

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 17, 2013 - 6:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, L. Robison  
ABSENT: J. Grant  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: T. Thompson  
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray  
ODFW: Cristen Don, Stacy Galleher

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order and established a quorum, including Thompson, at 6:07 pm.

### **Approval of June 20, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Otter Rock Marine Reserve Update - ODFW** Stacy Galleher distributed copies of a draft sign (copy attached to the original of these minutes), noting that information on Limited Take Areas had been added per NSAT request. She said that both commercial and sport regulation books are being updated with marine reserve information. NSAT member suggestions included placing a sign at: Boiler Bay State Park since people fish off the rocks, at the harbor near the fuel station, at the turn-off to Foulweather near Rocky Creek State Park, at Beverly Beach and Otter Rock State Parks because kayakers launch there. Galleher said one will be placed at the boat launch in the harbor. The City will need to approve sign placements in the harbor. Goddard said the owners of Dockside Charters have approved placing a sign on their building by the restrooms. It was suggested to revise the sign to either move the "marine reserve" text to the bottom next to the marine reserve on the map, or to add an arrow from the map to the text, to avoid confusion. Discussion ensued on Limited Take Areas having different restrictions, lack of room to include full regulations, this is a regulatory sign for fishermen, there will be other general public interpretive signs for parks and view areas, the signs are about 24" X 30" and may be wall mounted or free standing. NSAT would like to see regulatory information included on the interpretive signs. Galleher advised that signs on state park property must follow their regulations. O'Brien said if the only limitation at Boiler Bay is no urchin diving, then don't post a sign there since it will create confusion. Galleher asked what she needs to do to obtain city approval for signs. Murray said the City Council approves, but may want input from the Harbor Commission. Galleher was advised to contact city hall for upcoming city meeting dates.

Thompson asked about ODFW contracts with local boats for marine reserve work. Don explained the Oregon Coast Aquarium boat/divers are volunteer, not under contract, the budget plan is to let two contracts per site per year. Work at Otter Rock Marine Reserve is sled/diver visuals, too shallow for ROV, and there is no hook & line survey. The focus this year has been at Cascade Head. When a contract is advertised, ODFW personnel hand deliver proposal forms to Depoe Bay Charter offices and walk the docks to directly contact boat owners. There has been minimal response. Goddard was awarded an ODFW contract this year for hook & line survey work for Cascade Head. Don was asked to provide a list of contracts awarded.

There was brief discussion on comparison areas for the Cascade Head site, particularly Government Point.

**Oregon Territorial Sea Plan Update** Thompson reported that Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) and Territorial Sea Plan Advisory Council (TSPAC) have been in the process with the Dept. of Land Conservation

and Development (DLCD) of identifying wave energy sites, making changes. Pacific City has filed a lawsuit against the state. It appears that the DLCD has different standards for ocean planning and for land planning. A sizable matching grant (\$750,000) from Dept. of Energy will pay for an Ocean Wave Energy Trust (OWET) study to tell us how great this is for the coast. Cristen Don reported the monitoring report socio-economic work is continuing, a replacement for Melissa Murphy will be hired soon. This work will be completed by the time Cascade Head closes. Effort shift work still needs to be done. ODFW tried to get someone from Depoe Bay to work as an observer, but it didn't work out. Don and Galleher left the meeting. Goddard said he would like to invite Katie Pierson, ODFW, who he worked with during the hook & line survey, to come to a future meeting to provide information.

**Membership Recruitment** Murray said the most recent NSAT recruitment letter was mailed to moorage holders on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There has been no response to city hall. Goddard said there may be someone from Otis. He suggests revising the number of members and meeting quarterly v. monthly. Discussion followed.

MOTION: O'Brien moved to reorganize the NSAT by reducing active membership to seven, with four making quorum; change from monthly meeting schedule to regular meetings in October, January and March, with other meetings as needed. Hageman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Hageman, O'Brien, Robison, Thompson

MOTION: O'Brien moved that NSAT will meet on the third Thursday of the months of October, January and March, and other meetings as needed. Hageman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed.

AYES: Goddard, Hageman, O'Brien, Robison, Thompson

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Goddard reviewed the agenda for the Heceta Head Conference, Oct. 25- 26, saying that someone should go. Hageman, O'Brien and Robison are not able to go. Goddard will check his schedule. It was suggested to see if Mayor Mattila or Councilor Hoitink would be interested.

Thompson said the sentinel at Yaquina Head has been removed, the anchor buoys will remain. The FINE group has agreed to leaving them in, seeing a potential benefit for crab fishing research, crab pot drift. He recently became aware of a new anchoring system using rock bolts is being developed which may be a breakthrough since anchoring is at least 50% of the total cost of wave energy buoys. Ocean Power Tech (OPT) has not removed their buoys at Reedsport. The state began imposing a \$1,000/ day fine, which got OPT to request an extension, which was granted. A desk top study is completed, the next step is bottom structure surveys and core samples. He noted that five cables were just inspected and those placed by scientists were not faring as well as those placed with input from fishermen.

Goddard reviewed Mark Roberts' resignation letter, suggesting a thank you letter and plaque. O'Brien will draft the letter and plaque wording.

## **MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hageman suggested using ODFW grant funds to purchase equipment to enable members to attend meetings by electronic means. Thompson said DOGAMI is working on a new emergency services map for boats during tsunami events, he will try to ensure Depoe Bay is included.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder