

February 13, 2012
The Honorable Jules Bailey
Chairs House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
900 Court St. NE, H-274
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 1510

Dear Chair Bailey and Honorable Committee Members

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1510. I support this bill as written and many folks on the coast do as well.

As the Oregon population continues to grow and the demand on our natural resources keeps pace, Oregon is acting sensibly by engaging in the marine reserve discussion. Many hours have been put into the ecological, social and economic issues surrounding our marine reserve proposals before any final decisions were made. These data driven decisions were made by Oregon volunteers on three balanced and diverse community teams who care immensely about our ocean and the people who depend on it for their livelihoods.

These community teams spent over 25,000 hours of their lives debating the many facets of this type of marine conservation. In the end, concessions were made by both sides and you now have the opportunity to embrace those citizen volunteer efforts by passing this bill.

Please honor your citizen advisors and the future generations who cannot speak out in support of this bill by designating the three sites at Cascade Head, Cape Falcon and Cape Perpetua. Lets begin the knowledge gathering and the long term habitat protections that marine reserves and protected areas will offer our great state.

Thank you for your service to Oregon,

Dave Lacey

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cc: Representative Krieger

cc: Senator Kruse