

# Appendix C: Example Proposal Contents & Questions

The example Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Form includes the following questions below. Additional questions may be included in the site management designation Request For Proposals that need to be answered in addition to the questions below. All proposals must be completed and submitted using the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool (<http://Oregon.SeaSketch.org>). Special accommodations are available upon request by contacting the Oregon Coastal Management Program.

**Questions with (\*) indicate information that will be generated in part or in full by the Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool. The proposer will likely need additional information not found within the web mapping tool to support the proposal.**

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## Primary Contact Information & Proposal Rationale

1. Name of proposed site.
2. Name of principal contact.
3. Affiliation/agency/organization (if applicable).
4. Phone, email, and mailing address.

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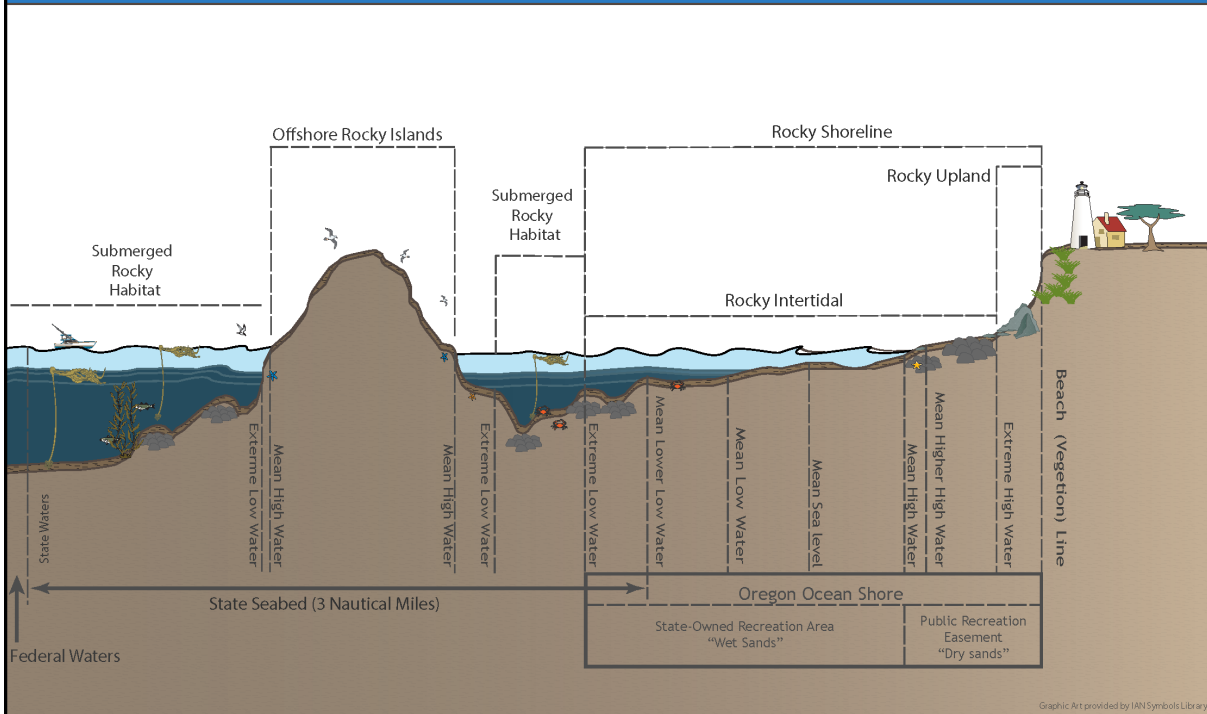
## General Proposed Site Information

To the best of your knowledge, please provide the following information:

1. Current site name (if different from proposed name). \*
2. Site Location - Please use common place names, latitude/longitude, and geographic references to identify the site. \*
3. Proposed Site Boundaries
  - a. Please describe in writing and identify (draw) on the graphic below the upper and lower elevation bounds of your proposed site designation. For example, does it only include rocky intertidal habitats?
  - b. Please attach a GIS shapefile of the proposed site boundaries. The Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool provides the functionality to export a site once a boundary is drawn. For more information see the [Rocky Habitat Web Mapping Tool User Guide](#).

