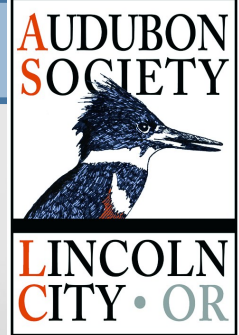


# The Oregon Coast Rocks!



## ROCKY HABITATS

Make up about 41% of our Oregon coastline. State and federal policies, strategies, and rules have long been in place to manage and protect coastal habitats.

One of these strategies, **Oregon's Rocky Habitat Management Strategy**, is being updated for the first time in twenty-five years! Many protected sites were re-approved, but some were not, and there are many others with little to no protection in place.

## FOR THE FIRST TIME

Communities and individuals can submit proposals to protect some of Oregon's most iconic places on our rocky coastline under newly adopted protective designations, which are:

- **Marine Conservation Area (MCA)**
- **Marine Education Area (MEA), or Marine Garden**
- **Marine Research Area (MRA)**

## WE ARE

The Audubon Society of Lincoln City (ASLC), and

## OUR MISSION

Is to encourage residents and visitors to protect and enjoy the native birds, other wildlife, and habitats found on the Central Oregon Coast.

## WORKING TOGETHER

We can make 2020 the year to protect Oregon's rocky coastal habitats, helping to ensure that Oregon's amazing tide pools, underwater kelp forests, nearshore reefs, and offshore rocks and islands continue to inspire future generations.

## YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!

Check out our website [lincolncityaudubon.org/rocks.html](http://lincolncityaudubon.org/rocks.html) or email us at [coastalhabitat@lincolncityaudubon.org](mailto:coastalhabitat@lincolncityaudubon.org) to learn more!

## THE NEWLY ADOPTED STRATEGY

Includes the ability for individuals and communities to be an active part of designing and implementing new goals and management based on the best available information. This matters, because:

**1. Visitors matter:** Our rocky habitats are one of the primary attractions of our tourist economy. Managing access and accountability will help to keep these areas pristine for years to come.



*Lincoln City tidepool clinic with Fawn Custer (left), ASLC file photo, Coastal sunset on the rocks (above), photo by Casey Bruner*

**2. Residents matter:** We live here in part because of the quality of life provided by our beloved coastal landscape. We have an opportunity to support the unique wildlife and scenery for our community's ongoing livability.

**3. Habitat matters:** Visitors to our rocky coast can unintentionally cause damage if they don't know how to safely and respectfully interact with our tide pools and surrounding wildlife. A designation can provide greater levels of education to tourists to keep them from trampling over sensitive natural areas and disturbing wildlife.



Casey Bruner enjoying local tidepools, Photo by Camden Bruner



Lincoln City Audubon rocky habitat tour (above), Brown Pelicans (right), Photo by Jack Doyle

**4. Education matters:** We will be able to offer education opportunities for the local community, including our children, for whom we can inspire a love of learning and un-



**5. Wildlife matters:** We can protect our wild neighbors like Black Oystercatchers, Brown Pelicans, sea lions, and seals that depend on our rocky coastal habitats.

## WE PLAN TO PURSUE

Protections for important rocky habitat sites in Lincoln and Tillamook counties, including **Cape Foulweather** and **Cape Lookout**. Visit [lincolncityaudubon.org/rocks.html](http://lincolncityaudubon.org/rocks.html) to learn how you can be involved!



Cape Foulweather, photo Steve Griffiths



Cape Lookout, photo Steve Griffiths

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