



2017 State of the Coast

# Haiku

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

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## **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)*

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***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

- 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

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"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

Hérons 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"

- 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 Auburn

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  
Earthy 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

