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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

I respectfully request your SUPPORT HB 3580 and HB 3587 to protect Rocky Habitats and Eel grass meadows. These Bills will support coastal economies and provide climate change protection. Oregon's marine ecosystems are in danger and need to be monitored by all communities that are dependent on a well balanced and thriving marine habitat. This Bill will allow the multiple entities to do so in a coordinated effort. The Rocky Habitats are visited by Oregonians and visitors from around the world. It is essential to ensure the habitats are healthy for the marine ecosystem and the local fisheries. The investment in these ecosystems is critical to the future of Oregon's coastal communities and the health of the ocean that we and all species are dependent on. I owned and operates a coastal tourism business for over twenty years and am currently a part time Lincoln county resident. I have witnessed the demise of kelp forests, sea star colonies, eel grass meadows and pelagic bird colonies, migrating whales and the reduction in local catch. We can not wait and must act now with theses important Bills. Thank you for supporting HB 3580 and HB 3587 and thank you for your work for Oregon.