

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 21, 2009 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair Loren Goddard, Mike Fitzpatrick (arrived after 6 pm), Nancy Fitzpatrick (arrived after 6 pm), Morris Grover (departed early), Roy Hageman, John O'Brien, Mark Roberts, Lars Robison, Grant Snyder

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Terry Thompson

STAFF: None

Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approval of April 16, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Goddard noted the meeting minutes are not prepared, this item postponed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ODFW-MOU Revisions

Hageman and O'Brien reported that ODFW has drafted a revised MOU to address the state attorney's comments and concerns. This revised draft (May 7, 2009) was reviewed by Hageman, L. Robison, Goddard and O'Brien and Hageman has compiled notes of this review in written form (copy of Hageman May 15, 2009 email attached to the original of these minutes). It is tentatively planned to meet on the 26th or 28th to discuss concerns on this latest draft. Members were asked to review Hageman's email and provide any comments to Chairman Goddard before the meeting.

Brief discussion ensued relating to HB 2223 which includes proposed changes to ODFW licensing fees, both commercial and sport fees are involved. Concerns have been expressed, revisions are ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carrie Newell Presentation on Mysid Shrimp Goddard announced that Carrie Newell is on her way from Eugene, although not yet arrived.

Hageman suggested discussing HB 3013 at this time. Goddard said he, Hageman and O'Brien were to meet with Terry Thompson and County Counsel Wayne Belmont to discuss revisions to the MOU. The meeting was interrupted when the issue of HB 3013 was raised. Senator Betsy Johnson's office was contacted, they went to Salem to testify before the House Rules Committee on the bill. During testimony, there was one voice of dissent speaking against marine reserves in general, Our Ocean representatives testified in favor of the bill and, if passed, they would not pursue a ballot initiative. The concept of HB 3013 is to support OPAC's recommendations on marine reserves, and fund with \$1 million through the Department of State Lands budget. Thompson has been requested to instigate the development of a Lincoln County Community Action Team by FINE and Our Ocean. He is seeking letters in support of this idea to take to Tillamook County to open discussion with them. Goddard asked for a motion to provide a letter in support of the formation of a county community action team.

MOTION: N. Fitzpatrick moved to provide a letter of support for a County Community Action Team to Terry Thompson. M. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: M. Fitzpatrick, N. Fitzpatrick, Goddard, Grover, Hageman, O'Brien, Roberts, L. Robison, Snyder

Thompson asked if there is a preference for location. Suggested locations included Lincoln City, Pacific City, or rotating locations. Brief discussion followed on the possible membership of this proposed group.

Goddard noted that Carrie Newell is now present and asked her to begin her presentation. Newell has suggested a baseline study for the marine reserve to determine what exists in the area, as a tool for determining whether the reserve, once established, is working. She has collected some data from 1999/2000 to last summer, there have been a lot of “ups and downs” in the ocean over that period of time, so a study period should be 5 to 7 years. Newell then began her presentation on the Ecological Relationship between Resident Gray Whales and Mysid Shrimp. Resident whales are defined as those that routinely return to the area, they return because of the food supply available. Newell provided information, including photos, and answered questions on whale migratory and feeding habits and the research she has conducted. Newell was thanked for her comprehensive presentation.

Mapping Workshop Report

Goddard asked M. Fitzpatrick for an update. M. Fitzpatrick said it will be a long process. Goddard suggested NSAT discuss an offer of assistance to facilitate a town hall type meeting to inform local fishermen on the mapping process. Concerns were expressed on the Eco-Trust mapping process, where possibly hot fishing spots would be identified on maps, DLCDC’s involvement, the question of data ownership, information confidentiality, public records. It was suggested to invite someone from SOORC to come and speak with NSAT before scheduling a town hall meeting. N. Fitzpatrick offered to make contacts for the next regular NSAT meeting.

Revisions to Bylaws

O’Brien presented the proposed revision (copy attached to the original of these minutes, revision in red type). The revision adds wording to Section 6 MEETING TIME & PLACE/LOCATION OF BUSINESS RECORDS as follows: “Circumstances may, from time to time, dictate a change of meeting location. Official records of the Near Shore Action Team shall be retained by Depoe Bay City Hall staff in accordance with established procedures.”

MOTION: N. Fitzpatrick moved to accept the revision to Section 6 of the NSAT Bylaws as presented. M. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Goddard said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. Snyder asked if wording should be added to clarify that Advisory Council members have voting privileges when they are needed to establish a quorum. It was agreed that this policy is implied and rewording is not necessary. M. Fitzpatrick asked if there had been a problem that instigated the revision. It was explained that this is administrative only, in anticipation of a possible need to meet at other locations than city hall.

VOTE: Motion passed
AYES: M. Fitzpatrick, N. Fitzpatrick, Goddard, Hageman, O’Brien, Roberts,
L. Robison, Snyder

Member and Public Comments

L. Robison reported he and Goddard had attended a Lincoln City Action Team meeting where a question was asked why a certain member of the community has been excluded from membership on NSAT. Goddard said he’d responded that the individual in question has never filed an application to serve on the Team. L. Robison noted the benefits of being affiliated with the city and having records be public.

N. Fitzpatrick announced Senator Merkley is hosting a town hall meeting on Friday the 29th 1:30 – 2:30 at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club. Goddard said he was invited by the senator's office to attend. N. Fitzpatrick will be at the meeting. Snyder suggested contacting the Pacific City dory fishermen to express appreciation of their recent support. Roberts said it has been a change of heart by the dory fleet, he attends their meetings and will report on their discussions. Discussion followed on the importance of solidarity among fishing communities. Hageman reported that Kaety Hildebrand has reminded NSAT that FINE is requesting a representative fisherman to work with a not yet defined contractor on a wave energy project. Brief discussion ensued on the Coastal Caucus' efforts during the ongoing legislative process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm (estimated).

Loren Goddard, Chairman

Pery Murray, City Recorder (transcribed from audio tape)