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Charleston meeting to focus on managing rocky shores of oceanside parks

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will seek advice on improving management of rocky shore intertidal areas in Coos Bay area state parks at a Jan. 13 public meeting in Charleston. The meeting will be from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) Boathouse, 63466 Boat Basin Drive.

OPRD will introduce a draft of a Rocky Shore Areas Site Management Plan for the area—a plan focusing on management improvements at Yoakam Point State Natural Area, and Cape Arago, Shore Acres and Sunset Bay state parks.

Proposed management changes in the plan do not include any new rules or designations. OPRD will use public comments from the meeting to help finalize a plan that guides minor facility improvements, enhances on-site interpretation, and outlines ways to manage recreation in harmony with protecting natural resources. No decisions will be made at the meeting.

A 30-day period for written comments will begin Jan. 13. The draft plan will appear online beginning Jan. 6 at <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/index.shtml> along with instructions on how to make comments.

More information is available by contacting Coastal Resource Planner Laurel Hillmann (503-986-0700, or Laurel.Hillmann@state.or.us).

The meeting site is accessible to people with disabilities. Special accommodations may be arranged up to 72 hours in advance by calling 503-986-0655. ###