

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, June 18, 2009 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair Loren Goddard (arrived late), Mike Fitzpatrick, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Roy Hageman,  
John O'Brien, Mark Roberts, Lars Robison

ABSENT: Morris Grover, Grant Snyder

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jack Brown

STAFF: None

Vice Chair Lars Robison called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approval of April 16 and May 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the April 16, 2009 minutes. N. Fitzpatrick seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: M. Fitzpatrick, N. Fitzpatrick, Hageman, O'Brien, Roberts, Robison

MOTION: N. Fitzpatrick moved to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes. Hageman seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: M. Fitzpatrick, N. Fitzpatrick, Hageman, O'Brien, Roberts, Robison

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ODFW-MOU Update, Discussion of Revisions

Hageman and O'Brien reviewed the history of the process with ODFW on the MOU revisions, noting compromises were reached on some issues. ODFW staff will be presenting the document with recommendations to the Fish & Wildlife Commission for approval. The draft dated 5-29-09 (copy attached to the original of these minutes) is the latest version of the document. Goddard arrived and took his seat as chair. HB 3013 was briefly discussed, as to current status. O'Brien noted that County Counsel Wayne Belmont has reviewed this latest draft and recommends going with this revised MOU.

MOTION: N. Fitzpatrick moved to accept the revised draft MOU (dated 5/29/09). M. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

Goddard called for discussion. There was none.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

Goddard said the MOU will be presented to the City Council for approval, with NSAT recommendations. Those members that have been involved in the MOU process were thanked for their efforts and time.

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Update

O'Brien attended the OPAC meeting, he reported that a question was raised relating to acceptable time frame of baseline data collection. There were no decisions made but it was pointed out that one year is not a long enough time. Revisions to the Territorial Sea Plan were discussed in detail. Dave Allen is the new Vice-Chair of OPAC. Onno Husing said that the process currently underway on the Territorial Sea Plan is intended to create the opportunity to have ocean zone mapping, reinforce policies to make the mapping work, insert new language into the existing plan, provide and refine checklists for wave energy companies doing business in Oregon waters. The maps will separate ocean use areas, show where different activities are allowed. The Reedsport area may be a test center (pilot project stage) for wave energy over the next few years. Husing noted that originally the wave energy effort wasn't working.

Then, in March 2008 the Governor issued his executive order that talked about marine reserves and wave energy development and his MOU with FERC. Time is now provided to put together a plan to deal with wave energy and other ocean uses. Congress passed the 2005 Energy Act providing for alternative energy, which clearly states that they must prevent interference with reasonable uses and fisheries are included as one of the reasonable uses. The Eco-Trust mapping methodology is proposed to be used as a model nationally. He encourages NSAT to be involved in the mapping effort in Lincoln County. O'Brien reported that at the OPAC meeting there were statements made that much of the fishing industry would not be affected, marine reserves may be used as insurance, economists should be invited to speak to OPAC regarding marine reserves. Husing believes those statements are relating to offshore commercial fishing, not nearshore fishing activities.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Onno Husing Presentation of Ongoing Mapping Project

Husing provided background information on the process, including possible funding for socio-economic studies, difficulties in collecting and compiling data, beginning a working relationship with Eco-Trust and FINE's involvement. Husing showed sample California maps, noting that interviews with fishermen are subject to non-disclosure agreements, specific information is not released, but is included in aggregate. M. Fitzpatrick said that many fishermen are very uncomfortable with providing information relating to their livelihood. Husing said that DLCD funded the SOORC pilot project in Coos Bay with \$68,000 of NOAA money primarily because of impending wave energy in the area. How much information is needed to produce an acceptable product is an important question. Participation is voluntary on the fishermen's part, so it is necessary to make fishermen comfortable to obtain information. Eco-Trust has been working in Coos Bay for a few months and there are good reports on their interaction with the fishermen. Over 100 interviews have been conducted, over 50% of the fishermen have participated so far. Eco-Trust has presented maps in executive session to the SOORC group and received a good response. Finalization should occur by sometime in July, a collaboration meeting with SOORC, Eco-Trust, NSAT, FINE and others should occur then. Discussion ensued regarding concerns of collecting detailed, accurate information, what information is publicly distributed, storage and security of non-public information. It was suggested that OCZMA host a meeting in Depoe Bay, to allow SOORC to present mapping program information to the local fishing community. It was also suggested to inform people one-on-one prior to a meeting. Husing noted that to be involved with the next round of OWET funding for data collection, the product needs to be done by December, deliverables must be in by then. It was suggested to ask Eco-Trust to come to Depoe Bay and interview a few fishermen, as a test case. Husing was thanked for his presentation.

Goddard added an agenda item: the Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET) conference in Seaside in October, does NSAT want to ask the City Council for funding to send a representative. Members have attended in the past. It was agreed that attendance is not necessary.

##### Member and Public Comments

N. Fitzpatrick said there will be a Territorial Sea Plan meeting Tuesday at ODFW office in Salem. Goddard attended the Lincoln City CAT meeting where Paul Klarin, DLCD, was present. Attendance was disappointing. Terry Thompson should be encouraged to continue work on forming a county CAT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm (estimated)

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Loren Goddard, Chair

Pery Murray (transcribed from audio tapes)