

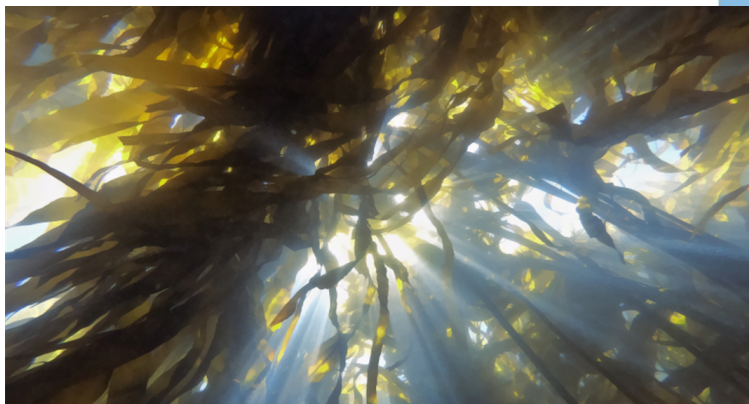
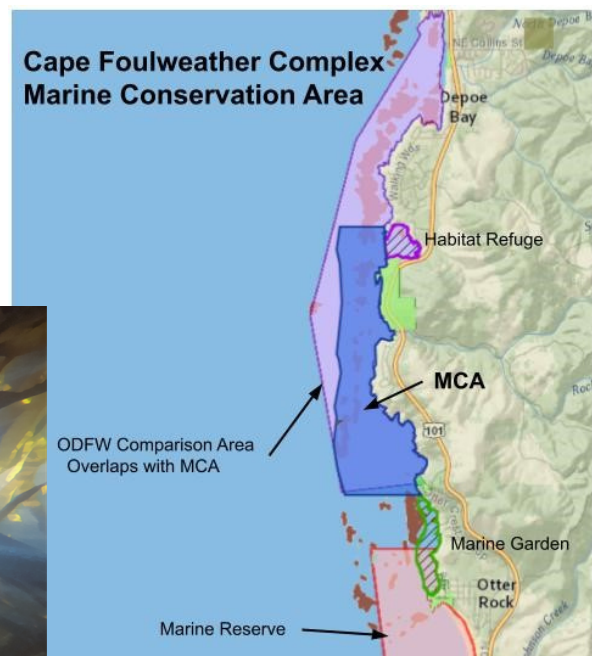


The Oregon Coast Rocks! Cape Foulweather

Otter Crest Loop, photo by dawn villaescusa

Named by Captain Cook on his voyage to the North Pacific in 1778, Cape Foulweather rises 500 feet above the Pacific Ocean, providing sweeping views from Yaquina Lighthouse in the south to Cascade Head in the north. If you stand at the scenic viewpoint on a sunny summer day, you're likely to see gray whales cavorting and feeding in the kelp beds, seabirds nesting on the Cape's sheer cliffs, and waves rushing onto the rocks below. You'll feel the wind in your face as your lungs fill with the freshest of air. Nowhere is the wild spirit of the Central Oregon Coast captured better than at Cape Foulweather.

The Cape Foulweather Complex Marine Conservation Area extends from the Whale Cove Habitat Refuge south to the Otter Rock Marine Garden and includes nearshore kelp beds.



Bull kelp forest, photo by Sarah Hamilton

The Marine Conservation Area designation for rocky habitats and nearshore natural resources at Cape Foulweather helps:



1. **Protect** nesting habitat for the iconic Black Oystercatcher and other seabirds, including Pigeon Guillemots, Brandt's Cormorants, and the largest colony of Pelagic Cormorants on the Oregon coast.

2. **Provide** residents and visitors alike with appropriate coastal access and involvement in the management and stewardship of our coastline and its natural resources.

3. **Create** opportunities for thousands of annual visitors to Cape Foulweather to learn more about the area's natural resources and how to enjoy them safely and responsibly.

4. **Educate** boaters and drone enthusiasts about methods to avoid disturbing seabird nesting colonies, which can lead to catastrophic nest failure.

5. **Preserve** Cape Foulweather in its natural state for all of us to enjoy and appreciate, in fair weather—and foul.

Site specific management for the MCA relies on **stewardship** and **education** rather than regulatory restrictions to protect rocky habitat natural resources.



Get Involved:

- **Volunteer to be a rocky habitat steward**
- **Participate in our visitor interpretive programs**
- **Join a community science team to monitor rocky habitat**

Visit www.lincolncityaudubon.org to learn more about how you can participate!