



## Port Orford Ocean Resource Team

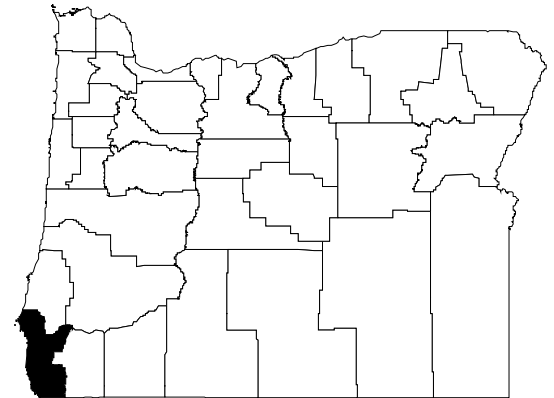
### Community Profile

**County** Curry  
**City** Port Orford  
**Population** 1,153

### Description

**Sponsor** Port Orford Ocean Resource Team  
<http://www.oceanresourceteam.org>

**Supervisor** Leesa Cobb, Executive Director



**Assignment** The Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) is a nonprofit that was founded in 2001 to work on a community-based fisheries management project. The organization is directed by a board of five local commercial fishermen and operates on the principles of Ecosystem-based management and the triple bottom line: ecology, economics, and equity. POORT's projects include influencing state and federal fisheries policy, economic development based on the marine economy, targeted conservation initiatives, and local social justice initiatives.

The RARE participant placed with the POORT will network with multiple agencies and NGO's. Specifically, the RARE participant will recruit and manage volunteers, provide marine education to school children, improve website skills by updating POORT's website, organize an event, and learn to manage a process to advance the Interpretive Center building project. Regular contact with commercial fishermen will provide the RARE participant with a rich understanding of fishing history, culture, economics, and an education in the challenges of sustaining a resource based business.

### Meet Carrie Courtney



Carrie Courtney received his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Buena Vista University. As a student, Carrie studied abroad for a semester at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia. While in Australia, she interned with the Western Suburbs Regional Organization of Councils (WESROC). As an intern, Carrie created case studies in the areas of sustainability, including case studies focused on native vegetation, sustainable travel and photovoltaic cells. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Carrie decided to apply to the RARE Program in order to gain the skills necessary to help communities advance in a sustainable, environmental fashion. Following her year with the RARE Program, Carrie hopes to find a long term job that suits her educational background and professional goals.