

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 18, 2012 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, J. Grant, R. Hageman, M. Roberts, L. Robison
ABSENT: J. O'Brien, T. Ray, G. Snyder
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Terry Thompson
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray
ODFW: Cristen Don, Delia Kelly

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

Approval of April 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the minutes as written. Robison seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed
AYES: Goddard, Grant, Hageman, Roberts, Robison

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Member Reports

Roberts reported on a recent FISHCRED meeting, that it was long and contentious. One point of contention was related to information being public or not. Thompson noted that FISHCRED is designed to be a data gathering and dispensing organization.

Goddard reported that he has received Thomas Ray's resignation letter which he'll bring in to city hall.

NEW BUSINESS – John Horvick, DHM Research – Oregon Wave Energy Trust Survey

Goddard asked Mr. Horvick to come forward to discuss the "Coastal Residents' Perceptions of Wave Energy Report – July 2012" (copy attached to the original of these minutes). Mr. Horvick distributed copies of the report, explaining that DHM Research is an independent and non-partisan firm which does a lot of public opinion research work for government and media, specializing in wave energy and land use planning. He provided an overview of the survey conducted for Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET) which resulted in the afore-mentioned report. Lengthy discussion followed, with Horvick answering questions and providing additional information. Comments included: coastal residents are stakeholders and the biggest opposition to wave energy is negative impact on fisheries, the survey conducted was to obtain general public opinion and was not focused on stakeholders, some feel the poll questions were crafted to result in a positive result for wave energy. Goddard thanked Mr. Horvick for attending and asked Hageman and Grant to assist in crafting a response letter to the opinion survey results.

NEW BUSINESS – Kaety Hildebrand, OSU Sea Grant Extension – Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center (NNMREC)

Hildebrand reported that the NNMREC wave energy test equipment was removed from the ocean yesterday, and the next test is scheduled for spring 2013. The test equipment was built at half scale and was not intended to be in the water through the winter months. The equipment is on its way to Hawaii. She distributed a Pacific Marine Energy Center (PMEC) informational flyer (copy attached to the original of these minutes), and discussed potential future sites off shore at Newport and Reedsport and potential economic benefits to local communities. NSAT members are invited to join the siting team that will be looking at the Newport site. The plan is to have the site selected by year end. Thompson handed out a copy of an email relating to a Fishermen Involved in Natural Energy (FINE) meeting and their discussion on the matter of wave energy sites (copy attached to the original of these minutes), and he provided an aerial map for review. He had to leave the meeting (7:16 pm). Hageman asked why there are sites in the Territorial Sea if test sites need to be beyond the Ocean Continental Shelf (OCS). Hildebrand explained

that is the Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) part of the wave energy effort. Delia Kelly, ODFW Ocean Energy Coordinator, and Cristen Don, ODFW joined the discussion. Don reiterated that decisions will be made by year-end, the time to provide input is now if we want the state to have any say in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process for wave energy sites. Oregon is trying to protect itself by developing the TSP so the state is involved in the federal permitting process. Kelly said there will be a meeting in Newport on November 6, encouraging everyone to review Thompson's aerial map and develop comments to provide at the meeting. Hageman noted one site would impact the Otter Rock Marine Reserve. Grant commented on the negative impact to fisheries and said that wave energy is not viable without government subsidies. Kelly said she's representing ODFW on the Joint Agency Review Team (JART), and encouraged NSAT participate with the JART either independently or through her. The Governor wants this done quickly.

NEW BUSINESS – Cristen Don, ODFW – Otter Rock Marine Reserve Management Plan

Don provided updates on the Otter Rock Marine Reserve Management Plan, noting there is approximately \$10,000 grant money remaining which must be spent by June 30, 2013. She will bring the grant agreement to the next NSAT meeting to discuss. Melissa Murphy has completed the local survey, copies have been sent to participants requesting feedback. She plans to obtain spatial use information from the charter fleet on the Cascade Head Marine Reserve site and will be coming in January to discuss development of a pilot program. There will be ongoing monitoring of effort-shift impacts. Goddard suggested that Murphy send out a letter to charter fishermen to inform them of what is needed. Don reviewed the draft Otter Rock Marine Reserve Site Management Plan (copy attached to the original of these minutes) policies, site background information, monitoring strategies and community engagement. She referenced the Monitoring Reporting & Feedback section (page 19), noting that ODFW is piloting this informal process in November with Redfish Rocks. Hageman said that the plan needs to reflect that ODFW will report to NSAT on a regular basis, at least annually. Don clarified that if another entity conducts research activities in the reserve, ODFW does not receive any report unless the research involves taking. ODFW hopes for collaboration and information sharing, however. The same informal feedback process will be used in the human dimensions portion of the plan, there will be a revision reflecting this on page 22. Don asked NSAT to review the draft Plan and schedule for the next NSAT meeting to finalize the document.

MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Carlson, NSAT Human Dimensions Community Working Group/Otter Rock Marine Reserve, said the marine reserve boat tour to Otter Rock and Cascade Head sites with Lars Robison was a great trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder