



# OCEAN BEACH FIRE RING PROPOSAL





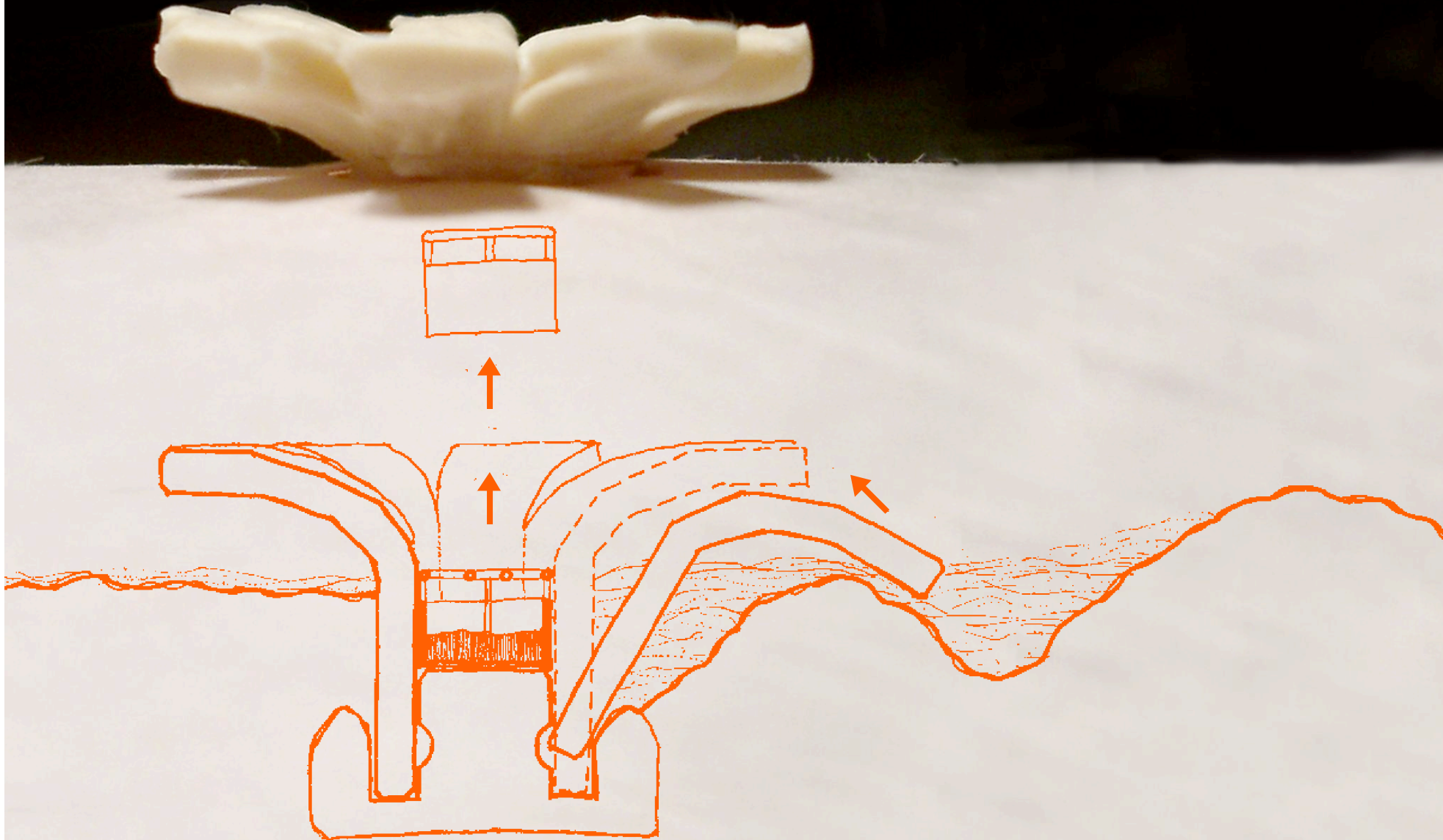
PRECAST, REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS SHAPE THIS FIRE RING DESIGN FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S OCEAN BEACH.

As a symbol of gathering, eight leaves will interlock together to form a six-foot diameter, aerated wedged-bowl-shape, ideal for wood-burning fires. Representing the points of the compass, the individual leaves of each fire ring will help place users within the profoundly beautiful edges of earth, sea and sky. The burning of fire, within this ring, will safely and cleanly celebrate this geographical context.



CONCRETE IS THE IDEAL MATERIAL AS IT IS HEAVY-WEIGHT, STRONG AND RESISTS THE ERODING EFFECTS OF WATER, WIND AND REPETITIVE USE. The concrete cast for these fire rings will mix cement with beach sand to physically blend in with the natural environment. During the day the repetitive bold shapes will catch light and shadow to create visual presence and help beach goers locate nearby stairways. Reflective material added to the concrete mix will sparkle and increase visibility at night.

EACH LEAF OF THE FIRE-RING WEIGHS LESS THAN 200 POUNDS AND SITS WITHIN AN ANCHORED CONCRETE BASE BELOW THE SAND SURFACE. A heavy gauge steel basket at the center may be lifted out periodically to clean debris and ashes. All elements can be production fabricated and easily removed or replaced as necessary.



POETICALLY ORGANIC IN FORM, durable and simple in material construction, this fire ring will function as meeting point, burn receptacle and bench-seating within the sandy landscape. Replicated at multiple locations along this stretch of beach the fire ring will become a recognizable civic marker for Ocean Beach and an iconic image of San Francisco's Pacific coast.

