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Subject: FW: SB 1510: I Support Marine Reserve Community Teams Recommendations

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Greetings,

Below is a letter I wanted to share with you in support of SB 1510. Thank you for your time on this important issue.

February 14, 2012
The Honorable Jules Bailey & The Honorable Vic Gilliam
Chairs House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
900 Court St. NE, H-274
Salem, OR 97301

Honorable Co-Chair Bailey and Honorable Co Chair Gilliam, and Honorable House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Spencer, and I am in support of SB1510.

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.

The Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua locations, I believe to be very important areas to the Oregon coastal community as well as inland Oregonians. These locations offer both ecological and recreational opportunities that are hard to beat. I am a surfer, whale watcher and coastal tourist who depend on these locations year after year. I hope that with the passage of this bill, future generations can enjoy these distinct locations as well. Oregon's Territorial Sea is a public resource that all Oregonians share responsibility for. Managing this coastline wisely and with future generations in mind, is the only responsible way. I appreciate the community approach the OPAC process has used and applaud the compromises made among the various stakeholder groups. There are many ocean users, businesses, and organizations that depend on a healthy ocean, as well as the ecosystems that these locations support. I appreciate your time on this important issue and look forward to seeing this important bill move forward!

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

Sincerely,
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