



CITY OF CANNON BEACH

March 4, 2025

Oregon Legislature

Dear Legislators,

The City of Cannon Beach (City) recognizes the intrinsic value of the nearshore marine environment to the well-being of our residents and economy. The City urges the State Legislature to support additional investments in the management of rocky habitats by passing House Bill 3587, Rocky Habitat Stewardship Bill.

Tourism is an essential component of our local economy. Millions of visitors come to the coast. Experiencing rocky habitats including scenic headlands and tidepools abundant with marine life is a key attraction. HB 3587 provides management so visitors can safely and responsibly interact with rocky habitats.

Rocky habitats support both our local commercial and recreational fisheries. Investing in the management of rocky habitats better ensures the continuance of robust fisheries, which are essential to our City's economy.

Current agency and community capacity is insufficient to fully support rocky habitat areas. The approximate \$600,000 per biennium provided by HB 3587 is needed to fulfill the management responsibilities of the Department of Land Conservation and Development as well as assist community groups in providing good stewardship of Oregon's rocky habitats. The City supports the Legislature passing HB 3587, the Rocky Habitat Stewardship Bill.

Sincerely,

Barb Knop, Cannon Beach Mayor