

Updated Site Notes For Designated Territorial Sea Plan Rocky Shore Sites

In 1991 the Oregon Legislature formed the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) to create a plan for Oregon's Territorial Sea and to advise the governor and state agencies on ocean management within state waters. In 1994, OPAC published the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan (TSP). The Land Conservation and Development and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted the TSP as part of the Oregon Coastal Management Program (OAR 660-036-0000). The Oregon Ocean Resources Management Act (ORS 196.485) requires state agencies to act consistently with the Territorial Sea Plan. A large part of the TSP consists of the Rocky Shore Management Strategy (RSMS), a site-based management plan for Oregon's rocky shores.

The RSMS proposes six different management categories for Oregon's rocky shores: marine garden, habitat refuge, research reserve, marine shore, not yet designated, and priority rock/reefs. Currently, only three categories are actively managed. They are briefly outlined below:



Marine gardens are areas targeted for educational programs that allow visitors to enjoy and learn about intertidal resources. Collection of intertidal animals (except single mussels for bait) is prohibited. ODFW manages Oregon's seven marine gardens.



Habitat refuges are designated based upon the need to maintain natural habitat values and viable populations of marine rocky shore species. They are closed to the take of marine fish, shellfish and all marine invertebrates. Currently, ODFW manages one habitat refuge. There is a seasonal closure of Three Arch Rocks, a USFWS National Wildlife Refuge.



Research reserves are designated based upon the need to allow for scientists to reliably obtain baseline and long-term rocky shore information. ODFW manages two subtidal research reserves, which are closed to the take of shellfish and marine invertebrates, except for scientific take if a permit is obtained. ODFW has five intertidal research reserves. Four of the five sites are closed (except by scientific take permit) to the take of shellfish and marine invertebrates, except abalone, clams, Dungeness crab, red rock crab, mussels, piddocks, scallops and shrimp. The last site is closed to the

take of all shellfish and marine invertebrates, unless collectors have a scientific take permit.

The following section of this report contains updated site notes for all TSP designated sites (collected between August 2004 and April 2006) as well as recommendations to OPRD on how to best fulfill requirements for TSP consistency. These notes are intended to provide updated information to inform management but are not an actual update to the Territorial Sea Plan. Some of the sites in the RSMS do not have recommendations, either because they are entirely offshore (and therefore outside of OPRD jurisdiction) or because the upland is entirely privately owned. However, Pirate Cove Research Reserve and Whale Cove Habitat Refuge should be afforded the same recommended restrictions with respect to marine plant collection as other specially managed areas, as should Cape Kiwanda Marine Garden, which was not listed in the TSP. BLM manages Yaquina Head Marine Garden. This report consolidates recommendations for several of the RSMS sites, including Tillamook Head/Ecola Point, the Neptune State Park sites, the Cape Arago Headland sites, and the Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor (SSC) sites.

These recommendations are based on an in-depth review of the TSP, site visits and consultations with site managers. Recommendations are separated by rocky shore sections and then within the following categories: natural resources, interpretation, operations and maintenance and other (which include miscellaneous recommendations).

The TSP does not mention all of Oregon's approximately ninety rocky shore sites. This report includes limited information about those unmentioned areas. Updated information on those sites has been inputted into the Oregon Coastal Atlas. The website to visit these rocky shore informational pages is: <http://www.coastalatlantlas.net/learn/settings/rocky/>.