

Marine Reserves Listening and Learning Community Forums

These forums are intended to engage coastal communities and ocean users, share scientific and local knowledge, and show people how they can continue to be involved in the process of nominating potential sites for marine reserves.

If you are a

- commercial, charter, and recreational fishermen
- seafood industry and fishing support services professional
- port commissioner or manager
- community conservation leader or member
- coastal recreationist, or in
- local government or the public at large? If so, **you need to come, listen, and share your knowledge and perceptions!**

As defined by OPAC, marine reserves are areas of the ocean closed to fishing and other extractive activities in order to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity to provide reference areas for research and monitoring.

Gov. Kulongoski has asked OPAC to come up with a set of recommendations for establishing “less than 10 marine reserves -- large enough for scientific testing but small enough to avoid economic or social impacts such as the loss of significant fishing opportunities.”

All forums will take place from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the following locations:

- Feb. 18 - North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway, N Bend
- Feb. 20 - Garibaldi City Hall, 107 6th St., Garibaldi
- Feb. 21 - Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport
- Feb. 22 - Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence
- Feb. 26 - Port of Umpqua, 364 N 4th St., Reedsport
- Feb. 27 - Chetco Grange Community Center, 97895 Shopping Center Ave, Harbor
- Feb. 28 - Port Orford City Hall, 555 W 20th, Port Orford
- Feb. 29 - Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW 3rd St, Warrenton



Come and learn about

- the what and why of marine reserves — the scientific background on Oregon’s ocean and marine reserves (from Dr. Patty Burke [ODFW] and Dr. Selina Heppell [OSU Fisheries and Wildlife])
- local knowledge and experience
- connecting with OPAC and others with whom to continue working after this forum.

Come prepared

- by visiting <http://seagrants.oregonstate.edu/outreach/reserves.html> and reading the background documents provided there by OPAC. Print versions of the documents will also be available at the offices of local ports.
- to share knowledge, ideas, and perspectives in writing beforehand and at the forum



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