

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: N. Fitzpatrick, L. Goddard, J. Grant, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, T. Ray, L. Robison  
ABSENT: M. Roberts, G. Snyder  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: T. Thompson, P. Taunton  
STAFF: P. Murray  
ODFW: Alix Laferriere, Melissa Murphy

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:08 pm.

Goddard noted New Business item, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Fireworks, will be discussed first to accommodate Phil Taunton, Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce President. Taunton came forward and provided information relating to the Chamber's July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks event. Due to a complaint (fireworks harming bird nesting colony at Pirates Cove) after last year's fireworks, the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFW) had recommended that Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD) no longer permit the event at Boiler Bay State Park. OPRD had informed the Chamber that the event would not be permitted, but after a meeting last week there will be further investigation, and the Chamber will be notified of the outcome. Taunton feels this issue relates to marine reserves and stopping activities. Goddard said action was taken by USFW based upon a single complaint and a California study without any supporting local data. Does NSAT want to take a stand on the matter? Discussion ensued which included the following comments: since it is outside of the city it is a county matter; USFW has done the same in other areas such as Cannon Beach and Bandon; the Chamber is looking into quieter fireworks with less noise/more sparkle; the ODOT permit is typically processed in February; OPRD would like to stop all events in all state parks; take the matter to the news media; without scientific evidence it is hearsay which should not be a basis for decision; economic impact information could be compiled; USFW and OPRD offered moving the event to Fogarty Creek but it would no longer be a Depoe Bay event if moved; the Chamber has talked of discontinuing the event due to cost, will the Chamber commit to continuing the event for at least 3 – 5 years; if it is proven the fireworks have no negative impact on the nesting colony is there a guarantee that OPRD will permit the event; the Chamber should apply for the OPRD permit and if denied it will be in writing; if the permit is denied there may be an entire coast (Alaska through California) of complaints. Goddard advised that NSAT should be ready to take a position on the matter. Taunton agreed to keep NSAT informed. Hageman requested a copy of the California study provided by USFW.

#### Approval of November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the November 18 meeting minutes. Fitzpatrick seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.  
AYES: Fitzpatrick, Goddard, Grant, Hageman, O'Brien, Ray, Robison

#### REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alix Laferriere, ODFW, reported the Biological/Scientific Community Working Group (BSCWG) met last Thursday, the group plans to meet in the future on NSAT regular meeting days (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month). ODFW's science team has not been in the field for six weeks, the temperature and light sensor will be placed with the assistance of Jim Burke who volunteered to do the installation. The Group has reviewed a draft of the monitoring plan and provided suggestions: 1) to separate desired research projects for each marine reserve vs. one list for all. Once she has separated the lists the Group will review and prioritize. 2) include research on pinnipeds, light and sand movement. Jim Burke and Terry Thompson are

working on a volunteer program to monitor pinnipeds. Discussion followed on upcoming legislative action relating to funding of marine reserves with it being noted that funding for the two pilot marine reserves is a priority over funding for the four evaluation sites approved by OPAC in December. Laferriere confirmed that the Otter Rock Marine Reserve will close on July 1, 2011, it is in the rules (HB 3013). If the legislature does not fund continued monitoring, it will be funded, likely under the Marine Resources Program. The pilot marine reserves are different than the evaluation marine reserves and the legislators are discussing all which is resulting in some confusion.

Melissa Murphy, ODFW, reported the Human Dimensions Community Working Group (HDCWG) will be meeting tomorrow afternoon. They are finalizing goals and objectives, discussing a July 1 event to promote marine reserves, a Marine Reserve Day for education and outreach. Murphy has been conducting interviews, finishing next week and will be finalizing the monitoring plan by month's end. She very much appreciated Fred Robison's liaison assistance and had good interviews. NSAT will be contacted by Peter Freeman, Ecosystem contractor, in the near future. Jim Carlson, HDCWG member, said there are smart, motivated people serving on the Group, but awareness of ports and marine reserves is lacking. The Group has discussed creating templates for future CWGs. In response to questions Murphy explained that Peter Freeman, OSU masters student, is working on Ecosystem Services under a research grant funded primarily by Sea Grant, New Carissa dollars. New Carissa money is from lawsuit settlement and is dedicated to marine research. Carlson is an independent contractor with Our Ocean and he serves on the HDCWG as an individual. Thompson's son Travis, a student at OSU, is working on a socio-economics assignment and he may interview boat skippers with questions on effects of marine reserves. He requested a list of Depoe Bay skippers and input on what questions should be included in interview.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### Letter to Charter Fleet-Cascade Head Community Team Outcome and Next Steps

Goddard said this has been done, letters were mailed.

##### Power Point Presentation of Otter Rock Marine Reserve Status for City Council

Goddard will request a copy of Cristen Don's presentation to OPAC. Laferriere offered video from the Otter Rock Marine Reserve.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Otter Rock Human Dimensions Community Working Group Application

Goddard noted an application to serve on the HDCWG had been received from Michelle Mileham.

**MOTION:** Hageman moved to approve Michelle Mileham's application for the Human Dimensions Community Working Group. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Grant asked how NSAT defines "community" and asked if anyone knows the applicant. Hageman explained that originally "community" was defined as Salishan to Newport, but that has been expanded. Grant noted there should be diversity and balance in these Groups. O'Brien said there has not been much interest and any interested person is being accepted.

**VOTE:** Motion passed.

**AYES:** Fitzpatrick, Goddard, Grant, Hageman, O'Brien, Ray, Robison

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Fireworks

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Other New Business (not on agenda)

Goddard referred to a public notice from Oregon Dept. of Land and Conservation (DLCD) seeking public comment on a US Coast Guard proposal for nationwide use of high frequency and ultra-high frequency SONAR technology from mobile platforms. Public comment period closes Feb. 13, 2011. Goddard researched the website and found information on the proposal (copy attached to the original of these minutes) and he suggests contacting Bruce Mate for input, which he offered to do. Thompson noted that Mate is recovering from surgery, but is responding to email communications. Grant said he has been underwater when a “ping” occurred and it is very uncomfortable.

Member and Public Comments

Fitzpatrick referred to the member contact listing, noting that her telephone number needs to be corrected (prefix is 994) and her email will be changing to [nancy@oregonsalmon.org](mailto:nancy@oregonsalmon.org) effective June 30 (okay to use now). Hageman's email should be corrected to [hagemanr@me.com](mailto:hagemanr@me.com) and Robison's should be changed to [captain@directv.net](mailto:captain@directv.net) Robison asked Chair Goddard how his wife being on the City Council will affect him being on NSAT. Goddard offered if there is a conflict he would resign. O'Brien's email address is correct. Goddard thanked everyone for being at the meeting and called for any public comments. Thompson said he hopes everyone looks at the Fishermen's News he brought (copy attached to the original of these minutes).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder