

*Marine Reserves and Other Types of
Marine Protected Areas in Oregon*

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Reflection on Marine Reserves and Other Marine Protected Areas

- 1. Who we are*
- 2. How we work together*
- 3. Where we have been*
- 4. What we have produced*
- 5. Where we can help in the future*



Who we are

We are a group of Oregonians: fishermen, environmentalists, scientists, recreationalists and coastal business people who have been meeting for more than a year to discuss our views on marine reserves and other types of marine protected areas.

Who we are

- *Cheryl Coon, Audubon Society of Portland*
- *Jim Martin, Berkley Conservation Institute*
- *Pete Stauffer, Surfrider Foundation*
- *Frank Warrens*
- *Peter Huhtala, Pacific Marine Conservation Council*
- *Linda Buell, Garibaldi, Oregon*
- *Ben Enticknap, Oceana*
- *Liz Hamilton, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association*
- *Dr. Mark Hixon, Department of Zoology, Oregon State University*
- *Jim Golden, Golden Marine Consulting*
- *Bob Rees, NW Guides and Anglers Association*
- *Mark Lottis, Five Star Charters, Gold Beach, Oregon*
- *Jeff Feldner, fisherman, Newport, Oregon*
- *Dr. Kirsten Grorud-Colvert*
- *Bob Jacobson, fisherman, Newport, Oregon*
- *Greg Harlow, Association of Northwest Steelheaders*
- *Carolyn Waldron, Oregon Ocean*
- *Laura Anderson, small business owner, Newport, Oregon*
- *Leesa Cobb, Port Orford Ocean Resource Team*

Some of us – Going Fishing



Sturgeon Catch

*More of us – Viewing Port Orford's
Live Fish to Market*



How we work together

- 1. Our goal was to seek common ground in considering MRs and other MPAs.*
- 2. We agreed to apply scientific principles.*
- 3. We agreed to respect each other's perspectives.*

Where we have been

- 1. We began with a core group representing diverse perspectives on MRs and other MPAs.*
- 2. We expanded our group to add more diversity of opinion and backgrounds.*
- 3. We included scientists to help us understand agreed-upon problems.*
- 4. We had the services of a facilitator to help us listen to each other.*
- 5. We developed a joint vision and thoughts on process for considering MRs and MPAs.*
- 6. We went through many drafts of our consensus statement before reaching agreement.*

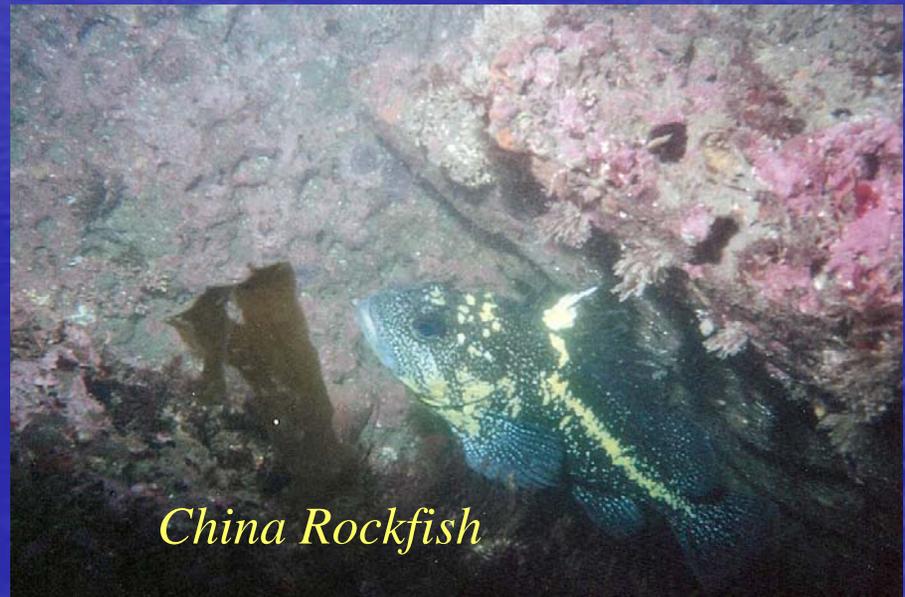
Nearshore Research



Submersible Delta – Orford Reef



Research Diver off the Oregon Coast

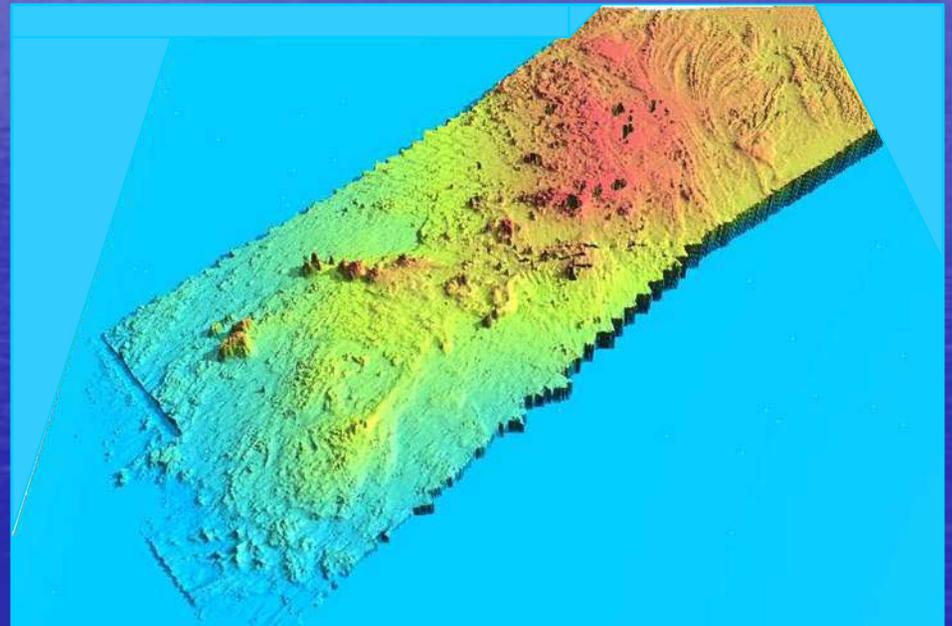


China Rockfish

Nearshore Habitats



An Extensive Kelp Bed of Oregon Coast



Multi-beam Bathymetric Image of an Oregon Reef (Source: ODFW, 1999)

What we have produced: Consensus Statement on

- 1. The desirability of having a healthy ecosystem;*
- 2. The current state of specific Oregon marine resources and threats to their health;*
- 3. The purpose and utility of marine reserves and other types of marine protected areas for achieving a healthy ecosystem;*
- 4. The use of strong science and precautionary management principles when considering marine reserves and other types of marine protected areas; and*
- 5. The importance of an inclusive public process for considering the selection and creation of these areas.*

Best Practices Regarding Process

- 1. Clearly defined goals and objectives*
- 2. Long-term political commitment and funding*
- 3. Meaningful stakeholder participation*
- 4. Best readily available social and natural science*
- 5. Adaptive management*

Where we can help in the future

- 1. Outreach to stakeholders in our respective organizations, communities and livelihoods*
- 2. Dialogue with OPAC and its staff*
- 3. Political support for adequate funding for monitoring and enforcement*



Salmon troll vessel being launched at Port Orford, Oregon

