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1	Name	Organization	Received Date	TYPE(email or letter)	Comment	DLCD response to comment
2	Michael Rupp	Citizen of Oregon	3/31/2026	email	While focusing on ensuring that the public has access to Oregon's beaches, it is not too early to begin contemplating how to maintain the public's access to our beaches after a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. If portions of our coastline subside, as predicted, certain beaches will be consumed by the ocean. When combined with sea-rise, public access to many of Oregon's most popular beaches could disappear without legislative and LCDC action.	Thank you for the comment. We agree that acute and chronic coastal hazards are a challenge to Oregon's public beaches. The rule does include considerations for addressing chronic hazards. However, the overarching challenge between balancing private property with public access is a larger policy question that is outside the scope of this rulemaking effort.
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4	Kimball Wallis	Citizen of Oregon	4/30/2026	email	I am the owner of property in Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon that overlooks Starfish Cove north of Yaquina Bay. My property is one of many in that area that will be affected by the public coastal access rules proposed by the Department. My property, and the majority of privately owned property in that area, would be considered "Coastal Shoreland" under the definition proposed in OAR 660-48-0005(5). Generally, the proposed rules are helpful in that they do provide a mechanism for a coordinated and orderly strategy to manage public access to the coast. Nonetheless, the proposed rules do not sufficiently address the property rights of private landowners in coastal areas by failing to mandate State and local governments to notify and include private property owners concerning proposed or amended Coastal Access Programs or policies that will or may affect their property. Further, the proposed rules are one-sided in favor of government (the typical 'we know best' attitude), with no attempt limit or minimize the negative impacts of coastal public access to private landowners. The Department should address this issue by adding language to proposed rule OAR-048-0025 requiring State agencies and local governments when considering Coastal Access Plans to identify potential encroachment, trespass, and nuisance impacts to private property owners adjoining coastal public access sites, and include policies reasonable designed to prevent or minimize such negative impacts. The Department should be reminded that State and local governments have a duty under Oregon law to ensure rules and policies they create do not, in fact, create private and public nuisances.	Thank you for your comment. Local governments are required to notify affected property owners when proposing changes to land use regulations that may affect the rights of that landowner. That is an existing requirement that these rules would not change. Local governments could opt to include regulations in the adoption of a Coastal Public Access Program to address potential adverse impacts of coastal public access on private landowners even if the rules do not require that.
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6	Gayle Payne	Interested Citizen	5/4/2026	email	The hours of public access to Oregon's beaches should be the same throughout the State. The Oregon Supreme Court has mandated that, "Ocean-front lands from the northern to the southern border of the state ought to be treated uniformly." State ex rel. Thornton v Hay, 254 Or 584, 595, 462 P. 2d 671, 676-77 (1969). Traditionally, Public access to Oregon's beaches has operated from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. In accordance with such uniform hours of operation throughout Oregon, public access to Harris State Beach (in Curry County) is open from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Although public access to Mill Beach was traditionally open from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, the sign currently posted states, "Mill Beach open 1/2 hour before sunrise to midnight," citing a municipal ordinance. The sign at the beach in Harbor (also in Curry County) posts beach access hours until 10:00 P.M. Such access hours run counter to the other Oregon beaches that traditionally and uniformly close at one-half hour after sunset. It is not within the jurisdiction of cities or counties to establish different, non-uniform hours of public access that vary from beach to beach and confuse the public as what access rights they are granted. All of Oregon's beach accesses should have the same, uniform hours of operation so that the public does not have to guess, and is aware of and granted the same beach access throughout Oregon. The state of Oregon, (not its cities and counties), is vested with the exclusive right and duty to impose such beach access hours uniformly along its coast. As such, we request that the proposed rulemaking by the state of Oregon establish uniform hours of public access to all Oregon beaches by setting the same hours of opening and closing for all public access points along Oregon's coastline.	Thank you for your comment. Local governments do have the ability to regulate visiting hours for parks within their jurisdiction. Regulating the hours of public access within parks is outside of the scope of this rulemaking effort.
