

February 2, 2012

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

Dear Chair Dingfelder and Honorable Committee Members

Our names are Peter and Sue Goodman, and we support SB1510

SB 1510 honors the work of the Marine Reserve Community Teams. Designating marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua is appropriate after over 25,000 volunteer hours were spent evaluating the ecological, social and economic uses of some of Oregon's most ecologically important areas.

We live in Albany, but as Oregonians, we feel that the ocean's bounty of food, recreation and beauty is a resource for all of us to preserve and protect. We are both kayakers and enjoy the Oregon coast for its scenic beauty and to marvel at the bounty of the sea brought to our table by Oregon's fisherman. We support marine resources as a way to preserve our common bounty for the future. Preservation means also the preservation of jobs through the conservation of commercial species.

Two elements of the bill tap into and further contribute to Oregon's long history of ocean stewardship:

This legislation is important in that its language is consistent with the OPAC process. This process was a collaborative effort with the public's interests being respected as it relates to the boundaries and allowances within the sites. Equally critical for the bill's success is that the bill calls for utilizing local resources and expertise, providing an opportunity for long-term stewardship of coastal communities. These attributes are central to the hard work put in by all those Oregonians so passionate about protecting our most valuable resource, our ocean, and we strongly support SB 1510.

We all benefit from a productive and more sustainably managed ocean – now and in the future. Please join us in supporting SB 1510.

Sincerely,  

Peter and Susan Goodman

CC. Senator Frank Morse
CC. Representative Andy Olson