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Coos Bay Port to host public meetings on Marine Reserves proposals

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee invites people in the communities of Coos and Western Douglas counties to attend a public comment town hall on the options for marine reserve/marine protected areas.

The town hall meetings are scheduled:

- **Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 to 9 p.m.:** Bandon High School Cafeteria, 550 Ninth St. S.W.
- **Thursday, December 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m.:** Oregon Institute of Marine Biology Dining Hall, 63466 Boat Basin Road, Charleston.
- **Monday, December 13, 6:30 to 9 p.m.:** Reedsport Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria, 2260 Longwood Drive.

In 2009, Port Commissioners directed Port staff to assist the state of Oregon by organizing and facilitating the Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee as it considers designation of a marine reserve or marine reserve/marine protected area that would not cause economic harm to nearby communities.

Following the town hall meetings, the Committee will meet again to review public comments and finalize a recommendation for the Port Commission, which would then forward a proposal, which may result in no designation, to the state Ocean Policy Advisory Council.

Information about the Cape Arago/Seven Devils proposals and public comment links also will be available online at www.portofcoosbay.com/marineres.htm. All public comment is due by noon on Monday, December 20, 2010.

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