

February 1, 2012

The Honorable Jackie Dingfelder
Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court St. NE, H-484
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dingfelder and Honorable Committee Members

My name is Bob Rees, and I am in support of SB1510.

As the co-author of the Cape Falcon and Cascade Head marine reserve process and participant of the Cascade Head Community Team convened under HB 3013, I have dedicated a great amount of effort to see that a system of ecologically significant reserves and protected areas were designated in Oregon's territorial sea. This very public process and meaningful outcome endured deep scrutiny, only to come out with overwhelming support from the stakeholders that also participated in this historic process.

We finally get a chance to bring real protections to our nearshore environment, in an ecosystem that most scientists would agree that we know little about. This opportunity will give scientists the opportunity they need to realize the benefits such a conservation strategy can have for a natural resource that so many people rely on to make a living and feed a quality food source to their families.

It is my hope, as a father, conservationist and resource extractor that Oregonians can realize the fragility of Oregon's greatest natural resource and the reasons why it is important to protect it meaningfully in our social climate today.

Please join me in supporting SB 1510. Thank you for caring for the natural resources of this state and your dedication to a better Oregon.

Sincerely,
Bob Rees

CC. Betsy Johnson
CC. Representative Boone