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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2903. Our family has lived in Oregon for generations, and have long enjoyed our ecologically and culturally important Marine Reserves. Continued development and implementation of Ocean Policy Advisory Council recommendations to develop adaptive management and social monitoring programs to support marine reserves is critical in this era of rapid climate and culture change. Historically, Oregon Marine Reserves have made important contributions to our state in myriad ways and through multiple channels; for example: Outreach and Education, Economic and Community support, Scientific Exploration and Discovery, Tribal and Cultural Interests, and more. Continued funding of the important work of Oregon's Marine Reserves is essential in supporting both the health and wellness of our natural world, and of all our diverse communities in our beautiful state.