabody, Donald	#4 Public-at-large & Committee Vice Chairman
Peña, Valerie	#2 Public-at-large
Pex, Jim Sr.	Recreational Fishing & Committee Chairman
Poppe, Bill	Charleston Enhancement Corp
Pullen, Reg	Port of Bandon
Rumrill, Dr. Steve	Port Technical Advisory
Russell, Bill	#3 Public-at-large
Schaefer, John	Tribes
Schneider, Mark	Commercial Tuna Fishermen
Shanks, Dr. Alan	Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
Shimotakahara, Dr. Steve	Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
Stein, Bart	Bandon Chamber of Commerce
Tymchuk, Keith	City of Reedsport
Warner, Dean	Reedsport Chamber of Commerce
Whitmer, Margery	Charleston Merchants Association
<i>Don, Cristen</i>	<i>Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife</i>
<i>Scholl, Donna</i>	<i>Port Staff</i>
<i>Shoji, Crystal- AICP</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>
<i>Wall, Kathy</i>	<i>Port Staff</i>