

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 19, 2009 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Morris Grover, Roy Hageman, John O'Brien, Lars Robison, Grant Snyder  
ABSENT: Mike Fitzpatrick, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Loren Goddard  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Fred Robison, Terry Thompson  
STAFF: None

L. Robison called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approval of February 19, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were not prepared, this item postponed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ODFW-MOU O'Brien reported the draft MOU is still being legally reviewed by ODFW.

NEW BUSINESS:

Talking Points for Meeting with Legislators and the Coastal Caucus Hageman reported that 3 NSAT members met with the legislature yesterday and Goddard provided testimony on funding for marine reserves. A copy of the NSAT talking points letter was submitted as well (copy attached to the original of these minutes). It appears that the proposed marine reserve funding would primarily come from New Carissa funds. Additional opportunities for testimony will be in the next few weeks. The subgroup will meet next week to update the talking points letter for future testimony. Discussion followed on proposed increases to state fees and uses of fee increase revenues, impacts to fishermen, proposed uses of the commercial fish fund, the legislative process, enforcement issues, the "late comer" Bill 3013 which would revert OPAC back to the way it was before, and the need for ongoing involvement.

Jim Golden Presentation – Subtidal Algae and Invertebrate Taxinomic Identification Study

Golden said they are currently involved in two projects in the Port Orford/Redfish Rocks area, one is a wildlife conservation study in cooperation with ODFW, the second is a Nature Conservancy Resource Team project. He and his associate, Gail, provided information on both projects and possible future projects. Golden asked for NSAT's endorsement and/or support for continued research work, possibly expanding into the Depoe Bay area, and collaboration with them and potentially Port Orford's Ocean Resource Team on grant applications. Thompson suggested conducting surveys on environmental changes due to wave energy efforts as a future project. Discussion ensued. L. Robison said he believes NSAT fully supports Golden's efforts and would provide a letter of support, but there are quite a few members not present this evening and it should be discussed when a full membership is present. NSAT members expressed their appreciation of the information provided during the presentation.

Member and Public Comments

L. Robison acknowledged Dustin Couch's (Tradewinds Charters) presence in the audience and thanked him for coming. NSAT members provided a brief history on the marine reserve program and NSAT's origin and purpose as well as past and current activities for Couch's benefit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm (estimated).

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Lars Robison, Vice Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder (transcribed from audio tape)