

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2008 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Mike Fitzpatrick, Loren Goddard, Morris Grover (arrived after quorum established), John O'Brien, Grant Snyder, Lars Robison (arrived approx 45 minutes into meeting)
Advisory Council: Jack Brown, Fred Robison
ABSENT: Bill Fasciano, Rick Davilla
STAFF: None

Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum which included Advisory Committee member F. Robison.

Approval of May 15, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Tabled due to lack of members present to consider approval (in attendance at the May 15th meeting).

Revising the order of agenda items, Goddard started with NEW BUSINESS item New Member Interview, introducing Roy Hageman, who was present for interview. Roy Hageman, 325 SW Coast Ave., provided a brief background on himself and answered questions. By unanimous consent of members present Hageman was appointed to fill the vacant seat on NSAT.

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Goddard revisited this item with Grover's presence.

MOTION: Fitzpatrick moved to approve the minutes as written. Grover seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Marine Reserve Issues: Incentives/Rewards, Type of Science, MOU with County, OCZMA, ODFW
Goddard reported that he and Lars Robison met with Ed Boles, ODFW, discussing what ODFW can do to make the marine reserve process easier, possible offers of rewards and NSAT needs to know what to ask for. Discussion followed, including that any reward should be beneficial to the entire community, harbor infrastructure improvements are needed, socio-economic studies. It was noted that OCZMA is applying for funding for socio-economic studies and that the state is required to conduct socio-economic studies in the marine reserve site approval process. NSAT plans to be involved in the socio-economic study process, including this information in the site nomination form. Suggestions included community involvement with installation and maintenance of observation devices in the marine reserve, planning and implementation of socio-economic and baseline studies, remotely operated underwater vehicle that can be moved from vessel to vessel, require ODOT to do improvements and upgrades on the highway in Depoe Bay, walkway around the harbor, additional parking facilities, harbor improvements including a crane. It was agreed NSAT may create a list of possible rewards and estimates of costs.

Goddard said this coming Monday is the first of a series of Sea Grant meetings to inform people on how to nominate a site for marine reserve. The Marine Reserve Working Group (MRWG) is to finalize the nomination form and guide at their meeting tomorrow.

Jack Brown cautioned to ensure that exchange of funds (gifts/rewards) not allow governmental proliferation of marine reserves, this should be addressed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently being discussed. NSAT plans to stand firm on the location and size of the proposed reserve, no matter what reward may be offered. Brown advised that OPAC is moving ahead and there exists an opportunity today (for rewards) that will not always be there and encouraged moving ahead on the drafting of the MOU. Goddard said that NSAT can not enter into a MOU, but can advise the City Council to have the City enter into a MOU. NSAT will do the background work to prepare for presentation to the council. Brief discussion followed regarding the status of county counsel's drafting of the MOU and NSAT's involvement/opportunity for input, the purpose and desired accomplishments of the MOU, and what parties should be involved. Brown said the MOU would provide for local control and would be presented to the Governor. It was agreed that Goddard will speak with Mayor White to get the go-ahead to work on the MOU, and contact Terry Thompson to follow-up with the county. A subworkgroup may work with Thompson and Belmont (county counsel). Lars Robison arrived.

ODFW Wild Fish Policy

Discussion ensued, including the importance of encouraging review of the existing policy and being involved in that process, providing knowledge from practical fishing experience. It was suggested to invite Nancy Fitzpatrick, Oregon Salmon Commission Staffperson, to come to the next meeting for a report on the wild fish policy and status of salmon disaster funding. It was also suggested to contact Ed Boles, ODFW, on the matter of wild fish policy review.

GIS Mapping

There is nothing new to report on this subject at this time.

New Member Interview Previously discussed (see above).

Reports From Working Groups Fitzpatrick reported that Fishermen Interested in Natural Energy (FINE) which includes shrimpers, salmon trollers, trawlers, sportfishermen, charterfishing, crabbers, and others in the industry, are currently focusing on wave energy in Lincoln and other counties. Discussions include working with legislators to enact regulations relating to cleanup responsibilities when something goes wrong, like a buoy sinking. There will be an educational exhibit at the state fair. Coos Bay is creating groups like NSAT and FINE to address these issues in their region.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder
(transcribed from meeting tape)