

Depoe Bay Near-Shore Action Team  
Special Meeting  
Sunday, February 17, 2008 - 4:00 pm  
Otter Rock Community Center (one block north of 1<sup>st</sup> & Gladys, Otter Rock)

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, J. O'Brien, R. Davilla, V. Sovern

ABSENT: B. Fasciano, M. Fitzpatrick, L. Robison, G. Snyder

Chairman Goddard opened the meeting and introduced NSAT members. He provided a brief background on NSAT creation (August 2005) and its tasked mission of gathering information and providing input on marine reserves to the state. He provided background on the state's process and timeline (public nominations to OPAC for sites are scheduled for April with OPAC's recommendations to the Governor by November). Also he provided information on OPAC's site criteria, noting that NSAT's proposed site meets that criteria, plus addresses other issues such as an easily identifiable boundary, less difficulty in enforcement.

Audience (mostly Otter Rock residents) questions asked and comments presented included: Is it true there will be no impact to surfers, kayakers, beach walkers? Would it be possible to "reward" communities that submit site nominations with economic development funds? What changes will happen to the beach? How will it impact the village of Otter Rock? Will creating a marine reserve off Otter Rock involve more signs, ranger stations, other projects that would increase traffic and people in the community? Is the sanitary sewer outfall located within the proposed site of concern, would the presence of the outfall eliminate the site from selection? What are the types of extraction that will be restricted (can agates still be collected)? How does the marine reserve project interact with the wave energy project? Why not extend the area of the proposed site further north to Cape Foulweather? What is the process for the Otter Rock community to nominate a site (same as NSAT but extending to Cape Foulweather)?

Goddard asked for a show of hands of those who would support NSAT's proposed site. All present raised their hands in response. A supplemental vote reflected 100% support for extending the proposed area north to Cape Foulweather. Everyone was thanked for attending and encouraged to remain involved as the process moves forward.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Loren Goddard, Chair

Minutes prepared by Pery Murray from Sovern's overview draft at Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. (no audio tape)