Participants at the 2017 State of the Coast were given the following guidance:

State of the Coast - Haiku Challenge

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry consisting of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. They rarely rhyme and often reference nature or seasons.

For the haiku challenge, your haiku must follow 5-7-5 syllables, and have some connection to the question *What does the Oregon Coast mean to you?* The rest is up to you!

You can create as many haiku as you want during the day. Write each haiku on the back of a sheet and then place it with the others in the lobby.

Your Name: *(so we can credit your work)*

*These are their collective results!*
Faded red logo
Crusted salt and seagull splat
Beer can home for crabs
  - Nathan Waugh

Biology and
Poli-sea are often two
Sides of the same coin
  - Lindsay + Sarah

Dome of stars above
Mother and calf migrating
Campfires in the sand.
  - Tara A. Pierce
Glowing sea pickles....
Fascinating pyrosomes!
Recipes to come.
  - Deb Schallert

Aliens invade!
An explosion of Green Crab!
Who ya gonna call?
  - Steve Rumrill

Through a dark tunnel
Scratchy rope in salty hands
Bumpy mussel beds.
  - Jamie Doyle
Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain
Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain
Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain
   - Anonymous

Look up! Take risks! and
Ask Questions! PAINT!
    Thanks Abi!
Lovely water art!
   - Deb Schallert

Help the fish grow
With the love and affection
To let us see clear.
   - Anonymous
Always something new
Beauty to be discovered
Nature time for all
- Anonymous

Staring at the Sea,
Pure spirituality
Both sweet and salty.
- Ian Douggy

“An un-clear road-map”
“Murky exit strategy”
“Key decision points?”
- Steve Rumrill

(Quotes from Spinrad’s Keynote)
An expansive force
Needing critical balance
To propel life forward.
  - Anonymous

With ones we adore
On a cosmic carpet ride
Seated in the sand.
  - Brett Pierce

You and me and we
Nature and Technology
Growing together.
  - Anonymous
Counting my words here
Hoping for the ocean prize
Was I successful?
    - Kevin Buch

I did razor clams
Wader boots, headlamp, shovel
Seafood from the surf!
    - Steve Rumrill

My home away from home,
Surreal and blissful,
I now feel at peace.
    - Anonymous
The ocean is here
When will you lose sight of this
Too late now, now what
  - Josef Lohowyay

Harmful algal blooms…
Domoic acid danger…
Forecast for next year?
  - Steve Rumrill

Heron's croak at night
The tide rises and shimmers
Red and green bridge lights
  - Holly Campbell
Pulling on my boots
Regardless of the weather
I walk the bluffs
    - Jamie Doyle

Pressed rock lies beneath
The churning and bubbling
Crashing sea and breeze
    - Tyler Stevenson

Peduncle magic
Standing tall in majesty
Carpe barnacle
    - Alexa Romersa
Sand in her diaper
Giggles at the sand piper
First time at the beach
   - Mary Pleasant

Fog shrouds the conifers
Trail stretches down to the sand.
Nature is at peace
   - Christina Geierman

Re-emergent life
Histories in chalk
Broken down in time
   - Anja Sjostrom
Coast trip seeking rest.  
Beach walk, chowder, decompress.  
Monday at my best.  
  - Derek Godwin

Twelve cool blue ounces  
Leave the bottle in the sand  
Mmm…electrolytes!  
  - Nathan Waugh

Commercial Fishing  
Safe healthy productive work  
Blue sky and water  
  - Laurel
Wind tossed manes and wild
Pounding like so many hooves
The tide gallops in
  - Anonymous

Sea lions go “ARR!”
Walking the docks, all I hear:
“ARR ARR ARR ARR ARR ARR”
  - Sarah Sprecher

Debris everywhere!
Microplastics in mole crabs!
What should we do now?
  - Steve Rumrill
Water has a song
Coastal voices can ring out
Let’s sing together
  - Bobby Hayden

Fog shrouds beach from surf
Eerie walking through dense air
Forms appear and leave
  - Cat Newscheller

Across generations,
For hearts, for society,
Oceans have value.
  - Cassie Finer
Saltwater Taffy
Only sold in sweet “shoppes”
When you drive the coast
    - Cat Newsheller

Lying under foam
Invertebrate paradise
Float away the day
    - Alexa Romersa

Untapped potential
Waves crashing, currents moving
Energy to share
    - Landon Fox
¡Andale! ¡Arriba!
Appendicularians
Jellyfish are cool
- Aliza Karim

We honor our sea
With respect and reverence
For all our creatures
- Karen Auborn

It’s all fun and games
Water, shells, explore. Until
Sand where you don’t want
- JL
It is really hot
Let’s go to the coast today
Ackk-it’s really cold
    - Cat Newsheller

Breeze kisses my face,
Seashore bubbles tickle toes,
The coast wakes me up!
    - Brenda Langley

Submerged secrets, like
Seagrass catching filtered light
Swaying silently?
    - Jen Hayduk
Temperamental froth
Tickling toes and frown lines
Stratified secrets
- Anja Sjostrom

Crashing ocean waves
Wonderful sandy beaches
Beautiful Oregon
- Katlyn Haven

Favorite bay clams
Cockles, gapers, soft shell clams,
Low tide smorgasbord!!!
- Steve Rumrill
The ocean is blue
It feeds me king, red salmon
I ride on a boat
   - Anonymous

Stalks in unison
Treasure lives inside the shell
Serious cirri
   - Alexa Romersa

Innovation gap...
Research-to-operations
Certify Data!!!
   - Steve Rumrill
Seagulls all over
The ocean is magnificent
The taffy is the best
  - Janella Fleser

Double check the tides
Early, before the winds come
Kayak on the slough
  - Jamie Doyle

A place for me to
Bloom, breath of watery life
Earthly salt and rich
  - Anonymous
Improvements needed...
Seafood traceability...
Let’s make more progress
  - Steve Rumrill

Blue Economy!
Aqua, list, dark navy tides.
Wavy cool. Vital.
  - Deb Schallert