

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to report to Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2013 on development of work plan and receipt and use of money to carry out marine reserve statutes. Directs ODFW, State Fish and Wildlife Commission, and State Land Board to implement January 25, 2011 ODFW recommendations on marine reserves boundaries and allowances by adopting rules to establish, study, monitor, evaluate and enforce: marine reserve and two marine protected areas at Cape Falcon; marine reserve and three marine protected areas at Cascade Head; and marine reserve, two marine protected areas and seabird protection area at Cape Perpetua. Stipulates no prohibitions on fishing by rule are permitted until baseline data is collected. Directs ODFW to use local resources where feasible and practical. Directs Scientific and Technical Committee of Ocean Policy Advisory Council to submit draft report to interim legislative committees no later than October 1, 2022 and final report no later than March 1, 2023 regarding designated areas. Requires reports to be researched and prepared within existing resources and without additional appropriation by a public university chosen by the committee, and include specific provisions. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of marine reserve program
- Public process to review designation recommendations
- Recommended designations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature passed House Bill 3013, establishing a process for evaluation and implementation of marine reserves within Oregon's Territorial Sea. Marine reserves are areas within Oregon's Territorial Sea or adjacent rocky intertidal area that are protected from all extractive and development activities, except as necessary for monitoring or research or to aid in the research and management of ocean habitats and marine plants and animals. Senate Bill 1510 directs state agencies to implement recommended sites and report back to the Legislative Assembly.