

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 21, 2010 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Vice-Chair L. Robison, N. Fitzpatrick, R. Hageman, T. Ray, M. Roberts
ABSENT: L. Goddard, M. Grover, J. O'Brien, G. Snyder
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: none
STAFF: none

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

Approval of September 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
This item was postponed to the next regular meeting.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cascade Head Community Team (CHCT)

Roberts reported they are moving quickly towards completion of the proposed Cascade Head marine reserve site. Three options were put forth to the Team, of those options ODFW stated that the option to establish a Marine Research Area (MRA) is not an option to be considered since it does not fit the definition of a marine reserve. Hageman asked if no marine reserve is still an option, Roberts responded that it is. Fitzpatrick asked if public comments (September) were shared at the meeting, Roberts responded that they were not. Robison said the next meeting of the CHCT will be on the first Thursday at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Roberts said there will be one more meeting after that, where the Team is to decide their recommendation to OPAC.

Special Order- Dr. Bruce Mate-Acoustic Buoys

Dr. Mate and Dr. Barbara ?? provided a FAQ sheet (copy attached to the original of these minutes), along with his power point presentation on "Development of a Gray Whale Protection Device". He explained the primary interest of this project is keeping whales safe. With wave energy efforts moving forward, there will be experimental deployments in the ocean. There may be problems, such as animals blundering into cables and becoming entangled. If the state needs to put measures in place to protect the animals, a device will be needed to keep the animals out of harms way. This project plan is to place these devices in migratory paths to study their effectiveness. He explained worldwide efforts on wave and wind energy that impact the ocean environment and those coming to the Oregon coast, mostly within three miles due in part because Oregon's legislature has provided incentives to attract ocean power into our territorial seas. Migratory patterns have been studied extensively, with much information being obtained, which Dr. Mate explained. He provided detailed information on the project and answered questions from NSAT members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fishing Effort Mapping Status

Roberts reported there was a recent meeting in Newport where there was discussion on what to do with the maps and getting fishermen together. LCDC did release our map which is a composite of all fisheries in the area. It was useful for the Cascade Head Team, but it confused some.

ODFW Report on Otter Rock Marine Reserve

Cristen Don, ODFW, provided an update on the biological monitoring activities, showed the areas where work was conducted, different types of data collection, location of oceanographic moorings (which are now removed), comparison areas, and dive areas. Dive work will continue in the spring. She provided maps prepared by Alix Leferriere, ODFW, reflecting Areas of Work and Primary Habitat (copies attached to the

extraction of invertebrates, intertidal research, a sensor will be placed for temperature and salinity. The Bio/Science Working Group is meeting tonight. The Human Dimensions Working Group has been meeting and is planning to provide a report at the next NSAT meeting.

Melissa Murphy, ODFW, provided an update on socio-economic work. They are finalizing analysis on logbook reports for both pilot sites and their comparison sites. She will be beginning work with liaison Fred Robison, conducting interviews to develop the Depoe Bay community profile. Hoping to complete interviews (20) by January, the report should be finalized by May 2011. She and Alix will finish the executive summary of the monitoring plan by early November. The plan itself won't be finalized until the end of the year. She looks at the short and long term efforts included in the monitoring plan. As much information as possible will be collected from the main communities (Otter Crest, Otter Rock, Depoe Bay, and Newport) in the months of November to May. A mail survey may be conducted to obtain information on perceptions and attitudes. Indicator lists are being developed. She has compiled the information packet for interviewees. Roberts suggested tourists also be interviewed since they, while visitors, are connected to this community. Murphy said this is outside the scope of the current work but could be done in the future. Robison suggested interviewing the Harbormaster and noted Jerome Grant's concerns relating to urchin diving. Murphy encouraged everyone to talk to potential interviewees and encourage participation.

Don outlined the state budget process for the 2011-13 biennium. Murphy said the monitoring plans will include costs of the marine reserves.

Computer/Projector Purchase

There was brief discussion on the new equipment. Robison referred to a memo from City staff on the status (copy attached to the original of these minutes) and invitation to conduct a test during the warranty period.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Member and Public Comments none

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

Lars Robison, Vice-Chair

Pery Murray, City Recorder (transcribed from audio tape)