

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, August 20, 2009 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Nancy Fitzpatrick, Roy Hageman, John O'Brien, Vice-Chair Lars Robison, Grant Snyder
ABSENT: Chair Loren Goddard, Mike Fitzpatrick, Morris Grover, Mark Roberts
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Terry Thompson
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

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

Approval of June 18, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: O'Brien moved to approve the June 18, 2009 minutes. N. Fitzpatrick seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: N. Fitzpatrick, Hageman, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder

Robison said it was moved and seconded and called for the vote.

VOTE: Motion Passed

AYES: N. Fitzpatrick, Hageman, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ODFW-MOU Status and Next Steps

Hageman reported that he, Goddard and Snyder attended a City of Newport council meeting where they answered questions. The next step is to contact Newport's Mayor Bain.

Marine Reserve Work Plan

Hageman reported on the following items discussed at the August 6th ODFW meeting in Newport:

1) There is a lot of work to be done relating to the pilot projects; 2) following a suggestion to enlarge and diversify NSAT membership, Ed Bowles of ODFW responded that POORT and NSAT should be left as is, but other entities may have to work on their organization; 3) with impending marine reserves and closure of areas some fishing grounds have been under additional pressure recently; 4) NSAT needs to meet with ODFW staff to review the work plan, learn what the next steps and timelines are. Thompson suggested that Newport, Depoe Bay and ODFW meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fishing Effort Mapping

O'Brien reported that Eco-Trust's work completed to date was reviewed at an August 13th OSU Extension meeting. There is \$170,000 to be spent (work completed) by December 2009 with the final product due in 2010. Eco-Trust contract includes the central coast, and data obtained, or to be obtained, is 50% of landings (versus 50% of fishermen), a full fishing history (versus a specific timeframe). Mapping is for tactical and strategic planning for wave energy and marine reserves. Thompson noted they also attended the Tuesday FINE meeting where they shared their project status report. O'Brien said the information is preliminary and not yet public, and suggested inviting them to come to Depoe Bay in a non-public forum for information sharing. An alternative is to meet in Portland at their office versus a number of non-public meetings along the coast to review the preliminary information. Further discussion occurred on map standards (e.g.; 1 sq. mile grid), methods to obtain and record fishing information and fishermen should be compensated for their information.

Marine Spatial Planning Forum

The upcoming Nature Conservancy meeting is by invitation only, Goddard is on the list. There is another upcoming meeting on September 17th with marine reserve people on a national level.

Recommendations on Grant from Sea Grant

The application is being submitted by city staff. There was brief discussion on use of the \$3,000 when received, including hosting meals for fishermen on information gathering endeavors, producing and providing informational brochures to sport boaters, recruitment for information sharing.

Member and Public Comments

O'Brien noted Morris Grover's resignation letter (copy attached to the original of these minutes).

MOTION: O'Brien moved to table a decision on acceptance of Grover's resignation until more information can be obtained and to schedule the matter for the September regular meeting. Hageman seconded the motion.

Robison called for discussion. Brief discussion ensued, O'Brien said he'd spoken to Mayor White and he and the Mayor plan to meet with Grover's supervisor.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: N. Fitzpatrick, Hageman, O'Brien, Robison, Snyder

Thompson said that recently EPA granted a permit for an internment enterprise in the Garibaldi area. Ashes in cement blocks are dumped into the ocean and one dumping area is right over cable, the cable is being damaged. This is another example of lack of coordination in ocean management.

Hageman said anyone interested in helping with socio-economic information is welcomed.

O'Brien noted Lincoln County Counsel, Wayne Belmont's letter (copy attached to the original of these minutes) regarding upcoming community forums on wave energy generation. Everyone will check their schedules towards attending one of the forums.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Lars Robison, Vice - Chair

Pery Murray