

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, December 20, 2012 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Hageman, M. Roberts, J. O'Brien
ABSENT: J. Grant, L. Robison, G. Snyder
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Terry Thompson
STAFF: none ODFW: Cristen Don

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

Approval of October 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Roberts moved to approve the minutes as written. Hageman seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed
AYES: Goddard, Hageman, Roberts
ABSTAIN: O'Brien

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Member Reports Goddard reported he has attended a number of meetings, including Territorial Sea Plan Advisory Committee (TSPAC) in Tillamook, an OCZMA and an OPAC meeting. OCZMA is struggling with resignation of the interim director and funding difficulties. They are working with the Oregon Association of Counties to resolve funding issues. Thompson, who serves on the OCZMA Board of Directors, explained that counties pay the majority of membership dues to OCZMA with cities paying less. He sees a restructuring occurring with OCZMA continuing in the future. OCZMA used to conduct county economic studies, last one in 2006. Lincoln County is in the process of entering into agreement with the group that conducted the studies for OCZMA to conduct a current economic study. The study will cost the county \$20,000 and will be used in obtaining grant funding. Goddard and Thompson reported on the TSPAC meeting, that proposed wave energy sites were discussed to develop a recommendation to OPAC. Camp Rilea, Lakeside (revised), near shore Reedsport, Langloy, Pacific City/Nestucca, north Newport, Gold Beach (as alternate), and Netarts are sites being considered. The Newport site is to be a test site, opposed to a development site. Goddard reported that no decision was made on recommending wave energy sites at the OPAC meeting. They meet again Jan 3 & 4, 2013. Thompson reported the Governor signed the plan on Tuesday in Salem. There needs to be a process to monitor buoys and barges (tsunami debris), the salvage and study of them. Organizations such as Surfrider have been working with Oregon Parks & Recreation in this effort.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Management Plan for Marine Reserves Cristen Don noted items that need further discussion on the Otter Rock Marine Reserve Management Plan. The MOU needs to be included as an appendix, reference the MOU on page 11, under A.2. which speaks to NSAT and NSAT's role in the site designation. Thompson commented that these marine reserves become the one stable area to be used for science. Renewable energy efforts will likely have a huge impact on the environment and there is no tool that separates fishing except marine reserves. Accurate biological surveys need to be done to assess the impacts. Don noted this was addressed in the monitoring plan, data on species was collected, monitoring continues. It may be advisable to relook at the baseline data and the species list, increase sampling during different times of the year. Biological assessments will be conducted including abundance, distribution and density on algae and invertebrates. Marine mammals are not included since there is no direct benefit seen. Thompson feels marine mammals should be included site specific, although the population is transient. Don said marine mammals are not associated with any specific site, suggesting using a statewide monitoring v. site specific. Thompson disagreed. Goddard feels marine mammals should be included on the species list to monitor changes in populations adjacent to marine reserves and their impact on species populations in the reserve.

Goddard referred to Objective 1 in the Statement of Work, Don clarified this is the funding agreement. She suggested discussing applying grant funds toward the economic study the county is conducting. Thompson said the county is paying for the study, but further analysis could be useful.

Don said the site management plan provides background on marine reserve policies, laws and rules, OPAC goals and objectives, planning and implementation, monitoring and strategies. This plan is specific to the Otter Rock Marine Reserve. Community education events have been held at Redfish Rocks, similar events should occur here. Goddard suggested including such an event with the Wooden Boat Show and Crab Feed in April. Don said the timing would coordinate with the next round of RFPs for boat contracts for monitoring efforts. Hageman reminded everyone of the page 19 wording revisions discussed at the last meeting. Don mentioned the new ODFW team member, Stacy Gallagher, who previously worked on the shell fish program and did a lot of outreach work. She will be helpful in planning an event.

Thompson asked for a financial report, which Don agreed to provide. Don referred to wording in the management plan which states that ODFW will meet with OSP twice a year to review compliance and enforcement at the site. They will be meeting in February. Goddard asked if it would be appropriate to have NSAT host the meeting. Don suggested inviting OSP to a NSAT meeting to provide a report. There was no further discussion on the management plan. Discussion followed on the work plan for marine reserves and lack of funding restricting work to be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Report on Socio-Economic Study

Melissa Murphy was not able to attend the meeting. No report.

NEW BUSINESS – Marine Reserve and Territorial Sea Plan Workshop

Goddard noted there are a number of new City Council members and he would like to schedule a meeting to be able to provide information to them on marine reserves, wave energy and the Territorial Sea Plan. He would like to invite Onno Husing, Cristen Don, Terry Thompson and David Allen to speak to the different issues that NSAT has been involved in. Thompson may have a tape from a radio show available and he suggested providing information on what is happening with wave energy and fishing mitigation on the east coast. Don suggested separating the issues since each is complex and very involved. It was agreed to schedule a workshop in January, focusing on marine reserves and to invite Cristen Don, Onno Husing and Terry Thompson. Thompson offered to provide maps. It was suggested that NSAT inform the Councilors on the history of what NSAT has done. The marine reserve presentation will be at the January 17, 2013 NSAT meeting at Depoe Bay City Hall.

Goddard reminded everyone of the OPAC meeting January 3 & 4, 2013 in Coos Bay. He, O'Brien and Councilor Hoitink plan to attend.

Goddard noted the report on grant funding from Pery Murray, with \$12,535.06 remaining. He suggested a contribution to OCZMA out of the grant funds. Discussion ensued on appropriate expense items and what would be the most beneficial use of the funds. Socio-economic studies, science projects, monitoring efforts, education and outreach, and collection and documentation of data on fleet-shift were discussed.

MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENTS

O'Brien will not be at the January meeting. Goddard thanked everyone for their continued participation and wished everyone happy holidays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder