

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team with
Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve Community Working Groups
Regular Meeting - Thursday, July 15, 2010 - 6:00 PM
Inn at Otter Crest

PRESENT: L. Goddard, N. Fitzpatrick, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, T. Ray, M. Roberts, L. Robison
ABSENT: M. Grover, G. Snyder
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Terry Thompson (CWG)
STAFF: P. Murray

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 pm. Introductions of NSAT members present, ODFW staff –Cristen Don, Alix Laferriere and Melissa Murphy, CWG members present – Brian Haley, Melody Lavrakas, Paul Erskine and Terry Thompson and Fred Robison, liaison services contractor, followed. Gary Wise was present in the audience. Information was provided by NSAT, ODFW and city staff, following the talking points paper (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Nancee Hunter and Kerry Morgan (CWG) arrived at 6:08 pm. Thompson asked about contact with Newport people for getting involved in this process. Goddard responded that FINE is notified of all meetings. Thompson commented that most Newport fishermen feel like it's a done deal, the area will be a closed zone, and it's a waste of time to attend meetings. Erskine offered that the Otter Rock Community Hall may be available for meetings, he has a key for the facility. Don noted that CWG's can meet without ODFW staff.

At 6:30 pm, the meeting was recessed to enable the CWG's to gather (since no one from the Socio-Economic CWG was present, Murphy sat in with the Education/Outreach CWG) into their respective groups. Cristen Don will be working with the Education/Outreach CWG-Hunter, Lavrakas, Morgan and Alix Laferriere with the Biological/Scientific CWG-Erskine, Haley, Thompson. Gary Wise sat in with the Biological/Scientific group.

The meeting was re-convened at 7:25 pm, with the CWG's reporting: Brian Haley will be the Chair of the Biological/Scientific CWG (temporary), the Socio-Economic and Education Outreach CWG's will combine into one group with Kerry Morgan as Chair (temporary).

Laferriere reported that oceanographic moorings were placed two weeks ago and research efforts are underway on habitat surroundings. Three volunteer divers from the Oregon Coast Aquarium are involved. Sandy bottom and rocky bottom areas are being investigated to determine locations for towing the video-lander. A tunnel going through Otter Rock from east to west was found, who knew?

O'Brien distributed handbooks, prepared by NSAT, to the CWG members. One was also given to Gary Wise, who voiced interest in being involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Loren Goddard, Chair

Pery Murray, City Recorder

