

**Subject:** Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary's management plan

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To the Management Plan Team:

I would like to offer a comment in support of the strongest possible protections for the rockfish (particularly Tiger, China, and Canary) in danger of extirpation off of our state's coast. Survey data indicate that these populations are far too low to allow further harvesting or incidental take. In spite of any political pressures there may be to allow harvest in remaining occupied areas, the extirpation of species would certainly serve no one's best interests. I would also like to express support for managing the Strait of Juan De Fuca portion of the sanctuary from a Watchable Wildlife perspective for scuba divers, enhancing the recreational and economic (tourism) benefits of these underwater resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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