



# HUMAN DIMENSIONS: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECTING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

## WHAT DO COASTAL RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT MARINE RESERVES?

### WHO ARE STAKEHOLDERS?

A stakeholder is anyone who may be affected by natural resource management decisions. However, ODFW recognizes that coastal residents and fishermen might feel the effects of marine reserves - either positive or negative - more than the rest of us.

### PERSPECTIVES OF COASTAL RESIDENTS

Most people have positive opinions about the marine reserves, but fewer Oregon coastal residents think they are beneficial (66%) compared to those living in the I-5 corridor (82%).

Coastal residents are worried about the impacts of regulations. In one study, reduced commercial fishing was considered a "bad" consequence of future marine reserve regulations by more coastal residents (52%) than I-5 corridor residents (29%).

### SOCIAL CONFLICT CAN BE A TYPE OF ADVERSE IMPACT

A core mandate for the management of the marine reserves is to avoid significant adverse impacts on coastal communities and businesses.

An often underappreciated impact of environmental policy decisions can be social conflict between stakeholder groups: fishermen, agencies, conservationists, scientists, etc.

For example, a high proportion of coastal residents trust other coastal residents to contribute to positive management of marine areas (78%), but coastal residents do not trust people who do not live on the coast to contribute to positive management (18%).

Different stakeholders, as well as different ideas about who can legitimately be called a stakeholder, are challenges in ocean policy and management decision making.

### ARE MARINE RESERVES BENEFICIAL?

82% OF I-5 CORRIDOR RESIDENTS SAY YES

66% OF COASTAL RESIDENTS SAY YES



### WOULD IMPACT ON COMMERCIAL FISHING BE A BAD CONSEQUENCE?

29% OF I-5 CORRIDOR RESIDENTS SAY YES

52% OF COASTAL RESIDENTS SAY YES



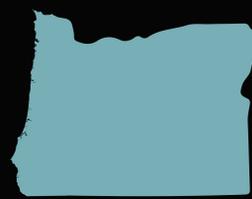
### WHO DO COASTAL RESIDENTS TRUST TO MANAGE OCEAN AREAS?

18% TRUST NON-COASTAL RESIDENTS

78% TRUST COASTAL RESIDENTS



### WHO ARE STAKEHOLDERS?



Oregonians



Coastal Residents



Visitors



Recreational Fishermen



Conservationists



Commercial Fishermen



Government Agencies



Scientists



Local Businesses