



# CoastLines

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## Curry County League Completes Consensus Statements for Coastal and Nearshore Oregon Study

November Unit Meetings in Brookings and Port Orford were devoted to discussing the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) Study on *Coastal and Nearshore Oregon*. Sixteen members participated. Their responses are being combined to form our League's consensus statements. At the State LWV level, responses from all Local Leagues in Oregon will be combined. The LWVOR Board will formulate one or more positions which can be used to support or oppose measures proposed regarding the five major issues. Here is a summary of our League's opinions.

**Marine Reserves:** We support Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas. We believe that all suggested factors (*scientific, cultural, fisheries, tourism and other economic considerations, endangered and threatened species, types of habitats such as sandy bottoms, kelp forests, rocky reefs*) should be considered when a) identifying locations, b) determining size, c) developing management goals, and d) length of operation. Scientific data is extremely important and needs to be assessed periodically in Curry County and in other places around the world. This process will help management and decide whether to change the size or other characteristics of a reserve.

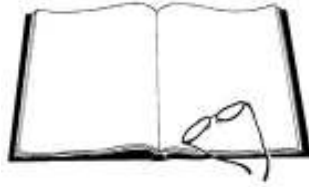
One unit said management goals must include educating tourists and recreational fishers and asking them to share their knowledge with others. We feel reserves should be considered to be ongoing rather than short term. While they may not be permanent, they need to be kept in place until their identified objectives are reached. The development of Marine Reserves is a learning process; flexibility and possible adjustments are important.

Projects should be funded using a combination of state funds together with public and private grants. These funds would support

- Management of the Reserve
- Enforcement of local, state and federal regulations
- Compensation for lost income to fishers and along with help in finding new work in their field
- Research on the ecosystem
- Maintenance of the Reserve

Once a Reserve is created no restrictions should be imposed to the funding. Port Orford – the location of Oregon's first Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area – has raised several thousand dollars through various sizes of private donations. Management of each Reserve should be free to do the same in order to fund the Reserve's needs.

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Dear Members and Friends,

A smart woman takes up causes that are worthy of her commitment. An industrious woman works hard and tirelessly for the success of those causes. A wise woman knows when it is time to stop.

With that said, I am retiring from the board and presidency of the League of Women Voters of Curry County at the end of 2012. I have enjoyed my time on the board and have developed a deep respect for the talents, dedication and support of each board member with whom I have worked. Equally, I greatly admire the women, and men, who commit their ideals and energy to League in Curry County and the State of Oregon.

The League of Women Voters has been a beacon of political liberty and justice for as long as I have been a voter. As I rest from my commitments to these values and enjoy my home, family and garden, I will treasure my time in League. Many thanks to you all for your support.

Jan Krick

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# **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8; 11:30 AM PORT ORFORD SENIOR CENTER**

**Learn about the issues that will be  
decided at the Legislative Session in  
January!!**

Mark your calendar for Saturday December 8 at 11:30 AM at the Port Orford Senior Center, 1536 Jackson Street in Port Orford. Our speaker will be Peggy Lynch, Natural Resources Coordinator for League of Women Voters of Oregon. She will talk about the process of LWVOR lobbying at the Oregon State Legislature. Peggy has been a member of the League's Action team for many years. She has a thorough knowledge of the legislative process and the issues facing this legislative session. There will be many vitally important bills coming before the legislature in January. Get the low down on what is coming by joining us at the luncheon.

The menu will be chicken, vegetable casserole, roll, coffee or tea, and dessert. The price will be \$12.50 per person including the meal, gratuity, cost of the facilities, and a bit extra for our treasury. Our cook must have reservations by December 1 and special dietary needs should be mentioned when you make reservations. Please call Shirley Nelson at 541-332-9002.

## **COASTAL STUDY AND WORKFORCE HOUSING REPORT WILL GET AROUND**

Through the efforts of Jan Krick and Shirley Nelson, copies of the LWVOR Coastal Study are being mailed or delivered to our three County Commissioners (two of whom will be new in 2013), three mayors, three people in the environmental community (Port Orford Ocean Resource Team, Our Ocean, and Lower Rogue Watershed Council). They will also make sure a copy goes to Rep. Peter DeFazio. The State League is attempting to place a copy in the hands of each State Legislator.

Along with the coastal document we are sending a copy of the final report of our local survey on Workforce Housing to each of the above people.

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## **Coastal and Nearshore Oregon Study Consensus**

**Ocean Energy:** We support research and test deployment of wave energy devices on the Oregon Coast, with reservations and questions that need to be answered. We do not support commercial deployment at this time; not until research and testing have been done and the questions answered such as environmental impact, effect on local communities, effect on fisheries and fishers who harvest from the sea for their livelihoods, effect on wildlife, views, etc.