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8	Charlie Plybon & Mandy Watson	Oregon Surfrider Foundation and Oregon Shores	4/30/2026	Email/Attachment	<p>As members of the Coastal Public Access Rulemaking Advisory Committee, we write on behalf of Oregon Shores and Surfrider Foundation regarding the revised draft Coastal Public Access Rule. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and thank the DLCD staff for their thoughtful work in developing and refining the rule over the past couple of months.</p> <p>We would like to celebrate DLCD and partners for facilitating this rulemaking process. Your organization and meaningful consideration of our, and other interest-holder, comments has resulted in a more thorough draft rule that reflects perspectives of parties engaged in the rulemaking process. We appreciate several key improvements in the revised draft that meaningfully strengthen the rule. In particular, we applaud the clear establishment of a statewide "no net loss" policy for coastal public access, which provides an essential foundation for long-term protection. We also commend the inclusion of emotional, cultural, spiritual, and recreational values in the definition of coastal resources, reflecting a more holistic understanding of the coast. The clarification that vacation of rights-of-way constitutes a land use decision with required public notice and opportunity for comment is another important step toward transparency and accountability. Finally, we appreciate the rule's recognition that access must be not only physically available but also visible and welcoming, addressing barriers that may otherwise discourage public use.</p> <p>We offer the comments below, in order of sections of the draft rule, with the goal of strengthening the rule to ensure it meaningfully protects and enhances coastal public access. Suggested language changes and additions are shown in red text.</p> <p>Policy (660-048-0001)</p> <p>We support the inclusion of a clear statewide "no net loss" policy in section (2). To improve clarity and better align with the language and intent of Goal 17, we recommend revising this provision to explicitly reference access to and along coastal waters. The term "coastal public access" alone may be interpreted inconsistently, whereas this phrasing more clearly captures both vertical access (to the water) and lateral access (along the shoreline), each of which is essential to meaningful public use of the coast.</p> <p>We suggest revising section (2) as follows: "As a matter of state policy, there is to be no net loss of coastal public access to or along coastal waters."</p>	Thank you for your comment. We integrated your suggestions into the revised rule. These revisions can be found in OAR 660-048-0001, 660-048-0015, and 660-048-0035.
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10	Elyse Shoop	Home located in Cove Beach/ Falcon Cove (Arch Cape)	5/13/2026	email	<p>Our home is located on Tide Road in the southernmost part of Clatsop County. It is situated between 2 Secondary Access Sites (one where Columbia St. ends and one where Richmond St. ends). Not long after my mother purchased her home in the early 70's, both of these Beach Access Sites were improved in a major way. They were, basically, gravel roads - although steep and probably ill-advised, 4 WD vehicles could drive on them. At this time, the County was also maintaining our roads. Erosion has pretty much erased all evidence of these "roads" and the beach accesses have become increasingly difficult to navigate on foot. One of our neighbors tried for more than 2 years to get the county to do something about this. She did her research in regards to the State Law and even brought in Safety personnel to testify about how difficult it is to get down to the beach here. The Commissioners did nothing in response except "our Commissioner" told her later that she would be happy to know that they had improved an access up at Arch Cape. Arch Cape is North of the tunnel and dumping a bunch of sharp rocks up there that were soon washed away did not help us in any way as we reside south of the tunnel). Another neighbor donated his time, expertise, and materials to build steps leading to the beach at both of our access points. He engineered them in such a way (with a cable) so that they could be kept in place (or returned to place) if Winter Tides washed them away. We residents were grateful but the powers that be (State or County) opted to punish him instead. They even made him go down and cut them up so that they could not be re-used. We are a "residential only" area. The County changed the law so that they could legalize the abundance of Short Term Rental permits they had granted but they did not change the law in regards to how money collected from STRs can be used. So, even though visitors (tourists) to our area would certainly benefit from being able to get to the beach, our area does NOT benefit from this money because we are still zoned "residential". We even pay for our own road maintenance. It seems that the County could, at the very least, return some of our taxes to help pay into</p>	Thank you for your comment. The two secondary access points identified in the comment are included in DLCD's coastwide inventory. It is up to the local jurisdiction whether to include improvements for these areas within their comprehensive plan or other applicable plans. When accessways cross onto the public beach, they must be permitted by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
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12	Wendy & Dennis Brown	Citizen of Oregon	5/13/2026	email	<p>Dear Coastal Public Access Rule making Advisory Committee Members</p> <p>We respectfully request that the State's proposed rule adoption for coastal public access establish uniform public-access hours for all Oregon beaches: from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.</p>	
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20	Corrine Gist		5/14/2026	email	We ask that the state's proposed rule adoption for coastal public access include uniform hours of public access to all Oregon's beaches to be from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Historically, beaches along Oregon's coastline are open during these hours. In Curry County, Mill Beach's access was changed by the City to extend until midnight; Harbor's beach access is currently open until 10:00 P.M.; Harris Beach closes one-half hour after sunset. All beaches throughout Oregon should have the same operating hours so the public has the same access everywhere. Please include in your proposed rule adoption a rule that opens and closes all accesses to Oregon's beaches at this same time.	Thank you for your comment. Local governments do have the ability to regulate visiting hours for parks within their jurisdiction. Regulating the hours of public access within parks is outside of the scope of this rulemaking effort.
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