

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 17, 2011 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: J. Grant, R. Hageman, T. Ray, M. Roberts, L. Robison
ABSENT: N. Fitzpatrick, L. Goddard J. O'Brien, G. Snyder
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: none
STAFF: P. Murray
ODFW: Cristen Don

Vice-Chair Robison called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 pm.

Approval of January 20, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes. Ray seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Grant, Hageman, Ray, Roberts, Robison

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cristen Don, ODFW, reported the Biological/Scientific Community Working Group (BSCWG) met this afternoon, attended a seminar at Hatfield Marine Science Center which they felt was very informative and they plan to attend future seminars. She offered to forward seminar announcements to NSAT. Alix Laferriere reported to BSCWG on the failed attempt to install the sensor plate last week, and plans for another attempt. Roberts said thirteen hours remain on the ODFW contract, which isn't enough to complete the work. Alix is looking for funding to add time to the contract. Don reported the Human Dimensions Community working Group (HDCWG) has been working on the Statement of Purpose and Goals (copy attached to the original of these minutes), of which a copy has been provided to NSAT for review, input and approval. She noted the Messages are not external, but are used by the HDCWG internally for focus. HDCWG requests feedback on these as well. HDCWG is trying to say that the purpose of the marine reserve is scientific research and data collection, not conservation. NSAT was asked to review the document and provide feedback to HDCWG.

Discussion ensued:

Grant referred to #6- *Create a sense of pride for the marine reserve in local communities*, noting that from a fisherman's standpoint marine reserves have been forced upon them and creating something fishermen are against then asking them to be proud of it seems wrong. Don suggested changing "pride" to "ownership", she will take this back to HDCWG to discuss alternative wording. Robison suggested changing "pride" to "donation" or "giving" since the fishermen have given up fishing grounds for the reserve. Hageman understands that the effort is to create support, businesses would present information on the reserve and possibly reap an economic benefit.

Hageman referred to #1- *Cultivate a working group that represents a diversity of the stakeholders connected to the marine reserve*, asking about the Depoe Bay and State Parks representatives. Don confirmed that Fred Robison is the Depoe Bay resident and Patty Green is the OPRD representative.

Robison referred to #2- *Inform target audiences about the Otter Rock marine reserve and its purpose*, saying he's heard that Lincoln County's Watershed Council is being reviewed. He feels there is a need to educate everyone on what a marine reserve is and what will happen out there.

It was agreed that HDCWG should continue their work and NSAT will provide comments later.

In response to a question from the audience, NSAT members explained that while some marine reserves are created for conservation efforts/sustainable fish populations, Oregon's marine reserves are different. Oregon fisheries are already heavily managed by the state and federal agencies. Oregon mandated set-aside areas for scientific research and gave local communities the opportunity to participate in the process of establishing marine reserves for that purpose. NSAT chose to be involved in the process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Event Regarding Closure of Otter Rock Marine Reserve

Jim Carlson, HDCWG, reported the Group is working on this, struggling with what to call it. Don said it is an education and outreach event. Carlson added that Caroline Bauman, Lincoln County Economic Development, has funding to reserve boats to take people to the marine reserve on Friday, July 1st. Suggested gathering spots were discussed, including the Devils Punchbowl (good visibility, parking), the Inn at Otter Crest or the top of Cape Foulweather. Don said there is not much funding available, suggesting keeping the event simple and offering ODFW providing staff, tables and brochures. They could set up in Depoe Bay on the docks or at the Whale Watch Center. Ray noted there are good low tides that weekend. Roberts reminded that we are sharing the day with Redfish Rocks and that HDCWG is working on this.

Invitees and speakers were discussed with the following suggestions mentioned: Invite: the Coastal Caucus, Governor Kitzhaber, Depoe Bay City Council, OPAC members, ODFW Ed Bowles (Cristen's Boss), Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, President Obama, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Speakers: Governor Kitzhaber, NSAT Chair Loren Goddard, Representative Jean Cowan, Jane Lubchenko, NOAA

It was agreed to keep the list open until the next meeting and discuss further. It is suggested to finalize the list as soon as possible and present to the City Council for approval, to enable sending invites with lead time. Don said it seems appropriate that Depoe Bay send out the invitations, as a Depoe Bay event supported by ODFW. ODFW grant money could be used if it is not already obligated.

USCG Sonar Devices

An email from Bruce Mate was reviewed (copy attached to the original of these minutes), with it being noted that the comment period deadline has passed.

3rd of July Fireworks

Murray reported that the city has received word that OPRD will permit the fireworks at Boiler Bay this year and USFW will monitor the nesting colony rock in Pirates Cove during the event. If there is any documented mortality, fireworks will not be permitted again. USFW is funding their monitoring activity out of their budget. Robison suggested that local volunteers could monitor as well. Roberts commented that this occurred in Pacific City, with the fireworks being moved away from Haystack Rock.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Member and Public Comments

Carlson asked Robison when Bauman should reserve boats for July 1st. Robison suggested by June 15th or earlier, cost is \$20/person, 25 plus people per boat. Carlson said Redfish Rocks is using the term "stewardship" instead of "pride" (Goals). He said HDCWG is working on logistics of the marine reserve day, noting it is a busy weekend so the thought is to keep it simple. He said HDCWG is curious how NSAT feels about the celebration. NSAT clarified that it is not a celebration, it is an event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Vice - Chair Lars Robison

Pery Murray, City Recorder