Marine Reserves Update

Ocean Policy Advisory Council
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Regulations:

- As of fall 2012, administrative rules have been adopted by state agencies for all five sites: OAR 635-012 (ODFW), OAR 141-142 (DSL), and OAR 736-029 (OPRD).
- Harvest restrictions effective:
  - Jan 1, 2012: Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock (in effect)
  - Jan 1, 2014: Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head (in effect)
  - Jan 1, 2016: Cape Falcon

Monitoring:

- Two years of baseline data collection has been completed for Redfish Rocks, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Cascade Head. Long-term, ongoing monitoring is now underway.
- Baseline data collection began in May 2014, for the Cape Falcon site and will continue until the end of 2015.
- Ecological and human dimensions scientific monitoring reports, covering the first two years of marine reserves baseline data collection (2010-11), are completed. The reports, and supporting materials, are available on the Oregon Marine Reserves website. The next round of scientific monitoring reports will be completed in 2015.

Outreach:

- ODFW worked with the Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee (OFCC) to provide marine reserve boundaries to ocean users on electronic drives (thumb drives) that can be plugged into a computer and uploaded onto plotter systems most commonly used by commercial fishermen.
  - Oregon State Police (OSP) and ODFW distributed the thumb drives during the December 2013 crab hold inspections at all ports.
  - The thumb drives are also available from any coastal ODFW office.
- In December 2013, a notification was mailed to members of the commercial and charter fishing fleets regarding new fishing rules for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head.
- Maps with summaries of the harvest rules are now available in the following places:
  - Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations booklet
  - Synopsis of Oregon Commercial Fishing Regulations pamphlet
  - Oregon Marine Reserves website (www.oregonocean.info/marinereserves)
  - ODFW website
- Harvest restriction signs have been developed and will be posted at ports this summer.
- Shoreside harvest restrictions signs are currently under development.

Enforcement:

- Oregon State Police (OSP) is actively monitoring and enforcing Redfish Rocks, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Cascade Head.
- With the use of the Patrol Vessel Guardian, OSP located and seized more than 40 commercial crab pots from both the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and Cascade Head Marine Reserve throughout January of 2014. Additionally, two other investigations stemmed from commercial gear deployed within the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve. Enforcement action was taken on

each. Enforcement action was also taken after two recreational vessels were observed angling for groundfish within the Redfish Rocks MPA in late summer of 2012.

- Review of compliance and enforcement is being conducted with OSP, ODFW, and OPRD two times per year.

Site Management:

- Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock site management plans have been developed and are currently being implemented.
- Site management plans are currently being developed for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head and are to be completed in 2014. The site management plans will:
  - Outline best ways for ODFW to:
    - Describe scientific monitoring activities being done and what we're learning
    - Provide general information about Oregon's marine reserves
    - Improve compliance
    - Provide opportunities for people to get involved
  - Outline the community's interests and priorities for activities above and beyond those being carried out by ODFW. By highlighting the community's interests and priorities in the site management plans we hope to attract additional research and resources, and to foster community led projects.

Community Engagement:

- Work continues with the Redfish Rocks Community Team (RRCT) and Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team (NSAT). Funding is provided by ODFW to support community group efforts.
- Community-based projects and programs are being developed and led by the RRCT.
- ODFW continues to contract with local fishing vessels to assist with monitoring efforts:
  - 2014: 6 contracts ($104,716)
- Local communities are providing input pertaining to development of the Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head site management plans through a variety of means, now through this summer, including:
  - Workshops being led by ODFW
  - One-on-one meetings with fishermen
  - Ideas submitted via email, online, or in person