

**Subject:** Please Protect Rockfish in OCNMS

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**To:** OCNMSmanagementplan@noaa.gov

Dear Noaa,

As a diver/REEF surveyor I enjoy visiting the many dive sites that are within the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The ones located within the Strait of Juan De Fuca (and Tatoosh Island and Duncan Rock) are in the only portion of the Sanctuary easily accessible by scuba divers. This is one of the few places in all of Washington State that scuba divers have a good possibility of encountering Tiger, China, Yellowtail, Black, Canary, Yelloweye and Blue Rockfish. The numbers of these fish are declining rapidly and need to be protected and better managed.

Please manage this portion of the Sanctuary from a "Watchable Wildlife" perspective so that scuba divers from around the state, nation and world have a place within Washington where these long-lived rockfish and other fish and invertebrate species can be seen, photographed and enjoyed for years to come.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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