# Oregon Territorial Sea Plan

## Rocky Habitat and Ocean Shore Terminology



4. Which of the following actions does this proposal present? 1) site designation addition, 2) site designation deletion, 3) site designation modification.
5. If proposing an addition or modification to a site designation, what type of rocky habitat designation are you proposing?
  - 1) Marine Research Area
  - 2) Marine Garden (Marine Education Area)
  - 3) Marine Conservation Area

### Proposal Goals and Rationale (Maximum 6-page limit)

1. Please describe the context for why this proposal is being brought forward.
2. Please describe the site-specific goals of this proposal and how they relate to the goals of the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy.
3. How does this proposal fit with the priorities established in the Request for Proposals (RFP)?

## **Proposal Consistency with RHMS Objectives and Management Principles**

1. How do the proposed site designation and management recommendations contribute to or address the objectives of the Strategy and improve upon or fill a gap in addressing objectives or principles that are not currently addressed by other designated sites or management measures? Please address this question in relation to the listed topics below:
  - a) Maintenance, protection, and restoration of habitats and natural communities.
  - b) Allowing for the enjoyment and use of the area while protecting from degradation and loss.
  - c) Improve knowledge and understanding of rocky habitat ecosystems by fostering research and monitoring efforts.
  - d) Facilitate cooperation and coordination among local, state, and federal resource management agencies, and tribal governments, to ensure that marine resources and habitats are holistically managed.
  - e) Fostering stewardship and education of the area or coastwide.
2. Please include any additional information that you would like reviewers to consider (optional).

## **Management Concerns and Measurable Outcomes**

1. What are the site-specific management concerns that are addressed by this designation and associated changes in management?
  - a. Examples include tidepool trampling, wildlife harassment, conflicts among user groups, invasive species, biological degradation.
  - b. Please note if any threatened or endangered species are affected by these concerns.
2. What are the outcomes, metrics that could be measured to determine progress toward or achievement of the site designation goals?
  - a. Metrics should be described for each management recommendation to demonstrate the outcome or effectiveness will be evaluated.

Current site management and authorities<sup>29</sup>.

- a. What is your understanding of current management at this site?
- b. Include current site ownership, management authorities, and other key stakeholders.\*

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<sup>29</sup> A framework of coastal management is available for reference in Section C.

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**Site Uses and Equity of Access (Maximum 4-page limit)**

To the best of your knowledge, please provide the following information **based on the current site management**.

1. Current site uses and infrastructure.
  - a. Please describe the current users and uses present at the site.\* Uses may encompass recreational, commercial, cultural, and scientific.
  - b. Please summarize existing site infrastructure. For example: large parking lot, public restrooms, paved trail access, etc.
2. Potential future uses based on the current site management.
  - a. Please describe potential future uses of the proposed site if there was no change to current management. Much like current uses, future uses may encompass recreational, commercial, cultural, and scientific, as well as others not listed.
3. How will altering this site's management designation impact existing and potential future uses?
  - a. Please outline the potential positive and negative impacts to current and future users as well as the degree of impact.
  - b. How does the proposed site management balance the conservation of rocky habitat resources with human use?

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**Key Natural Resources**

1. Rocky habitat type present throughout the site.
  - a. Please include as much information as possible on the specific types and composition of rocky habitat present at the site (e.g. rocky intertidal with extensive tidepools, adjacent rocky cliffs, and rocky subtidal).\*
2. Key resources present at the site.
  - a. Describe current rocky habitat resources present at the site. These may include, but are not limited to:
    - i. kelp beds; Pinniped haulout or pupping areas; seabird colonies; presence of threatened/endangered/protected species;\*
    - ii. intertidal diversity (invertebrates, marine plants, etc.).\*
3. Does this site include any unique or special features in relation to the Oregon Coast? This may include high quality examples of rocky habitats, etc.
4. Please discuss site values and resources and how a change in designation will impact them.

### **Climate Change (Maximum 2-page limit)**

1. How will this designation address climate change concerns at this site or coastwide?
2. Please discuss the site's vulnerabilities and/or resilience to climate change, ocean acidification, hypoxia.
3. How does this designation align with State climate change policy (OAH Action Plan, Climate Change Adaptation Framework)?

