

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 21, 2006 – 6:00 pm  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, M. Grover, M. Fitzpatrick, J. O'Brien, F. Robison  
ABSENT: B.Fasciano, R. Davilla, C. Newell, L.Robison, F.C. Robison, J. Rose, V. Sovern,  
J. Tate, P. Taunton

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:07 pm.

Approve Minutes: August 17, 2006 Regular Meeting

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the August 17, 2006 meeting minutes as written.  
Robison seconded the motion.

Goddard said it is moved and seconded and hearing no objection, stated the minutes are approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DVD Editing, Distribution List

Grover reported there are ten copies finished, work continues on the revised version for tourism promotion. Goddard suggested that one copy be provided to City Hall and one copy to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. The subgroup will continue to work on the DVD.

Recap OPAC Meeting in Brookings

Goddard reported the DVD presentation was very well received at the meeting.

Proposal to OPAC Offering Assistance in Preparing Report to Governor

Brief discussion occurred on how to proceed and the timeline. It was noted that the October 2<sup>nd</sup> OPAC meeting in Depoe Bay is cancelled, a meeting will be held in Newport but the date is not set. NSAT members should try to attend this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

October 28 Heceta Head Conference

It was agreed to ask the Council for funding authorization to send four members to attend the conference this year, registration fee is \$35 per person.

Evaluation and Guidance

Goddard proposed that NSAT conduct a self-evaluation and set future goals. It was suggested to postpone this topic until a meeting where more members are present. It was also suggested to schedule a workshop meeting, possibly invite County Commissioner Terry Thompson to provide the county's perspective. Thompson, present in the audience, said NSAT and similar groups will serve as contact points which will be important when future discussions on ocean zoning occur.

PISCO Conference – Main Topic Hypoxic Zones

Goddard reported that Amy Windrope is looking for input on the hypoxic zone effects on fishing. She

wants to meet with local fishermen, either on Tuesday or Thursday. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Spouting Horn Restaurant, on a Thursday. Goddard noted that, generally, Depoe Bay fishermen have not noted any significant impact due to the hypoxic zone. Thompson said there is a very negative impact just south of Depoe Bay, off Cape Foulweather, an area where most Depoe Bay fishermen don't routinely fish. He added that the upwelling started in early July, and there has been a sharp reduction in fish catches in the hypoxic area. He plans to prepare a paper to propose a stay on identifying sanctuaries until more information can be obtained on hypoxic zones. After further discussion, it was agreed to tentatively schedule a meeting with Windrope on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Spouting Horn Restaurant, and to encourage all charter and commercial boat operators to attend and provide input. Thompson suggested contact be made with the OSU Extension Service to inquire as to availability of funding to pay for collaborative research (pay fishermen to attend meetings to provide information). Goddard will coordinate with Windrope and the Spouting Horn on a meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Fitzpatrick will contact Kate Hildebrand at OSU Extension service to follow-up on funding possibilities, all members will contact local fishermen regarding attending the meeting. It was suggested to invite local surfers for their input as well.

#### MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robison asked Thompson if there is support for work like NSAT is doing. Thompson said with wave action generators coming and ocean zoning, energy needs would supersede fisheries. Fishing information will have to be gathered from individuals so groups like NSAT will be needed. Thompson discussed conflicts between sanctuaries, wave action generator areas and fisheries as well as related activities occurring at the county level. He noted an upcoming OCZMA meeting at OSU campus.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder