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State Parks accepting public comments on updates to marine plant and seaweed collection rules on the ocean shore

SALEM, Ore— Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) proposes updates to rules for collection of marine plants and macroalgae in marine reserves and marine protected areas. ([OAR 736-021-0090](#)).

Updates to Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan earlier this year changed regulations and management practices in certain protected areas. The department's proposed rule changes will allow for collection of marine plants and macroalgae in marine protected areas if allowed under management plans for the area.

Proposed rules also eliminate outdated requirements for enrolled members of federally recognized tribes in Oregon to seek a permit before collecting marine plants along the ocean shore.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting public comments through Nov. 3.

OPRD is accepting comments until 5 p.m. Nov. 3, 2023, and they can be made online, at a public hearing, in writing or via email.

- Online: <https://www.oregon.gov/opr/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx>
- Virtual Public hearing: Thursday, October 26, 2 PM: Registration required at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RVGhrw-KR9eYDdaTobepew
- In writing: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301
- Email: OPRD.publiccomment@opr.d.oregon.gov.

After reviewing public comments, agency staff plan to present a final amended rule for consideration by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission at its November 2023 business meeting.

The full text of the amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule 736-021-0090 is available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/opr/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx>.

