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Subject: FW: SB 1510 Marine Reserves

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Cc: Sen Morse; Rep Gelser

Subject: SB 1510 Marine Reserves

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,

I am in support of SB 1510. A lot of work has been put into getting us to this point, and it is time to create marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua. These are some of Oregon's most ecologically important areas that need to be protected.

There is growing evidence that key fish breeding grounds and nursery habitat must be reserved as safe havens. We have already protected 10 percent of our land areas in parks and national forests, in our ocean it's less than one percent that is protected world wide. Over-fishing is a problem in our oceans, and it's time to recognize it, and act. I think the analogy is apt, that Marine Reserves are like a savings bank that we can draw upon. Rather than eating into our principal, as we've done for the last thousand years, by setting up a network of fisheries reserves, we will in a sense put a portion of our ocean wealth into low-interest municipal bonds. This is an investment that if left alone will pay a steady, compound interest over time.

We will enjoy the return on our investment, now and in the future. Please support SB 1510.

Sincerely,

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