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The Honorable Randall Edwards  
Oregon State Treasurer  
350 Winter Street NE, Suite 100  
Salem, Oregon 97301-3896

Dear Treasurer Edwards,

It was a great pleasure to interact with you yesterday at the State Land Board meeting. Thank you for your interest and attentiveness to this important region that is indeed "owned" by the State Land Board. As we discussed, our group of scientists would welcome the Board's ownership and leadership of this issue. Oregon State University, as well as the other signatories of the Scientific Consensus Statement for Mapping the Oregon Territorial Seafloor ([http://dusk.geo.orst.edu/3mile/consensus\\_statement.pdf](http://dusk.geo.orst.edu/3mile/consensus_statement.pdf)) stand ready to assist the State Land Board in any way possible, including the provision of expertise, equipment, personnel, and a logistical plan of action and budget for data collection at sea and processing and distribution of data onshore.

The Oregon Territorial Seafloor Mapping Task Force comes not only from OSU, which does have both a land grant and sea grant mission to serve the people of the state of Oregon, but also from DOGAMI, ODFW, and NOAA, including:

Vicki McConnell, State Geologist and Director of DOGAMI

David Fox, Arlene Merems, and Hal Weeks, Marine Resources Program, ODFW

Bob Dziak, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab, Newport

The OSU scientists include myself and:

Chris Goldfinger and Chris Romsos, OSU College of Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences

Jane Lubchenco, Mark Hixon, Bruce Menge, OSU Zoology

Scott Heppell, Selina Heppell, OSU Fisheries & Wildlife

Dan Cox, Harry Yeh, Solomon Yim, OSU Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Hinsdale Wave Research Lab

Bob Yeats, OSU Geosciences

Sherm Bloomer, Dean of the OSU College of Science

Mark Abbott, Dean of the OSU College of Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences

Again, thanks for interacting with me on Tuesday, and thank you for your great service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn J. Wright".

Dawn J. Wright, Ph.D., GISP  
Professor, Geography and Oceanography

cc: Louise Solliday, Director of State Lands