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Subject: FW: SB 1510 Marine Reserves

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The Honorable Jules Bailey
Chairs House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
900 Court St. NE, H-274
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Bailey and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Lon Otterby, and I am in support of SB 1510.

SB 1510 honors the work of the Marine Reserve Community Teams. Designating marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua is appropriate after over 25,000 volunteer hours were spent evaluating the ecological, social and economic uses of some of Oregon's most ecologically important areas.

As a stakeholder from the Willamette Valley I have attended several of the community team meetings for the Marine Reserves/Marine Protected Areas at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua. I understand fully the economic and environmental issues facing Oregon's Territorial Waters over the next several years. We have an opportunity to protect this valuable resource now and into the future if we act now. Time is of essence for our ocean.

The almost consensus decisions by the three community teams show how well Oregonians from all the stakeholder groups can work together to do what is necessary. As a frequent visitor to the coast I have seen first hand the depletion of our resources of the last several years.

The ball is now in the legislature's court. The coastal communities have done what you asked. It is your turn to step up to the plate and follow through on their recommendations.

Oregonians will all benefit from a productive and sustainably managed ocean – now and in the future. Please join me in supporting SB 1510.

Sincerely,
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