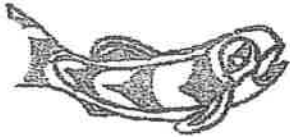


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Oregon Legislative Delegation
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RE: Marine Reserve Bill SB1510

Dear Legislator:

The Fisherman's Advisory Committee for Tillamook County (FACT) is a 26 member committee formed to advise the Tillamook Board of Commissioners on all ocean matters affecting our fishing industry. It is composed of commercial, sport, and charter fishermen and processors plus two Public at Large representatives. FACT would like to inform you of their concerns about the upcoming Marine Reserve Bill SB1510 .

In this draft bill, ORS 196.54 has been amended to read that the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Fish and Wildlife Commission and State Land Board will implement Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Area's at Cape Perpetua, Cascade Head and Cape Falcon.

In Section 4, the bill calls for a draft report from OPAC within 10 years prepared by a public university with an assessment and recommendations for administrative actions and legislative proposals about the reserves. No actual goals for a working marine reserves have been listed. There is no scientifically proven need for marine reserves in Oregon at this time. The truth is that there is only the desire of the environmental community to close off area's of access to Oregon's renewable, sustainable and well managed ocean resources- forever. This same group is trying to do the same thing to our state forests using whatever means they can to force the legislature, the governor and Oregonians to accede to their demands.

All of the Marine Reserve Community Teams agreed to some type of mitigation measures in exchange for the loss of fishing grounds that would occur if these marine reserves and marine protected area's are implemented. Yet nowhere in this draft bill are any of these mitigation measures mentioned, not even the very reasonable request for a sunset clause. If marine reserves meet stated goals and expectations, a sunset bill would have no affect. If they do not meet these goals, then a sunset clause, not just a "report", is necessary.

We feel that the north Oregon Coast proved that it will be hurt

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economically if Cape Falcon is included in the reserves being proposed. This is what the Governor said would not happen. A 2007-2008 NMFS/PFMC final Environmental Impact Statement sited Garibaldi in Tillamook County as the most vulnerable and least resilient port city on the west coast to any fishing regulation changes. We have seen no evidence that this important scientific document has even been considered. Further, there was no consensus on the north coast community team, especially at Cape Falcon where ODFW crafted a different proposal, after the community team process was completed.

Taking traditional fishing area's away from our fishermen can only hurt the fishing fleet economically. Either we will be forced to fish in fewer and fewer area's, potentially causing them to be declared over fished, or there must be a reduction in the fleet. This means loss of jobs, loss of boats and loss of opportunity at a time when our fishermen, and our state, can least afford it.

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