



Lane County Board of Commissioners

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The Honorable Theodore R Kulongoski, Governor
State Capitol, Room 254
Salem, Oregon 97301-4-47

Re: Recommendation for replacement member, Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council

Dear Governor Kulongoski:

With the outcome of the November, 2008 election fully certified, the Lane County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Coos County Commissioner John Griffith will no longer be able to serve on the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council. Commissioner Griffith was your appointment to provide representation as South Coast County Commissioner on OPAC. We very much appreciate the work that Commissioner Griffith was able to provide to OPAC and we consulted with him in regards to the issue of marine reserves.

We would ask that you now strongly consider Douglas County Commissioner-elect Susan Morgan to fill that position. Commissioner-elect Morgan, as you know, is a former state Representative from District 2, and she is well versed on issues affecting the coastal communities within Douglas County. Lane County Commissioner Bill Fleenor did get a chance to speak with Commissioner (elect) Morgan at the Annual Meeting of the O & C Counties recently held in Eugene, and was impressed by her perspective on issues related to coastal issues. Commissioner Fleenor states that he found her to be very knowledgeable about ocean issues and compatible with the systematic and reasoned approach that our Board believes will be required to address coastal issues.

Our Board appreciates the difficult nature of finding common ground amongst all the stakeholders with an interest in Oregon's coast. It is truly part of what makes Oregon so unique, and we appreciate that you have assembled an advisory committee to provide you with recommendations regarding ocean and coastal policy. We believe that Susan Morgan will be open to hearing our input, and an excellent choice to provide leadership and advocacy on behalf of south coast interests.

Sincerely,

Board Chair
Lane County

cc: Senator Joanne Verger
State Representative Jean Cowan
State Representative Arnie Roblan