

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 29

MARINE RESERVE AND MARINE PROTECTED AREA RULES

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Scope of Rules

This division governs the use of portions of the ocean shore as well as areas adjacent to state parks that the State Land Board has designated as a Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area (OAR chapter 141, division 142). The Fish and Wildlife Commission has adopted restrictions on harvest of fish and wildlife resources (OAR chapter 635, division ___). The Department of State Lands (DSL) has adopted rules regarding authorized use within the marine reserves and marine protected areas. These rules shall go into effect when Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) harvest prohibitions also become effective, which shall be on or before June 30, 2011.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 390.124 & 390.660

Stats. Implemented: ORS 390.635; 390.660, 2009 Or Laws, ch 847

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Statutory Authority

(1) Pursuant to ORS 390.635 and 390.660, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission has:

(a) Complete jurisdiction and authority to administer as state recreation areas, all ocean shore areas owned by the state and all other public easements or other rights of access that the state holds on the ocean shore;

(b) Authority to protect and maintain such areas in a manner which will contribute to the general welfare of the public and the natural and cultural resources thereon;

(c) Authority to make regulations and provisions as it deems necessary for the use and administration of such areas.

(2) ORS 390.050 authorizes the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) director or the director's designees to enforce park and ocean shore area rules by citation authority.

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Definitions

For purposes of this division, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- (1) “Commission” means the State Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (2) “Department” means the State Parks and Recreation Department, known as Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).
- (3) “Director” means the State Parks and Recreation Director.
- (4) “Marine Reserve Area” means the ocean shore portion of the area designated by law to fall within the boundaries of a marine reserve established the State Land Board and identified in OAR chapter 141, division 142.
- (5) “Marine Protected Area” means the ocean shore portion of the area designated by law to fall within the boundaries of a marine protected area established the State Land Board and identified in OAR chapter 141, division 142.
- (6) “Natural product” means living or non-living natural products on the ocean shore, including marine plants, minerals, shells, rocks, and sand.
- (7) “Ocean shore” as provided in ORS 390.605(2), means the land lying between extreme low tide of the Pacific Ocean and the statutory vegetation line as described by ORS 390.770 or the line of established upland shore vegetation, whichever is farther inland. “Ocean shore” does not include an estuary as defined in ORS 196.800.
- (8) “Ocean Shore Alteration Permit” means: a permit under ORS 390.640 for a structure, appurtenance or other addition, modification or alteration, including habitat restoration, constructed, placed or made on the ocean shore; a permit under ORS 390.715 for a pipeline, cable line, or conduit placed or made across or under the ocean shore; or a permit under ORS 390.725 for the removal of products from the ocean shore.
- (9) “Salvage” or “Salvageable Object” means any object, thing or material, exclusive of drift logs, which is not in its natural state, and is not a “natural product of the ocean shore”, which is washed up or deposited on the ocean shore.

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General Restrictions

(1) In addition to all other regulations pertaining to the ocean shore, within an area designated as a Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area, a person may not:

(a) Collect, pick, cut, mutilate or remove living or non-living natural products of the ocean shore;

(b) Give or offer food items to any wildlife; or

(c) Pursue, injure, or molest any wildlife or disturb their habitats;

(d) Dig up or remove any soil, rock, or fossil materials;

(e) Disturb or remove any archaeological, cultural, or historical material.

(2) In addition to all other regulations pertaining to the ocean shore, within an area designated as a Marine Protected Area, a person may not engage in any activity prohibited in subsection (1) except as expressly allowed in the rules establishing and regulating the Marine Protected Area.

(3) The Director may issue a written permit to a person to engage in one or more activity prohibited under subsection (1) or (2):

(a) If the person seeks to engage in a prohibited activity for scientific research or monitoring purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area;

(b) If the person seeks to engage in a prohibited activity to enforce prohibitions necessary to the purposes of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area;

(c) If the person seeks to engage in a prohibited activity to provide for public education consistent with the purposes of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area;

(d) If the person is a Native American collecting for personal consumption as part of their traditional cultural heritage in accordance with procedures established by the Department;

(e) If the person seeks to engage in activity prohibited under subsection (1) (e) that is:

(A) Otherwise consistent with the purposes of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area, and

(B) Authorized by a permit issued by the Department under ORS 390.235.

(4) Pursuant to ORS 390.725(4), the Department will not issue any permits for the collection of natural products within a Marine Reserve Area or Marine Protected Area for the purpose of trade, sale or resale.

(5) In addition to regulations regarding “salvage” and “salvageable objects,” the Department will consider consistency with the purposes of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area in taking any action under OAR chapter 736, division 27 within such area(s).

(6) The Director or designee may allow periodic and emergency removal of driftwood, beached marine mammals, marine and upland debris, and other items if the Director determines the removal is:

(a) Necessary to assure the protection of natural resources or the safety, access, or recreational use of the ocean shore, and

(b) Otherwise consistent with the scientific research, monitoring, enforcement or protection of the Marine Reserve or Marine Protected Area.

(7) Any valid preexisting Ocean Shore Alteration Permit granted by the Department as provided in OAR chapter 736, division 20 but within an area designated as a Marine Reserve shall remain in effect if the holder of that permit is and continues to be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

(8) The Department will only issue conditional Ocean Shore Alteration Permits within a Marine Reserve Area that require review by other state and federal agencies.

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