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CC 100/OOST via email
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Dear Brooke:

The members of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) appreciate your offer to inform the Trust's deliberations as we begin to frame our possible research and monitoring priorities. To that end, we are writing to request COMPASS' assistance in arranging a presentation at our January meeting.

The Trust will begin the process of establishing basic principles for determining research priorities, as well as identifying areas in which there are significant knowledge gaps to be addressed. We recognize that there are myriad ocean issues that warrant further research, but Trust members are in agreement about the importance of placing an early focus on a short list of priorities identified in numerous existing sources that will help inform policy decisions before the state. These include priorities identified by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Nearshore Strategy, Oregon Sea Grant's research agenda, the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan, Ocean Policy Advisory Council's Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), the West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science panel, and other relevant initiatives, agencies, and academics that are of particular relevance to the Oregon context.

We are especially interested in established priorities with knowledge gaps that could be addressed, such as ocean acidification and hypoxia as well as nearshore fisheries stock assessments.

Ultimately the role of OOST is to facilitate connection between funding and research needs. We anticipate COMPASS can assist over time by facilitating connections with scientists doing research relevant to Oregon's oceans and coastal ecology and communities. For this initial conversation, it would be helpful to get a high-level understanding of the forces shaping Oregon's ocean environment.

Our next meeting will be January 22nd from 9AM to 12PM at the Department of State Lands in Salem. Please let us know if that timing works and the topical focus is clear. If we can clarify or provide input as you are pulling together a presentation, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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