

Port Orford Ocean Resource Team Water Festival

Community Profile

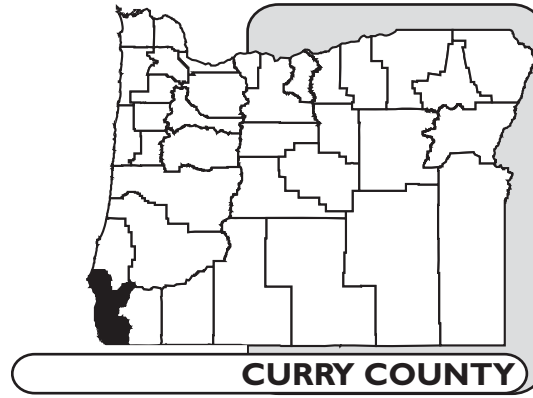
Population 1,153

Location Port Orford

Position Description

Sponsor Port Orford Ocean Resource Team, Water Festival

Supervisor Leesa Cobb
Executive Director



Assignment The Port Orford Ocean Resource Team is a nonprofit that founded in 2001 to work on community-based fisheries management. 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. Port Orford Ocean Resource Team'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 Port Orford Ocean Resource Team will focus on raising community awareness regarding the value of the land and sea connection for ecosystem based management. Specifically, the participant will work with committees and work groups to implement a number of economic development action plans, and conduct educational outreach regarding sustainable fishing methods. Additionally, the participant will be responsible for planning an event with a selected school-age group, and developing a white paper focused on promoting ocean literacy.

RARE Participant



Tyson Rasor

Tyson Rasor received his Bachelor of Science in Park and Natural Resource Management from California State University, Chico. After attaining his Bachelors Degree, Tyson served in Peace Corps as an Environmental Educator in Morocco. As a Peace Corps Volunteer he compiled a number of community development grants, created and conducted an Environmental Education, Leadership and English class for local youth, organized a number of educational events, and assessed local schools and agencies in order to conduct a three day Environmental Education Workshop. Since returning from Morocco, Tyson has been traveling throughout the United States. Following his year with the RARE Program, Tyson plans on attaining a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon.