

Port Orford Ocean Resource Team

Community Profile

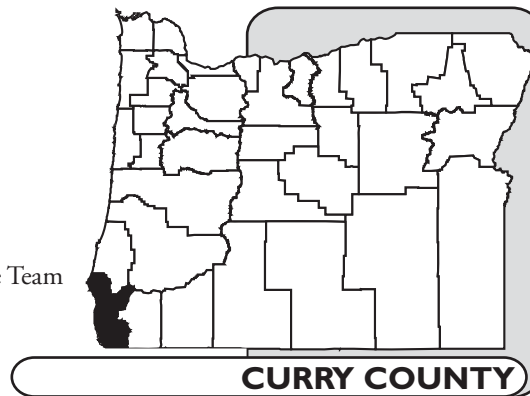
Population 1,153

Location Port Orford

Position Description

Sponsor Port Orford Ocean Resource Team

Supervisor Leesa Cobb
Executive Director



Assignment **Ecosystem Based Management.** Port Orford Ocean Resource team (POORT) 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. 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 POORT focuses on raising community awareness of the value of the land and sea connection for ecosystem based management. Specifically, the participant works with local government agencies and NGOs to collaborate on management projects. Critical to healthy ecosystems is community engagement; the participant leads community outreach and education activities including the management of volunteers. Finally, the participant is responsible for planning and implementing all aspects of the annual Water Festival designed for grades K-8 which is intended to create awareness of the connection between the watershed and ocean systems as well as society's everyday impact on the entire ecosystem.

RARE Participant



Stephanie Webb

Stephanie Webb grew up in St. Peters, Missouri. She received a BS in Finance and Economics from Missouri Western State College. Following college, Stephanie worked in finance at two private firms before shifting to a planning career. Recently, she earned a Master's in Regional and Urban Planning from Eastern Washington University. Her interests lie in community building and environmental and recreation planning. As a student, Stephanie interned for People First of Washington a non-profit organization that promotes self-advocacy for people with disabilities. Following RARE, she will pursue a career in land use and environmental planning with a focus on resource conservation and shoreline management.