**Coastal Management Zone: (mandates on limiting pollution in streams and discharges to the ocean).** Uniformity among local, county, and state regulations is essential. Funding for monitoring, restoration, enforcement and invasive species control can be secured in any way possible. Consider having restoration operators bonded. Contracts must be made fairly and carried out responsibly, especially regarding regulations and control. Agency oversight must be carried out responsibly and uniformly without exemptions. Permits could be issued with fees charged to help pay for these needs. Volunteers can be used in some ways if organized and led by groups such as Watershed councils, Oregon Shores. Regarding impact on local economies and municipalities, mandates and restrictions must be enforced. If logging resumes or increases, the timber industry must be held accountable for runoff which pollutes waters all the way to the ocean. More study could be done to determine the impacts.

**Estuaries:** We support the measures suggested to preserve and restore estuaries including designating additional reserves, providing streamside protection, planting, removal of invasive species, scientific research and restoration. Zoning regulations must be reviewed regularly and enforced. We need more education of the public about the value and importance of estuaries. Funding must come primarily from dedicated State funds. Other sources might be the State Lottery or public or private grants. Funds must support mapping and zoning in each county. Dumping of potentially toxic material such as asphalt should be prohibited. More study of floodplains and wetlands is important. Local government leaders should include experts in coastal resources. Volunteers could possibly be used for much of this work.

**Mining and Dredging:** Mining is extremely damaging to the environment, affecting water quality and pollution all the way to the ocean; fish, other species, stream bottoms and banks. We are still operating under an old (1872?) mining law. Concerns include mine operators who do not follow rules and the permits, requirements and regulations need to be stricter. Additionally, chromite excavation and mining (which is occurring in our neighboring county) need to be more thoroughly researched with an Environmental Impact Study before it is allowed. Reclamation should be strictly enforced. Some areas in California and Oregon have banned gravel mining.

One unit favored dredging if necessary to maintain channels for established ports, commercial fishing, etc. New installations should be studied carefully before approval.

**Other Comments:** Two additional comments were made. (1) The coastline in southern Oregon is very different from that in the north. It is defined by its several rivers and that should have been stated clearly in the study document. (2) Attention should be focused on how regulatory agencies select stakeholders.

*Every year the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) sponsors a Legislative Process Day in Salem. This day is intended to introduce attendees to the way that the legislative process works in Oregon. It also serves to highlight many of the major issues facing this legislative session. Anyone interested in learning more about what is going on in Salem will enjoy this day.*

# Legislative Process Day



**Thursday, January 17, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Oregon State Capitol, Salem, Hearing Room 50**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum • House Speaker Tina Kotek (invited)  
 Oregon's legislative process • Hearings (if available)  
 Preview of issues in the 2013 legislative session  
 How to have an impact

## Legislative Process Day Registration Form

Advance registration needed—return form by Friday, **January 11, 2013**

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Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **January 11, 2013**. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org).

*Register online and get map, parking info, and agenda at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org).*

## Program Planning at January Unit Meetings

The January Unit Meetings will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> in Port Orford from 1 to 3 PM and on the 9<sup>th</sup> in Brookings from 2 -4 PM. The location Port Orford meeting will be at the Nelsons' home. The Brookings meeting will be at the Chetco Community Public Library at the new conference room across Alder street from the main library building.

Program Planning is the subject of both meetings. What will take place is a review of all of our League's State and Local positions to see if any changes are desired by the membership. We can choose to retain a position, to restudy it (and then perhaps to amend or delete it), to amend it for clarity or to delete it.

This effort is the backbone of the League's grassroots approach to governance. Our positions reflect the collective wisdom of our members, not the beliefs of our League officers and directors. In order for us to continue to represent the beliefs of our members we need everyone's participation.

The recently completed Coastal and Nearby Oregon Study is a perfect example of this process. This study grew out of one local League's request to LWVOR to restudy its positions regarding Coastal Management. After discussion at a State Convention LWVOR agreed that a statewide study was appropriate. The whole effort started with a single local League identifying a subject area that they felt was worthy of re-study. If we choose, we can do something similar starting with our January Unit Meetings.



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December 2012 and January 2013		
LWVCC Holiday Luncheon	Dec 8; 11:30AM	Port Orford Senior Center
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Jan 8; 1- 3 PM	Milt & Shirley Nelson's Home
Brookings Unit Meeting	Jan 9; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Board Meeting	Jan 16; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library

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