

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: N. Fitzpatrick, M. Grover, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, M. Roberts, L. Robison
ABSENT: M. Fitzpatrick, L. Goddard, G. Snyder
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray

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

Approval of September 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the September 17, 2009 meeting minutes as written.
O'Brien seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

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

In response to a question from Robison, N. Fitzpatrick confirmed that Mike Fitzpatrick has submitted a letter of resignation to Goddard. Robison asked her to report on FINE activities. N. Fitzpatrick reported that FINE is assisting the National Renewable Energy Center in the selection of a test berth site in which different entities can bring their wave energy buoys for testing. A one square mile area is required, FINE has designated a five square mile area off the Otter Rock Marine Reserve in which the one square mile area could be located. This area is within the three mile boundary, so FERC applies. Cristen Don, ODFW, believes there will be opportunity for public input on the site selection, noting that NSAT may want to provide comment. N. Fitzpatrick said the next FINE meeting is next Tuesday, typically the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and she attends these meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ODFW-MOU

O'Brien reported he delivered a copy of the MOU to Newport's Mayor Bain, and NSAT should try to get on their council agenda. Hageman reported he'd provided a copy to a council member who is supportive.

Mapping Project (Eco Trust)

O'Brien reported that Goddard attempted to get Eco Trust representatives to attend this meeting, but no one was available. Onno Husing, OCZMA, is working with Eco Trust in contacting fishermen for interviews. Contacts are Bob Edder and Flaxen Conway regarding identifying areas not important to fishing efforts. N. Fitzpatrick reported that FACT opposes funding of this effort from Packard or any other source of "green" money. Hageman observed that Packard understands that they need to convince everyone that their money is provided without bias. Roberts volunteered to be interviewed in an effort to get the local process started. O'Brien confirmed that Husing is in charge at this time.

Heceta Head Conference

O'Brien can't attend, Fitzpatrick will be at the OPAC meeting on Friday, others will attend if possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR Process and Rulemaking per HB 3013 (Cristen Don- ODFW)

Cristen Don, ODFW, (copies of materials presented are attached to the original of these minutes) briefly reviewed the Marine Reserve Bill (HB 3013) and OPAC's recommendations. ODFW is to provide the MR Work Plan by July 2011, including assessments and recommendations on types of studies, public participation, contracting with vessels for research and provide a progress report to the special legislature

in November 2010. Also ODFW will be working with NSAT and POORT (Port Orford) on monitoring and developing management plans for the two pilot reserve sites. The Marine Reserve budget was approved at \$1 million (\$2 million was requested), Division of State Lands (DSL) has already transferred \$1 million to ODFW. The legislature has final approval on obtaining outside funding, which dollars can only be used for work included in the Work Plan and efforts are being made towards ensuring any outside dollars will have no strings attached. Don will be the program manager, her team will consist of two research scientists, one social scientist and one public process coordinator. They are currently interviewing and intend to hire by the end of November or December. ODFW is applying for grants and is working closely with the Coastal Caucus. The next version of the Work Plan should be out by early November. Don then discussed the formation of the State MR Team, noting there will be three teams, the membership criteria, ODFW selects team members and will accept letters of support for nominees. A list of nominees is provided to the Coastal Caucus for review and input. The teams will be available for general public input (don't have to be team member to be heard). ODFW may be hiring a meeting facilitator for the teams if funding is available.

Don reviewed the Rulemaking Timeline handout she'd provided, noting that DSL and OPRD public comment periods close on November 17th, ODFW's on December 12th. Prohibitions on harvests for both MR Pilot Sites will be effective June 30, 2011, at which time it is anticipated that baseline studies will be completed. She reviewed the Public Comment handouts, noting that there are simplified map coordinates (full coordinates are in the DSL rules since they set the boundaries), the west line of the Redfish Rock site may be straightened in response to a request from Oregon State Police who will provide enforcement, and the line between D and E on the Otter Rock site has been moved to extreme low water line (OPAC says no sandy intertidal) and moved to high waterline in the rocky intertidal area of the site. She distributed copies of the three agencies draft rules, noting that DSL would appreciate a letter from NSAT stating that "boundary changes made to comply with OPAC rules meet the intent of the proposer". Brief discussion followed on lost/retrieved crab pots, contacts include Wolf at the ODFW Newport office (Ocean Cleanup Program) and Corey McGranahan through the Oregon Crab Commission.

OCZMA Meeting Recap

Fitzpatrick provided a brief report on the OCZMA meeting and their involvement in the mapping project.

Member and Public Comments

Hageman suggested follow-up on obtaining a list of company names that work on socio-economic studies from the Packard Foundation, he offered to work with Goddard on this. He also reminded everyone to contact city staff regarding attending the Heceta Head Conference.

O'Brien, Goddard and Robison will not be available for the November 19th regular NSAT meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Lars Robison, Vice-Chair

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