



PART THREE:

Rocky Shores Management Strategy

B. ROCKY SHORES POLICY FRAMEWORK

PLAN POLICY: The Goal, Policies, and Objectives for rocky shores are mandatory and all actions by local, state, or federal agencies in relation to managing rocky shore areas and resources shall be consistent with them.

1. Goal, Objectives, Policies

a. Goal:

To protect the ecological values and coastal biodiversity within and among Oregon's rocky shores while allowing appropriate use.

b. Objectives:

1. To implement a management program that allows for enjoyment and use of Oregon's rocky shores while protecting them from overuse, degradation, and loss;
2. To enhance appreciation and foster personal stewardship of Oregon's rocky shores through education, interpretation, and information;
3. To maintain, enhance, or restore rocky-shore habitats and biological communities;
4. To foster cooperation and coordination among local, state, and federal resources management agencies to ensure that marine resources and habitats are fully protected.

c. Policies:

1. Encourage those who visit rocky shore areas to observe animals and plants in place, avoid unnecessary disturbance to marine life, and refrain from taking any plants or animals except under special circumstances.
2. Utilize regulations, permits, and agreements to control harvesting, gathering, or special collecting of marine plants and animals where appropriate.
3. Limit or restrict access to specific sites when and where necessary to protect marine habitats or marine wildlife resources or to avoid conflicts among users; access restrictions will generally be adopted as part of site management plans.

4. Use education, information, and awareness programs as preferred techniques to promote stewardship of rocky shores and resources.
5. Work in partnership with coastal Indian tribes to ensure that traditional and customary uses of rocky shores are consistent with this strategy; the Council will take no action to affect tribal interests that are the subject of hunting and fishing consent decrees or other agreements between the State of Oregon and any tribe.
6. Apply management strategies and techniques that distinguish among the unique resources, setting, and uses of a.) rocky shoreline areas and b.) offshore rocks and islands.