



## **PROGRESS REPORT #6: March 7 - 21, 2023**

### **1. TASKS ACCOMPLISHED DURING PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS**

- Property tours with grantor representatives (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ])
- Five representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Service, who direct and manage the Cape Meares Refuge and West Coast Wildlife Refuge complexes, joined our team for a tour of the property
- Updated CMCA Board about project status at the March 13 Board meeting
- Signed agreement for mineral assessment of the property
- iNaturalist update: 159 observations and 88 species identified thus far. We have eight members. The most commonly observed species are the Evergreen Huckleberry, the Western Red-Backed Salamander, the Rough-Skinned Newt, Woodsorrels, Salal, and Foxglove.
- Discussion with real estate folks regarding COMPS and Market Analysis
- Site Visit and meeting with Erin Skaar, Tillamook County Board of County Commissioner (project support), Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Tourism, and Tillamook County Planning Director Sarah Absher
- Follow up with ORSHPO (Oregon Heritage State Historic Preservation Office) regarding historic, cultural site resources

### **2. RESULTS OF KEY MEETINGS HELD WITH PARTNERS OR PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS**

- Discussion with The Conservation Fund about bridge buyer opportunities
- Discussion with the Oregon Community Foundation about opportunities

### **3. NEXT STEPS**

- Submit proposal to Seller to extend sales agreement closing deadline and propose next steps
- Organize Cape Meares Bird Brigade to identify endangered species of birds
- Remind people about CMCA iNaturalist effort
- American Bird Conservancy visit in April or May

### **4. CHALLENGES**

- Reaching a new sales agreement with the Seller

#### **5. UPCOMING DEADLINES**

- April 30 is the new deadline for due diligence. We received approval from Seller to extend deadline from March 28.

#### **6. TASKS FOR WHICH LEADS NEED ASSISTANCE**

- Identify people knowledgeable about birds

#### **7. FINANCES**

- We project the main needs for pre-purchase funds are for down payment (paid), appraisals (paid), attorney fees, grant research and assessments (habitat, etc.).
- As of 3/21 we have received contributions from 35 people/families designated for this project totaling \$97,287 and have spent \$54,504.