

ODFW Nearshore Ecology Program Annual Meeting Agenda

March 16, 2026

Carmen Ford Phillips Auditorium
Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building
2030 SE Marine Science Dr, Newport, OR

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*Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be available starting at 12:30 pm.
The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm and will be followed by a networking reception.*

Session 1	Introducing the Nearshore Ecology Program
1:00 – 1:10	<p>Opening Remarks Presenter: Dr. Maria Zapetis (Nearshore Ecology Program Leader)</p>
1:10 – 2:10	<p>Nearshore Ecology Program Overview Presenter: Dr. Maria Zapetis (Nearshore Ecology Program Leader)</p> <p>Marine Reserves Introduction Presenters: Dr. Maria Zapetis (<i>Nearshore Ecology Program Leader</i>), Dr. Moritz Schmid (<i>Ecological Research Project Leader</i>), Dr. Ashley Lowe Mackenzie (<i>Marine Resource Economist</i>), Katie Darr (<i>Communications & Engagement Specialist</i>)</p> <p>Marine Habitat Introduction Presenter: Scott Marion (<i>Marine Habitat Project Leader</i>)</p>
2:10 – 2:15	<p>ROVing the Seafloor Presenter: Scott Marion (<i>Marine Habitat Project Leader</i>)</p>
2:15 – 2:30	Break
Session 2	Ecological Monitoring & Research
2:30 – 3:00	<p>Marine Reserves Hook-and-Line Presentations</p> <p>Surveying Oregon’s Marine Reserves - Exploring Early Trends in Fish Abundance and Setting Expectations of Future Change Presenter: Ryan Fields (<i>Ecological Research Assistant</i>)</p> <p>Fishing for Science - Contributions of Captains and Volunteers to Oregon's Marine Reserves Presenter: Stephanie Fields (<i>Ecological Research Assistant Project Leader</i>)</p>

3:00 – 3:15	Exploring Patterns of Biodiversity in Oregon's Marine Reserves Presenter: Dr. Dylan Gomes (<i>Quantitative Marine Ecologist</i>)
3:15 – 3:40	A Bird's-Eye View of Kelp Distribution along the Oregon Coast Presenter: Scott Marion (<i>Marine Habitat Project Leader</i>)
3:40-3:55	Break
Session 3	Beyond Boundaries
3:55 – 4:25	Connecting People to Place: Art, Science, and Stewardship in Oregon's Marine Reserves Moderated by: Katie Darr (<i>Communications & Engagement Specialist</i>) Panelists: Talaina King, (<i>Executive Director, Cape Perpetua Collaborative</i>), Paul Robertson (<i>Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative</i>), Cloud Spengler (<i>Program Coordinator, Friends of Otter Rock Marine Reserve</i>), Angela Whitlock (<i>Marine Program Manager, North Coast Land Conservancy</i>)
4:25 – 4:45	Metrics That Matter: Prioritizing Locally Relevant Human Well-Being Indicators Linked to Marine Reserves Presenter: Dr. Sarah Klain (<i>Assistant Professor, University of Oregon</i>)
4:45 – 5:00	“Here Be Dragons!”: Seafloor Mapping at Rogue River Reef Presenter: Scott Marion (<i>Marine Habitat Project Leader</i>)
5:00 – 5:10	Closing Remarks Presenter: Dr. Maria Zapetis (<i>Nearshore Ecology Program Leader</i>)
5:10 – 6	Networking Reception