

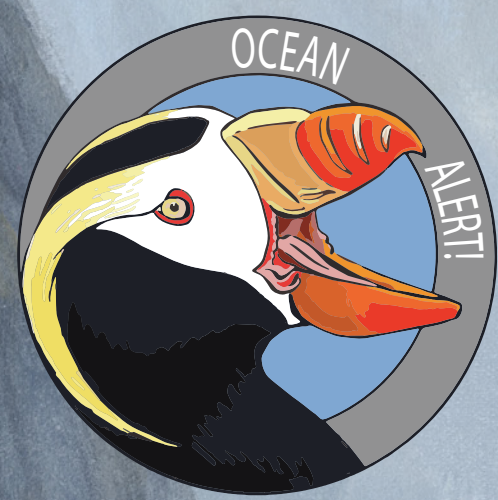
Protect Birds

Steer Clear of the Rocks

Danger! The Cape Meares lighthouse beamed this warning to ships for 73 years. If nesting seabirds could send out their own alarm, they would tell people to stay off the rocks, too. Please stroll the beaches. Admire the sea stacks. Listen to the cacophony of birds raising chicks on islands and cliffs. Watch all wildlife from a distance. Let's work together to keep our birds as safe as our ships.

Deadly Beacon?

Historically, millions of birds crashed into lighthouses, attracted by the blinding, steady light. Technological advances help. Now, quick flashing beams at lower light intensities can alert birds at night to veer away.



Lights Out for Seabirds

Artificial lights at night attract and confuse birds, leading to deadly collisions with buildings, poles, and other structures. Seabirds face the greatest risk, and fledglings are especially vulnerable. Never point any light toward a nesting colony.



Federal laws protect seabirds and marine mammals from disturbance. All islands, sea stacks and rocks of Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge are closed to public use. Help wildlife by reporting climbing violations to Oregon State Police 800.452.7888.

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