

Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 6:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Chair L. Goddard, R. Hageman, J. O'Brien, L. Robison (arrived 6:35 pm)
ABSENT: J. Grant
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: T. Thompson
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray
ODFW: Stacy Galleher

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

Approval of October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Hageman moved to approve the minutes as written. O'Brien seconded the motion.
Goddard declared the minutes are approved by unanimous consent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Otter Rock Marine Reserve Update and Socio-Economic Study Report - ODFW Stacy Galleher reported the following: ODFW is continuing the smurfing study of juvenile fish with OSU as partners, work will begin in April; intertidal monitoring by PISCO will start sometime by April or June; Otter Rock will be used as a scuba training site, which includes data gathering and field research; a new ODFW staff person, Tommy, is working on the Human Dimensions monitoring which includes an update to the coast-wide economic model with new habitat information, the updated model will be applied to both the Otter Rock and Cascade Head communities. Thompson said that large area models don't work for specific communities and fishermen are supposed to be collaborating on this. Goddard reminded everyone that the MOU speaks to a socio-economic study specific to Depoe Bay. Galleher believes Tommy intends to ground-truth with local community members. Hageman said that Depoe Bay economics are different and it is difficult to compare with other communities or apply a model. Goddard added that Depoe Bay has the largest charter boat fleet on the coast. Galleher said that ODFW tried to get a local liaison to work with ODFW in conducting interviews but was unable to do so; Tommy is thinking of using students since no local liaison is available. Thompson suggested asking Tyler Turner. Galleher said that NSAT could use its ODFW grant dollars for this purpose. It was suggested to invite Tommy to make a presentation to NSAT on the project. O'Brien said that NSAT has not seen the original socio-economic study and he'd like to see the report before meeting with Tommy since it is the basis of work to come. Galleher will email the report when it is available.

Galleher also reported on the Cascade Head Marine Reserve: the same updated economic model is being used with interviews and Lincoln City business profiles. It is hoped to determine how adaptable businesses and communities are to change. It was suggested that ODFW meet with Lincoln City government officials to inform them and discuss the process. Galleher continued: the same oceanographic monitoring is being conducted as at other marine reserves, including temperature, salinity and oxygen data; ODFW is actively trying to analyze data as it is collected hoping to speed up the process. She noted that the bid is now open for hook & line surveys. ODFW has hand delivered bid packets to Tradewinds and Dockside Charter offices, as well as making contacts on the docks. Goddard is concerned that the 8 fishing days included in the offered contract is not enough to obtain good information. Galleher said the contract is limited due to a determined need for analysis and available resources. Discussion ensued regarding seasonal, and other, variables and ongoing research over a long period of time. Galleher noted the report on baseline data collected before the closing of the Cascade Head marine reserve will be out in 2015. ODFW hopes to streamline the process to get reports out quicker in the future. Thompson stated for the record that he is formally asking ODFW to drop the monitoring analysis off his grade. Concerns were voiced, including the lack of funding to adequately staff and

provide resources for the work that needs to be done, and the lack of available information. Thompson said that baseline data analysis should be available in a very short timeframe and should be provided to fishermen to review and provide comment as part of the collaboration effort. Galleher clarified that the baseline data analysis would include fish species length, weight and approximate age from hook & line surveys.

Galleher said that there is a minor change needed to the Harvest Restriction signs, to revise the shoreline area language to hopefully avoid public misinterpretation. Once this change is made, she will bring the sign to the City Council for approval to install. Goddard said there should be a sign at the boat launch as well as at the east side of the harbor. Robison said there needs to be wording on the signs that informs people as to who is the driving force behind marine reserves. He said NSAT is being blamed for bringing marine reserves here, when in fact it is NSAT that has worked hard to keep marine reserves off our doorstep. The facts of who is the driving force behind marine reserves needs to be stated so there is a clear understanding. It was suggested to add wording such as “these marine reserves were put in place because of government mandates, executive orders, Senate and House bills by the State of Oregon”. Galleher said ODFW is working on how to communicate accurate information to the public.

Membership Recruitment Goddard said he’d entertain any new ideas on generating interest for people to serve on NSAT. Thompson said that with ODFW contracts being let, interest may be generated. It was suggested to speak with local charter boat captains.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robison suggested wording for the signs be “These marine reserves were created by an executive order of the State of Oregon”. O’Brien thanked Galleher for attending the meeting and providing her report. Dorinda Goddard, present in the audience, spoke to the difficult task volunteers, such as members of NSAT, have had working through the marine reserves process. These volunteers have to debate issues with well-paid persons, whose job it is to be part of the process. Jim Carlson, present in the audience, said the Human Dimensions Community Working Group (HD CWG), of which he was a member, was to help with issues, particularly communication, providing a voice for the community. One of the things the HD CWG was going to work on was soliciting science projects and do outreach and coordination for the projects. He hopes NSAT would be supportive of re-instituting the HD CWG. Goddard said he is supportive, but NSAT does not have the time or resources to oversee the group. Carlson offered to try to contact previous HD CWG members. Hageman asked if the revised NSAT Bylaws document needs to be adopted. It was agreed the October 17, 2013 motions, which enacted the changes, were sufficient. Hageman noted that pages are missing from his copy of the US Navy letter. Thompson encouraged getting involved, fishermen need to have a say in ocean uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Chair Loren Goddard

Pery Murray, City Recorder