

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting- Thursday, November 17, 2005- 6:00 p.m.
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Davilla, B. Fasciano, M. Grover (departed at 7:20), M. McGuirk, J. O'Brien, F. Robison (arrived at 6:35), L. Robison (arrived at 6:35), J. Rose, V. Sovern

ABSENT: C. Newell, F.C. Robison, J. Tate, P. Taunton

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:05 p.m. He reported that he'd spoken with Phil Taunton and Pete Cameron about Cameron taking Taunton's place on the Team, although Cameron can not attend meetings on Thursday evenings.

Approve Minutes: October 20, 2005 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Rose moved to approve the October 20, 2005 regular meeting minutes as written. Grover seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Fasciano, Goddard, Grover, McGuirk, O'Brien, Rose, Sovern

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mission/Purpose Statement It was agreed to postpone this item until the last New Business item.

Chart of Near-Shore Area of Interest Goddard noted an email he'd received from Brett Wiedoff, ODFW, regarding a new contact name. Rose will follow-up with chart revisions in time for the next meeting. It was suggested that a reduced-size chart (8 ½ x 11) would be useful.

Elect Vice-Chair and Council Liaison

MOTION: Grover moved to appoint Lars Robison as Vice-Chair.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed to postpone this item until later in the meeting. Grover withdrew the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports from Other Working Groups Goddard reported that he and O'Brien met and discussed sending a letter to a California organization similar to NSAT. Goddard noted that the organization's email message was in conflict with expressed views in an article he'd read.

Briefing from J. O'Brien and J. Rose on Heceta Head Conference O'Brien reported that he, Jack Brown and John Rose attended the Coastal Conference in Florence on October 29th. O'Brien and Rose distributed copies of the conference program to everyone present. The conference was very informative on subjects such as depleted fisheries, marine reserves, BOFFs (Big, Old, Fat, Female Fish) importance to fish reproduction, oxygen areas off the Oregon Coast, dramatic decline in rockfish since 2001, the difference between marine sanctuaries and marine reserves (sanctuaries are less restrictive than

reserves), adaptive management pros and cons, changing to eco-system based management, tsunami risk management, and the OSU Ocean-wave Energy Conversion Project. It was stressed that there is no question that there will be marine reserves, only where they will be located and when they will be established. The OPAC has much work to do before making its recommendations. National Marine Sanctuaries would bring federal dollars and are less restrictive than state marine reserves. Dr. Jane Lubchenco gave a copy of the 2003 Pew Ocean Commission Report to Depoe Bay representatives, including a CD which has the entire report plus other reports on it.

Discussion occurred on work to be done and time frames. Jack Brown, present in the audience, said that next spring will be a critical time in the process and NSAT should have its recommendations and presentations ready. McGuirk volunteered to research the differences between marine sanctuaries, marine reserves and marine protected areas. The question of who has final authority on deciding where reserves will be located was discussed. Brown said that authority is not clearly defined at this point, but if the state does nothing, then the feds step in. The federal authority is National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the state authority will likely be the Governor, ODFW and OPAC. There will be public outreach before any decisions are made. Goddard reminded everyone of Jack Brown's email regarding MPAs (marine protected areas), with Brown noting he will be attending the NOAA meeting in Seattle on December 13th. Brown asked for comments and input on the 15 points he's taking to the meeting. Also discussed briefly: impacts to fisheries from the OSU ocean-wave energy conversion project since locations will most likely become no fishing zones.

Statistics Plan for Socioeconomic Impact Study/Mission and Purpose Statement McGuirk reviewed a Port Orford research project report which includes economic profile information, commercial fish landing volumes by species, identifies the importance of fisheries stability to the entire community and cost earnings analysis. McGuirk feels this project is a good example for Depoe Bay, that Depoe Bay's survey interviews would start with local fishermen and include other businesses as well. Port Orford's project was grant funded and they have offered to assist NSAT in its efforts. When seeking grant funding it is critical to have in place both a vision and mission statement. McGuirk added that Federal Standard 8 mandates that economic impacts must be minimized. The Port Orford report information will be factored into decisions made on marine reserves. McGuirk encourages investigating grant funding, saying she needs a team to research funding, design a survey and make contacts with fishermen to compile an interview list. Sovern volunteered to assist with researching grant funding. Discussion occurred on how to proceed, designing a program of action and developing a mission statement.

MOTION: Rose moved to form a workgroup under McGuirk's lead to move forward on the socio-economic impact study, including utilizing non-NSAT members. Davilla seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Concerns were voiced regarding the subgroup's decision-making authority. Rose withdrew his motion.

MOTION: McGuirk moved to form a small group to start work on a socio-economic study for Depoe Bay. Rose seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. It was clarified that the group will bring back their recommendations to NSAT for determination on proposed actions.

VOTE: Motion passed.
AYES: Davilla, Goddard, McGuirk, O'Brien, F. Robison, L. Robison, Rose, Sovern
NAYS: Fasciano

O'Brien volunteered to work with McGuirk. Sovern will work on a mission statement and bring back a draft for review.

Member and Public Comments Rose said NSAT needs to make its recommendation on the representative to ODFW since they are expecting to be notified. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Rose moved to appoint Goddard as liaison to ODFW. Sovern seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.
AYES: Davilla, Fasciano, Goddard, McGuirk, O'Brien, F. Robison, L. Robison, Rose, Sovern

Elect Vice Chair and Council Liaison

MOTION: Sovern moved to appoint Lars Robison as vice chair. O'Brien seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.
AYES: Davilla, Fasciano, Goddard, McGuirk, O'Brien, F. Robison, L. Robison, Rose, Sovern

L. Robison said he prefers to not assist in the fishermen's surveys because he's in the same business. Goddard said he will also serve as Council liaison. O'Brien will draft the letter to ODFW to notify them of Goddard's appointment as liaison. Fasciano suggested identifying the Team's vision of what we are, or want to be, and work from that, building a series of scenarios based on most desired aspects. A goal for the future needs to be set and worked on, deciding on methodology, vision and mission statements. Dick Murray, present in the audience, commented that the sport fishing industry has much lobbying power, and a unified voice carries more weight than individual testimony at public meetings. Jack Brown commented that the Team has made three important advancements: 1) the partnership with Dr. Lubchenco, 2) the partnership with ODFW, and 3) the contact with Port Orford.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder