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exploring. Presentations are being held every Saturday through to Dec. 29, and will include special focuses on wildlife, geology, landscapes and threatened species along with other unique topics.

Upcoming programs include:

• **Saturday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m.**

The Impacts of Microplastics on a Near Shore Food Chain

Dorothy Horn — Marine Corps Veteran and a



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Erosion from high surf is etched in the beach heads near Cape Perpetua.

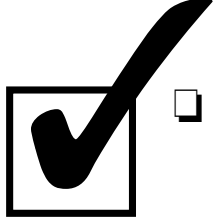
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Graduate Research Fellow for the National Science Foundation

Dorothy will talk about the plastic pollution problem in the ocean, how it breaks down into microplastics as well as other sources of microplastic pollution.

She will share the detrimental effects she has found and discuss the dangers to marine and possible human health effects. She will also discuss how this is not only a health issue but an economic one for folks that depend on the ocean for their livelihood and there are many things we can do to combat plastic pollution.

• **Saturday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m.**

Orcas of the Oregon Coast
Colleen Weiler — WDC Fellow, Rekos Fellowship for Orca Conservation:

Killer whales, also known as orcas, are perhaps the most widely recognized kind of whale or dolphin in the world. With their distinctive black-and-white coloring, tall dorsal fins, and reputation as fearsome hunters, everyone knows what an orca is and how

they live — or do we?

There is a lot more happening beneath the waves than first meets the eye. With at least ten different types of orcas found in the world's oceans and a long history of separation by appearance, diet, and culture, we may not know orcas as well as we think we do.

Three distinct kinds of orcas can be found off the coast of Oregon, separated by their favorite foods, social lives, and migratory patterns.

Join us to learn about the orcas of the Oregon Coast and how Oregonians can get involved in their survival.

• **Saturday, Dec. 22, 1 p.m.**

How Rising Sea Levels Would Affect the Estuaries along the Central Oregon Coast

Fran Recht — Habitat Program Manager, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

Recht will describe analyses done for the Newport-based MidCoast Watersheds Council about the impacts of Sea Level Rise on Oregon's tidal wet-

lands. The project assessed the extent of inundation that would occur in Oregon's estuaries under five different sea level rise scenarios.

Maps and graphs of local estuaries will help to clarify areas of vulnerability and where and to what extent tidal marshes will survive.

• **Sunday, Dec. 23, 1 p.m.**

Alesea Tribal Life at Cape Perpetua Prior to European Contact

Dick Mason — Cape Perpetua Volunteer

Learn about the pre-European inhabitants of Cape Perpetua from one of Cape Perpetua's exceptional volunteers.

• **Saturday, Dec. 29, 1 p.m.**

Kevin Bruce/Molly Kirkpatrick — Siuslaw National Forest Archaeologists

Join Forest Service archaeologists for an afternoon speaking session.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

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