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### **Regulations & Enforcement (Maximum 4-page limit)**

Proposing entities should fill out this section to the best of their knowledge. Agencies will attempt to address gaps where information is available.

1. How was enforcement/compliance of management considered in the design of this site proposal?
  - a. If possible, please estimate the cost to implement this change in site management.
2. What regulations and enforcement would be necessary to implement this change in management?
  - a. Individual site management must include a clear justification for all proposed regulations for commercial, recreational, scientific research and educational harvest. If a Marine Conservation Area is being proposed, a change from the management status quo must be included along with clearly describing how these management changes help achieve the site-specific goal(s). If the proposed regulations deviate from the management prescriptions outlined in Table 1 for Marine Research Areas or Marine Gardens, please explain why this is necessary to achieve your site goals.
  - b. Which state/federal agencies would be impacted by this change in site management?

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### **Non-Regulatory Management**

1. What non-regulatory management mechanisms are recommended at this site in order to meet the goals of the proposed designation? These may include, but are not limited to, public access management, on-site enhancement, stewardship programs, and educational intercepts.
2. How do you propose to support these mechanisms?
  - a. Some designations incorporate larger financial or programmatic support. Please identify any entities or funding sources that may be available to continually support this proposal. This information is not required for a

proposal to be accepted, but review bodies would like to be informed of any support that is already in place or expected for the site.

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### **Stakeholder Engagement**

1. Describe the steps taken to develop this proposal in coordination with stakeholders. Please list and describe engagement opportunities where the public has had the opportunity to learn about and/or comment on this proposal (e.g., conferences, meetings, tabling events).
2. Please list the communities, organizations, and groups that have worked to develop and support this proposal, as well as those in opposition of the proposal.
3. List and explain both positive and negative opinions received regarding this proposal.
4. **Before submitting your proposal**, please attach any materials, or letters of support gathered as part of the development of this proposal. You may include meeting resources, campaign materials, etc. The attached materials do not apply to the 4-page limit.

### **Additional Information (Maximum 4-page limit)**

1. What land or watershed activities/conditions exist adjacent to this site?
2. Include other characteristics of the site or adjacent area you wish to describe. \*
3. Please describe any other reasons you think this site warrants a change in designation.
4. Should this proposal be evaluated in conjunction with other proposals your entity has submitted?

*Note:* The merit of all proposals is evaluated independently unless otherwise indicated by the proposing entity.

# Appendix D: Designation Standards for Federal Consistency

The following information is for application during Federal Consistency Review as outlined by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. None of the information within this section varies from the intent of the Rocky Habitat Management Strategy.

## Enforceable policies

The following subset of policies will be submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for approval to use during Federal Consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act (see Federal Consistency Regulations 15 CFR Part 930).

### **General Policies (from Section A.6.b.)**

- A. Consistent with Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 19, actions that are likely to affect rocky habitats shall be developed and conducted to conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social values benefits.
- B. Protection of rocky habitat resources (i.e. living marine organisms and their habitat) shall be prioritized over development of non-renewable ocean resource uses.
- D. Public access shall be preserved to the maximum extent practicable and minimize user conflict.
- F. Standards for designations described in Section D. of this plan shall apply to activities occurring in rocky habitats. Managing agencies shall incorporate management recommendations outlined in Section D. into administrative rule or site management practices.
- I. Harvesting, gathering, or scientific collection of marine plants and animals in rocky habitat areas, where allowed, shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes impacts and disturbance to habitats or other organisms.
- J. Marine development activities, not currently managed by a specific part of the Territorial Sea Plan, that cause significant adverse effects or permanent<sup>30</sup> impacts to the form or function of submerged rocky habitats, or the fisheries dependent upon them, are prohibited.

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<sup>30</sup> "Temporary impacts" are adverse impacts to waters of this state that are rectified within 24 months from the date of the initiation of the impact. As defined by: OAR 141-085-0510(88).

- N. Impacts to cultural resources or historic properties in rocky habitats shall be avoided, minimized, or mitigated, in consultation with affected Oregon federally recognized tribes and as determined by the State Historic Preservation Office or Tribal Historic Preservation Office, as appropriate.
- Q. Harvest of marine aquatic vegetation is prohibited except as regulated by state agencies for appropriate recreational, scientific, restoration, and educational use.
- R. Development activities occurring within or near an area with marine aquatic vegetation must have no significant adverse effects to the marine aquatic vegetation or its habitat.



