

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2008 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Rick Davilla, Mike Fitzpatrick, Loren Goddard, John O'Brien, Lars Robison,
Grant Snyder

ABSENT: Bill Fasciano, Morris Grover

STAFF: Volunteer Recording Secretary Nancy Fitzpatrick

Public: Kaety Hildenbrand, Rep. Jean Cowan, Jack Brown, Maggie Brown, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Onno Husing, Bob Jacobson, Ed Backus, Herb Goblirsch

Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and established a quorum.

Approval of March 20, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the minutes. Davilla seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Davilla, Fitzpatrick, Goddard, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder

Joint Meeting with NSAT, OCZMA, FINE and ECOTRUST to Discuss GIS Mapping

Onno Husing gave a brief introduction about the Marine Reserve process. March 26 – Executive Order from the Governor – anchoring the process in the local communities. Oregon also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with FERC saying that Oregon will do an ocean plan. The Governor stated that Oregon will only support pilot projects before allowing commercial wave parks. The idea is mapping the fishing grounds to protect them. OCZMA has the opportunity to apply for grants, i.e. the Meyer Foundation, for mapping funding. Grant application could include the following three pieces: administration \$ for the groups, mileage, postage, etc.; some money for shore-based economic work; mapping. The question of fishermen confidentiality was discussed. Unless everyone is comfortable with all the parts of this process, then it does not need to move forward.

Ed Backus – Vice President for Fisheries at EcoTrust gave a power point presentation of GIS mapping. EcoTrust is not an advocate for Marine Reserves, but rather helping communities use tools for the ocean usage discussion.

Questions were asked about the commercial and recreational weighing of the information. According to Ed the project can be designed to the goal to be accomplished. Ed's presentation demonstrated the fundamental tools to get at and view the information. It would allow a way to evaluate the proposed marine reserve sites with the economic value of areas.

Who would own the data? Ed explained that, for example, the POORT group raised money to have the process done. POORT owns the data and can disseminate it as they see fit. Otherwise it is confidential and proprietary information.

Representative Jean Cowan provided comments. If mapping is done, the use of the information needs to be locked in (maybe statutorily). The 09 Legislative Session will be addressing marine reserves and there is a timeline. There is always the initiative process, which is still alive and well. Ocean communities should show good faith in moving forward to help the coastal economies. We need to look at the overall uses of the ocean.

It was suggested that the proposed site be presented contingent on state funding. Onno suggested developing an MOU with the state including certain stipulations.

There will be multiple conversations regarding confidentiality and accessing the information. Legal counsel will be consulted.

Onno will begin writing a grant letter to the Meyer Foundation asking for funding for GIS mapping. The drafts will be shared with NSAT.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Goddard.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Nancy Fitzpatrick, Volunteer Recording Secretary