

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, December 17, 2009 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: N. Fitzpatrick (arrived late), L. Goddard, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, M. Roberts,  
L. Robison (arrived late), G. Snyder  
ABSENT: M. Fitzpatrick, M. Grover  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jack Brown, Fred Robison, Terry Thompson  
STAFF: None

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Approval of October 15, 2009 and November 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve both meeting minutes as written. Roberts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Hageman, O'Brien – October meeting, Roberts, Snyder

ABSTAIN: O'Brien- November meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Member Resignation Goddard noted that Mike Fitzpatrick tendered his resignation in November, leaving a vacant seat on the team. He advised members to recruit potential replacements. He requested staff to provide a letter to Mike to thank him for his contributions to the NSAT efforts.

MOU Update O'Brien reported that on December 11<sup>th</sup> ODFW had a meeting at which he provided the MOU, which had been signed by everyone on the coast, to Ed Bowles. A call this afternoon informed him that Roy Elicker, ODFW signed it today making it effective today. ODFW retains the original MOU, a copy will be sent to him, and he will provide copies to the county and all participating entities.

EcoTrust Interviews Goddard announced that the interviewing process (ocean mapping/planning) is moving forward. Roberts and Robison, who had been interviewed, shared their thoughts on the experience. Jack Brown asked if there is any effort to organize the sport boaters who fish out of Depoe Bay. Goddard said there is an internet interview process available, city staff provided a list of moorage holders to EcoTrust for a mailing to inform them of the process. Discussion ensued, including wave energy efforts, marine reserves, the territorial sea plan, time frame for the interview process. Cristen Don, ODFW, suggested inviting EcoTrust to come to a future meeting to provide information. Goddard reported that Jim Tate had encouraged EcoTrust to include whale watching data in the process at their briefing meeting in Depoe Bay (prior to beginning of the interviewing). Don said there is also the non-consumptive use survey that will be done (Surfrider) which will capture data relating to whale watching. Goddard said that EcoTrust is working on adding a component specific to whale watching data.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cascade Head Community Team Selection Goddard announced that he, Mark Roberts and Terry Thompson have been selected to serve on the Cascade Head Community Action Team (CAT). Cristen Don, ODFW, introduced the newest marine reserve staff member, Bill Weiler, who will also be working with the CAT. Weiler provided a brief bio and answered questions. The first meeting will likely be late in January. Discussion ensued.

Goddard asked Don to discuss marine reserves rule adoption by ODFW. Don reported that twelve persons provided testimony at the hearing. The subject of disturbance was raised, ODFW has stated that it is following OPAC's recommendations to address disturbance issues. ODFW will be working with NSAT on these issues for the Otter Rock site. It was noted that much of the testimony relates to agate hunting on the beach. Don said that monitoring plans for the pilot sites will be developed in the near future (first quarter 2010) and this will be a coordinated effort. She encouraged NSAT to think about involving additional persons who can lend expertise. The Redfish Rock community did expand their team to get more people on board, they are hiring a staff person and contracting Jim Golden (resident scientist). ODFW obtained funding to help them and offer the same assistance to Depoe Bay for staff support, independent studies, etc. ODFW has \$10,000 to start and the Nature Conservancy applied for a National Fish & Wildlife Federation grant that they are giving to ODFW. ODFW has decided the money will be given to this team and the Redfish Rock team, up to an additional \$35,000 each, a total of \$45,000 available to the Otter Rock community team. Don spoke to habitat maps, evaluations sites, and the inability to obtain detail on the Otter Rock site due to shallowness, necessitating alternatives for mapping that site. The Cascade Head site is not experiencing this problem. Control sites also need to be identified for monitoring and comparison purposes. Don said if the team is interested in accepting grant funds a work plan/budget needs to be developed, work products identified, an education/outreach program developed. The timeframe is through the end of the biennium. ODFW would reimburse expenses for work done. She and Dave Fox will work with NSAT to develop the work plan. There were suggestions offered by Jack Brown and Terry Thompson of persons who may be a good staff person for this effort. Don confirmed that ODFW will reimburse boat captains involved in studies outside of those ODFW is taking the lead on. ODFW will be offering public bids for its own research work. Don also confirmed that the grant agreement would be with the City of Depoe Bay, funds to be used by NSAT for this specific purpose.

#### Member and Public Comments

Snyder asked the status of a socio-economic study. Don said ODFW is hiring a socio-economic analyst that will help design and contract out the study. Goddard said there have been recent emails relating to a celebration on establishment of the Otter Rock Marine Reserve pilot site, including inviting the Governor. It was suggested to schedule in conjunction with the Fleet of Flowers. Hageman said that all MOU signatories need to be kept informed as the process continues. Roberts asked about emails relating to a Jan 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and DLCD Ocean Policy mailing list. Fitzpatrick said the meeting announcement is public, Goddard advised subscribing to the mailing list is optional. Brown asked Don if she could provide information on the socio-economic study to NSAT. She confirmed that pursuant to the MOU, ODFW will be coordinating with NSAT. Fred Robison encouraged NSAT to continue its efforts. Thompson suggested contacting Perry York to be involved in research. O'Brien suggested meeting with ODFW in mid-January to discuss the grant funding, either a subcommittee or the entire team. It was agreed to make contact after the first of the year. Robison acknowledged Hageman, Goddard, and O'Brien's hard work on the MOU with the official NSAT Penguin Award. He awarded Snyder and Fitzpatrick with the official Super Pooper Reindeer Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm (estimated).

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Loren Goddard, Chair

Pery Murray (transcribed from audio tape)