## Designation Standards (from Section D.)

**TABLE 2 REGULATORY STANDARDS & MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

	Marine Research Area	Marine Garden (Marine Education Area)	Marine Conservation Area
<b>Fish Harvest</b>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No additional site-based fish harvest regulations. Coastwide Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No additional site-based fish harvest regulations. Coastwide Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which may be issued if the research does not impede the management goals of the Marine Research Area.</p>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No additional site-based fish harvest regulations. Coastwide Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No additional site-based fish harvest regulations. Coastwide Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which may be issued if the research aligns to further the management goals of the Marine Garden.</p>	<p>Marine Conservation Areas with broad conservation goals may be proposed with regulations closing harvest in all categories.</p> <p>Specific fish harvest regulations will be established based on the proposed management goals of the site.</p> <p>Individual site management must include a clear justification for all proposed regulations for <u>commercial</u>, <u>recreational</u>, <u>scientific</u> and <u>educational</u> fish harvest.</p>
<b>Invertebrate Harvest</b>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No take except at a subset of sites which allow species-specific harvest of clams, Dungeness crab, red rock crab, mussels, piddocks, scallops, and shrimp.</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which may be issued if the research does not impede the management goals of the Marine Research Area.</p>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No take except for single mussels for bait.</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which may be issued if the research aligns to further the management goals of the Marine Garden.</p>	<p>Marine Conservation Areas with broad conservation goals may be proposed with regulations closing harvest in all categories.</p> <p>Specific invertebrate harvest regulations will be established based on the proposed management goals of the site.</p> <p>Individual site management must include a clear justification for all proposed regulations for <u>commercial</u>, <u>recreational</u>, <u>scientific</u> and <u>educational</u> invertebrate harvest.</p>
<b>Marine Aquatic Vegetation Harvest</b>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires authorization from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department or the Department of State Lands, which may be issued if the research does not impede the management goals of the Marine Research Area.</p>	<p><u>Commercial</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Recreational</u> – No take</p> <p><u>Scientific &amp; Educational</u> – Requires authorization from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department or the Department of State Lands, which may be issued if the research aligns to further the management goals of the Marine Garden.</p>	<p>Marine Conservation Areas with broad conservation goals may be proposed with regulations closing harvest in all categories.</p> <p>Specific marine aquatic vegetation harvest regulations will be established based on the proposed management goals of the site.</p> <p>Individual site management must include a clear justification for all proposed regulations for</p>

**Users should refer to individual site designation for a complete understanding of site regulations**

## NON-REGULATORY STANDARDS & MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Marine Research Area	Marine Garden (Marine Education Area)	Marine Conservation Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regards to physical public access to areas:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Avoid enhancement of <u>future</u> physical public access on public lands to rocky habitats except in instances of safety concerns.</li> <li>○ Maintain but avoid enhancing capacity of <u>current</u> physical access.</li> <li>○ Enhance visual access to these sites.</li> <li>○ Prioritize access to these sites for low impact research.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When possible, researchers in these areas should report project outcomes and metadata to the permitting agency for incorporation into a publically accessible repository.</li> <li>• Other actions and practices that aid in reaching site goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase, enhance, and maintain visual and physical access on public lands to rocky habitats to be inclusive of diverse uses while prioritizing the protection of ecological and cultural resources<sup>31</sup>.</li> <li>• Encourage educational and interpretive programming that increases informed visitation to the site and minimizes impacts to site resources.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educational programs should aim to reduce the impacts of trampling and wildlife disturbance, as well as monitor impacts of visitor use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase and enhance messaging around rules and regulations, and highlight general rocky habitat etiquette and stewardship.</li> <li>• Other actions and practices that aid in reaching site goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable non-regulatory management practices are applicable in Marine Conservation Areas.</li> <li>• Individual site management must outline clear non-regulatory management mechanisms that aid in reaching the site goals.</li> </ul>

<sup>31</sup> Resources vital to or the product of the perpetuation of traditional practices, ceremonies and lifeways.