

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

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

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

Approval of February 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the February 17, 2011 meeting minutes. Roberts seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Grant, Hageman, Ray, Roberts

ABSTAIN: O'Brien

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cristen Don, ODFW, referred to the Adaptive Management Measure for Consideration Pertaining to Monitoring at Pilot Sites (copy attached to the original of these minutes) document and requested comments and support. The measure recommends extending the Pilot Marine Reserves closing date from July 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012 to provide for an additional field season of baseline data collection. Hageman suggested that in keeping with the MOU, the adaptive plan should not reflect a specific closure date, but the closing will occur upon obtaining adequate baseline data. Don said the plan cannot have an open-ended date, and ODFW feels the additional 6 months will be adequate. Grant asked if sport scuba diving will be allowed. Don said allowed activities (post closure) include non-extractive scuba diving, surfing, boat transit, crab pot retrieval and minimal research extraction. Hageman suggested that all signers of the MOU be notified of the Adaptive Measure. NSAT members, by consensus, agreed with the Adaptive Management Measure dated March 14, 2011 and the extension to January 1, 2012. Goddard asked O'Brien to draft a letter to all signers of the MOU to inform them of the Measure and NSAT support. O'Brien agreed to do so. NSAT members voiced their appreciation that ODFW has taken steps to accomplish necessary baseline research work.

Alix Laferriere, ODFW, reported that the Bio-Science Community Work Group (BSCWG) attended a seminar on Alaskan methods last month. Hatfield Marine Science Center offers seminars every Thursday. The Group did not meet this month. ODFW is working on another attempt to install the sensor plate on the southern inner side of Gull Rock, equipment and ocean conditions being considered.

Jim Carlson, Human Dimensions Community Work Group (HDCWG), reported the Group is meeting again next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning Event for Closure of Otter Rock Marine Reserve

Goddard said this item will be tabled until August. Don said there could be an education/outreach event in the summertime, ODFW can provide information and staffing. She noted the HDCWG is working on this.

Goddard said NSAT would be happy to hear what they have to offer. Hageman asked if the HDCWG had discussed revised wording in their Goals, replacing "pride" with "stewardship". Don reported the Group hasn't met since the last NSAT meeting, they will discuss at next week's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Member and Public Comments

Ray will be in contact with the Flying Dutchman in the near future. O'Brien wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Hageman appreciates ODFW acknowledging and acting on the necessity for delay of the Pilot Marine Reserves closure. Roberts reported that a group of commercial fishermen who organized over control issues relating to the Eco-Trust mapping and who had originally excluded charter fishermen, want the maps and logbook data released. This group, FISHCRED, wanted to lump Depoe Bay in with Newport and Florence, but he explained that Depoe Bay is a better fit with Garibaldi and Pacific City due to the small boat fleet. He is now serving on the group, a fifteen member committee, as Depoe Bay's representative. Laferriere thanked NSAT for their support of the Adaptive Management Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder