

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2007 – 6:00 pm
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, M. Fitzpatrick, J. O'Brien, L. Robison, V. Sovern
Advisory Committee members: T. Thompson
ABSENT: R. Davilla, B. Fasciano, M. Grover, G. Snyder
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

Chairman Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 pm.

Approve Minutes: July 19, 2007 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Sovern moved to approve the minutes as written. O'Brien seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Fitzpatrick clarified his no vote on the motion authorizing \$3,000 for completion of the video.

VOTE: Motion passed.
AYES: Fitzpatrick, Goddard, O'Brien, Robison, Sovern

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Socio-Economic Study O'Brien reported the working group has not met since the July meeting, reminding everyone that while the state will be conducting studies, Depoe Bay wants to conduct a local study. It was suggested to approach the City Council regarding funding, possible re-allocation of budgeted appropriations. The timeframe has changed with the Western Groundfish Conference being re-scheduled from October to February 2008.

DVD Editing/Rewrite Sovern brought a first draft of the video filming which was viewed in part. Work continuing is editing and link with the narrative. She hopes to have the finished product by next meeting. Sovern reviewed a hand-out of draft script (copy attached to the original of these minutes). It was suggested to include tuna, inserted between halibut and ling cod. Terry Thompson commented on the video including that he disagrees with Fitzpatrick's statement relating to trawlers' impact on halibut fisheries, noting there are only four trawlers operating out of Newport. After a brief exchange Thompson left the meeting. Fitzpatrick said his statement was derived from a conversation with a long time fisherman. It was suggested to delete any information in the video that may be combative.

Letterhead/Logo Sovern is working with city staff to finalize the NSAT letterhead.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Reserve Site Nomination Goddard reviewed his handout with coordinates for a proposed site to nominate to the state (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Jeff Felter, present in the audience, currently working for Sea Grant, noted that the Science and Technical Advisory Committee reports to the OPAC Marine Reserves Working Group. He gave a brief report on discussions that occurred at a Sea Grant meeting earlier today. Replicate sets of key types of habitats in a reserve area and networked reserves are desirable. Convenience of locale should be the last consideration on designations. Discussion followed as to what nomination process should be utilized by NSAT. .Suggestions included: 1) a NSAT work group draft a nomination for presentation to the City Council,

2) request review of the draft by Newport fishermen, 3) Fishermen Involved with Natural Environment (F.I.N.E.) would be the appropriate place to present a draft for Newport's review and comment. Fitzpatrick reported that his discussions with Newport charter fishermen reflect support for the proposed area. Nancy Fitzpatrick, present in the audience, reported the public input date has been changed from October to January and upcoming meetings in Pacific City include the Marine Reserve Working Group on Monday followed by OPAC on Tuesday. Fitzpatrick asked if he should take the proposed site to the next F.I.N.E. meeting. It was suggested to advise the City Council at their next meeting that NSAT has a proposed site which needs to be reviewed by local fishermen (Depoe Bay and Newport) before proceeding with a nomination. It was agreed that one-on-one discussions with fishermen is the best way to obtain input, providing a chart with the proposed area defined. Record would be kept of contacts and their comments. Marine Reserve criteria should be listed with it being noted which have been met with this site. Affected user groups include fishermen, surfers, windsurfers, crabbers. O'Brien said he has a chart to use for the hand-out, Goddard asked him to work on text to accompany the chart. Fitzpatrick offered to provide the NSAT and OPAC criteria at the next F.I.N.E. meeting. Jeff Felter will ask it be placed on that agenda.

Hypoxic Zone Goddard said he'd communicated with Dr. Chan and requested consideration when speaking to the news media on the subject of hypoxic zones in the future.

Heceta Head Conference Members discussed how many planned to attend the October 27th conference. It was agreed to request City Council's approval to register for five attendees.

Member Comments

Discussion occurred on the importance of attending the upcoming OPAC meetings in Pacific City to provide input. Nancy Fitzpatrick reported on the great public input provided at the recent meeting in Coos Bay, with the coastal caucus (senators and representatives) delivering a strong message to slow the process down. She stressed the importance of providing input, particularly to the OPAC Marine Reserves Working Group on Monday. Goddard will plan to attend.

Robison reported he took the film crew out for Onno Husing's video and they will be going out again for more filming. Goddard reported he has received a lot of emails regarding progress of the video.

O'Brien said he will miss the next meeting since he will be out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder