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Our coastal eelgrass meadows are an important part of the ecosystem. Not only are they nurseries for juvenile fish but they sequester carbon faster than many terrestrial habitats while also improving water quality. We need monitoring programs and collaborative efforts to ensure that they are part of Oregon's future.