

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2007 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, J. O'Brien, L. Robison, V. Sovern, F.C. Robison (temporarily re-instated to regular status from advisory council)

ABSENT: R. Davilla, B. Fasciano, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Grover

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:15 pm.

Approve Minutes: February 15, 2007 Regular Meeting and February 21, 2007 Special Meeting
Goddard noted the minutes are not prepared, this item will be postponed until the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DVD Editing, Distribution

The need to revise the DVD was discussed, with it being noted that the harbor infrastructure section should be deleted and better audio is needed. Members also said there have been problems experienced when watching the existing DVDs. Goddard said he prefers to focus on socio-economic study progress in preparation for the Western Groundfish Conference in October. It was noted that the study may not be able to be completed in the conference time frame. Sovern said she has information on socio-economic information resources on the internet, suggesting using remaining funding to move ahead on the study. She offered to bring information to the next meeting, beginning with the 1950's forward to present. It was suggested to look into hiring a grad student to work on data, Goddard offered to follow-up on this. B. Robison said he was in a meeting yesterday where aides from Oregon Representatives were present, Newport is sending the same message NSAT is discussing.

NSAT Evaluation and Guidance Workshop

It was agreed to table this item until a future time.

Socio-Economic Study

Discussed under previous agenda item (DVD Editing)

Budget Workshop

Sovern and O'Brien offered to work up a preliminary for discussion.

Sea Grant Meeting

Goddard is in the process on communicating with Julie Barr, and everyone is working on details in preparation of the upcoming meeting. Goddard reported that they have accepted approximately 1/3 of the names submitted by NSAT for the stakeholders list. He reviewed background on the Sea Grant Focus Group meeting scheduled in May. The Sea Grant meeting will consist of closed meetings and an open house/public meeting. NSAT brochures were discussed, estimated cost is \$500 for 1,000 brochures. Sovern suggested completing design work this fiscal year and printing in the next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Briefing on Meeting with National Conservancy Near-Shore and Estuary Tech Team Meeting

L. Robison reported on the meeting he'd attended, saying the group is working to protect the health of the Salmon River Estuary. They will be looking for biological indicators and studying data obtained. They have historical information on the estuary, including property ownership, an overview of past and present, and efforts to restore to its original and natural state. He was impressed with the number of people involved and efforts already accomplished towards protecting that ecosystem.

Briefing on Virgil Moore Visit (new head of ODFW)

Goodard reported that after meeting with Mr. Moore yesterday, a better sense of his philosophy and management goals has been obtained. Moore discussed the decline in hunting and angling license being obtained, and his concern of revenues for the ODFW. O'Brien reminded everyone of the upcoming event which NSAT is to be included according to Patty Burke.

MPA Discussion

Goddard proposed the idea of Depoe Bay establishing its own Marine Protected Area, suggesting the area around Gull Rock and Moolack Beach. He noted that enforcing protection may not be possible, but if the MPA is established then protection standards are in effect and can be promoted. Discussion followed with members being supportive of the idea.

Issues on Briefing of City Council

It was suggested to develop a format for liaison reporting to the Council and to include budget requests in the report in April.

Other Items

Goddard reported that he'd spoken with Steve Parker, ODFW, regarding the continuation of the Siletz Reef acoustic tracking program in the next season.

Goddard announced the addition of an agenda item to discuss filling of the vacant seat on the team. It was agreed that the city should post notice to receive applications for the Team to review.

Member and Public Comments

B. Robison provided a copy of a report, "Lincoln County Fisheries Needs- Survey Results and Analysis, 03/07", from the meeting he'd attended to Sovern for her review.

O'Brien asked about using NSAT letterhead for correspondence items vs. city letterhead. He offered to develop a letterhead design for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder