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I have volunteered for the Oregon marine reserves outreach program and very much enjoyed informing the public on the marine reserves and their importance in creating a sustainable market for the fishing industry as well as preserving the natural resources available to us. There doesn't seem to be a lot of awareness by the general public on marine reserves and their benefits and people seemed to enjoy being able to ask questions and find out some of the science behind the project. It's very important to have buy in from the community as well as a documented case on how these projects can be successfully carried out in more sites along the coast areas of the US. The connection between land and sea is so obvious but never seems to be managed cohesively from the onset, working together with conservation and management makes the most sense for successful future viability of our resources and species dependent on this connection for their existence. The data and feedback gained from these partnerships and projects is of paramount importance for our successful management of our land and sea.