Marine Reserves Update

Ocean Policy Advisory Council
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Regulations:

- As of fall 2012, state agencies have adopted marine reserve and protected area administrative rules for all five sites: OAR 635-012 (ODFW), OAR 141-142 (DSL), and OAR 736-029 (OPRD).
- Harvest restrictions effective:
  - Jan 1, 2012: Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock (already in effect)
  - Jan 1, 2014: Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head
  - Jan 1, 2016: Cape Falcon

Monitoring:

- Year two of ecological and human dimensions baseline monitoring surveys are currently being conducted at Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head.
- Long-term monitoring surveys are ongoing at Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock.
- Technical baseline monitoring reports for Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock are scheduled to be completed in fall 2013. These reports will be provided to OPAC and STAC, and made available to the public.

Outreach:

- Regulations materials are under development in anticipation of harvest restrictions taking effect at Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head on January 1, 2014 (e.g. signs, sport fishing regulations pamphlet, commercial fishing regulations synopsis, mailers, website).

Enforcement:

- Oregon State Police (OSP) is actively monitoring and enforcing Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock.
- OSP, ODFW, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) are coordinating and planning compliance and enforcement efforts in preparation of harvest restrictions taking effect at Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head in 2014.
- Review of compliance and enforcement is being conducted with OSP, ODFW, OPRD, and local communities twice per year.

Site Management:

- Management strategies outlined in the Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock site management plans are currently being implemented.
- Process to develop site management plans for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head is currently under development. Site management plans are to be completed in spring of 2014. Upon completion, management plans will be provided to OPAC and made available to the public. Site management plan development process may include:
  - Use of working groups, workshops, focus groups to address modules of the site management plan needing community input. Input will be focused in the following areas:
    - Monitoring
    - Outreach
    - Compliance and enforcement
    - Site specific management issues
    - Community interests and priorities related to: research and monitoring, economic development opportunities, outreach, and/or education.

- Review group(s) to assist with the review of draft site management plan(s) and to assist ODFW in leading public workshop(s).
- Public comment period.

Community Engagement:

- Work continues with the Redfish Rocks Community Team (RRCT) and Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team (NSAT). Funding is provided by ODFW to support community group efforts.
- Community-based projects and programs are being developed and led by the RRCT.
- Contracts with local fishing vessels to assist with monitoring efforts:
  - 2012: 5 contracts
  - 2013: 6 contracts
- Near-term focus of community engagement for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head is to be on the development of site management plans and will be followed by ongoing, long-term engagement based on strategies and outcomes from the site management plan development process.