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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

Please support HB 3587. Oregon's iconic rocky habitats spread up and down our coast are vitally important not only for their beauty but for the biological, cultural, and economic benefits they important. They support a wealth of marine life including millions of nesting seabirds like Tufted Puffins and Common Murre in addition to supporting marine mammals, kelp beds, fish, and invertebrate species. I vacation along the Oregon coast frequently and like to spend time birdwatching and fishing. I go out with the Siggie G charter out of Garibaldi in the spring and the fall to fish for rockfish, lingcod and crab. When fishing it is common that we do our best fishing near sea stacks or rocky habitats. Passing this bill would provide needed agency coordination to manage these sites and a grants program to support community stewardship to ensure rocky habitat sites are protected for future generations of fishermen and birdwatchers.

Thank you for your consideration,  
David Whitaker