

## The Commission

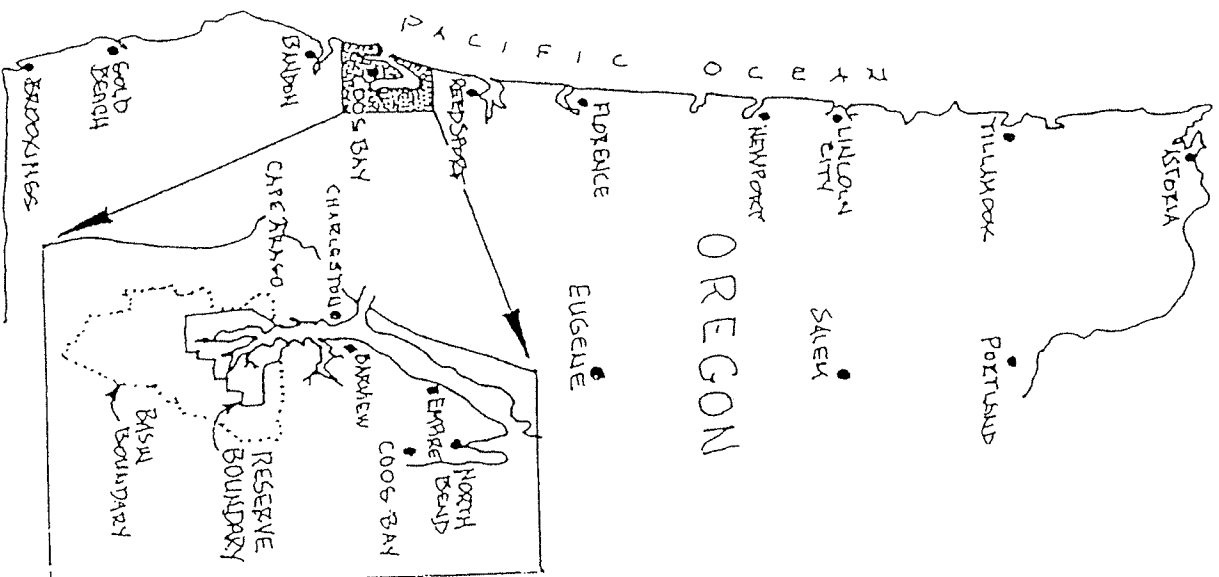
The administration of the Reserve is guided by Oregon State Law, ORS 273.553. The programs of the Reserve are administered by the Management Commission, which, under the general operating guidance of the State Land Board, establishes the operating policy of the Reserve. The Management Commission has the authority to appoint Reserve staff and to develop administrative rules as may be required to meet the intent of the law. The Management Commission consists of:

- Director of Department of State Lands (serves as permanent chairperson)
- Representative of Coos County Commission
- Representative of Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
- Representative of University of Oregon
- Representative of Oregon State University
- Representative of Common Schools in the Reserve Area
- Representative of the public at large
- Representative of Oregon Indian Tribes

The Management Commission relies heavily on input from interested citizens and members of the scientific, educational and resource management communities. One source of this input is advisory groups organized around Reserve needs. The Management Commission continuously explores means of broadening and strengthening lines of communication. The wide diversity of sometimes conflicting uses, the ever expanding utilization of the Reserve by the public, and the outstripping of on-site public facilities are the kind of problems that must be addressed by the Management Commission in this context.

A high priority item on the Management Commission's agenda is the identification and securing of funding for Reserve programs. Funding sources within the public sector are increasingly difficult to secure, and more often the Management Commission is turning to sources within the private sector.

## The Location



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# We Invite You To Join



## Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc.

*A non-profit organization  
dedicated to estuary research,  
stewardship and public education.*

## The Friends

The Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc. was formed in 1988 to promote the Reserve and its programs. The Friends provide educational and interpretive services to the public and operate a book and gift shop at the interpretive center. A donation box in the center and membership fees bring revenue to the Friends. Activities are planned each year to raise funds for projects such as developing new community educational programs.

Friends help with many aspects of the Reserve program, from leading guided trail walks to hosting special events. We need members who want to help the Reserve grow. All it takes is a willingness to explore, learn and better understand estuaries. You can become a member because you want to receive current information about the Reserve and the Friends or because you want to volunteer your special talents to the Reserve. Whatever the reason, we need you! Send in the application on this brochure today. Who knows, you may find that a year from now you will know more about the importance of this special place we call... an estuary.

"From the earth-poles to the line, all between that works or grows, everything is kin of mine."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## The Mission

The general mission of the Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc., as a volunteer nonprofit organization, is to promote and assist the Reserve in its educational and research activities. The principal mission of the Friends is to raise funds, in addition to those provided by State and Federal budgeting, through the involvement of anyone, anywhere who is interested in the National Estuarine Research Reserve Program.

## The Reserve

The South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve was established in 1974 as America's first such Reserve through a federal/state agreement that preserves 4,400 acres on an arm of the Coos Bay estuary. The Reserve is primarily a research area to study how estuaries function. As an element of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Program, the Reserve is to serve as a source of scientific information essential to coastal zone management decision making, and to serve as an educational facility for students, teachers and the public.

Thousands of students visit the Reserve each year to participate in structured programs that last up to five hours. These programs involve students, teachers and parents in a vital educational experience to build appreciation of estuaries. The programs have been developed with statewide science education guidelines and recommendations of teachers familiar with the student educational needs that South Slough can fulfill. The Reserve also plays an important role in supporting statewide college educational programs. Tens of thousands of visitors a year enjoy the interpretive center, which overlooks South Slough from a vantage point 300 feet above sea level. The center offers visitors a field guide alcove, interpretive exhibits, a gift shop operated by the Friends, movies and lecture programs. Hiking trails and paddling routes are available. Special activities, classes and guided tours are conducted by staff and the Friends. On cold days there is a warm fire in the native rock fireplace at the center.

South Slough is rich and diverse, supporting a large variety of upland plant communities and birds, some of which are uncommon. It is the freshwater and estuarine habitats, however, that hold the special significance of South Slough. Invertebrates and fish inhabit the waters, and mud flats are rich in algae, diatoms, eelgrass and clams. This is a prime nursery and feeding area for numerous species of fish and birds.

## Yearly

### Memberships

(Tax Deductible)

Student.....	\$5.00
Individual Senior.....	\$15.00
Individual.....	\$20.00
Family.....	\$30.00
Life Member.....	\$250.00
Corporate.....	\$500.00
Volunteer*.....	Free
• Awarded to volunteers that contribute 50 hours of service to FOSS the previous year.	

## The Benefits

- 15% discount on bookstore items
- reduced fees at Friends events
- voting privileges
- newsletter
- A chance to make a difference!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to:

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