

Oregon Islands, Three Arch Rocks, and Cape Meares National Wildlife Refuges

*Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan,
Draft Wilderness Stewardship Plan,
and Environmental Assessment*

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Abstract

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is developing a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for Oregon Islands, Three Arch Rocks, and Cape Meares National Wildlife Refuges. The CCP describes and assesses two alternatives, including a Preferred Alternative and a No Action Alternative, for these refuges. They are summarized below:

Alternative 1: No Action: Status Quo

This alternative assumes no change from past management programs and is considered the base from which to compare the other alternatives. There would be no changes to the Refuge boundary and no major changes in habitat management or public use programs.

Alternative 2: (Preferred Alternative) Enhance Wildlife, Habitat, and Maintain Public Use

Under the Preferred Alternative, the Service would place greater emphasis on establishing and working through partnerships to accomplish wildlife and habitat inventories, surveys, monitoring, research, and opportunities for public use. This alternative includes the same management activities described in the No Action Alternative and additional activities described below. The new activities would be accomplished by increasing cooperator involvement and refuge staff. Five new permanent FTEs are proposed in this alternative, and would be necessary for full implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

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