

**Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee
November 18, 2009; 5:30pm**

**North Bend City/Coos Curry Housing Authorities
1700 Monroe Street, North Bend, OR 97459**

MINUTES

Attendance: Steve Bodnar, Steve Rumrill, Bill Poppe, Dave Lacey, Valerie Pena, Jamie Doyle, John Griffith, Gus Gates, Steve Bodnar, Devin Hockema, Margery Whitmer, Wayne Butler, Don Peabody, Mike Graybill, Jan Hodder, Jim Pex, Steven Shimotakahara, Cristen Don, John Schaefer, Mike Gaul, Kathy Wall, Andrea Wall

Guests: Alexander Rich, Armand Pena, Timm Slater, Mike Hosie

Open: Mike Gaul opened the meeting at 5:35pm.

Mr. Gaul asked if everyone looked at the minutes. Mr. Lacey said he did not have any problem with the way they were written, however, he said that he was not comfortable with this group being outside of HB3013. He wanted to know if this was the time to bring this up. Mr. Gaul said that it would be better being brought up during ODF&W's report.

Upon a motion from Jim Pex (second by Donald Peabody), the minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

Mr. Gaul said that at the last meeting the group said they wanted to hear from Lisa Cobb from Port Orford and Loren Goddard from Depoe Bay about the project process – people that support it and the people that don't. The folks that supported the process at Port Orford would rather not come before us until such time as we identify a Marine Reserve. The folks at Depoe Bay that didn't support the process declined because they didn't want to revisit the process. Mr. Goddard at Depoe Bay would be happy to talk to the group and will attempt to make the December meeting.

The Agenda was changed because the above people would not attend. Mr. Gaul said that Jamie Doyle, from Sea Grant, would lead a discussion and presentation on future process for this committee. Kathy Wall said that the ODFW work plan for the Marine Reserve process came out on Monday, Cristen forwarded it today but Kathy did not want to send it out and expect everyone to review it before tonight's meeting so Cristen brought copies of it tonight so you can read it and it will be on the December agenda.

Mr. Gaul said that he asked ODFW to give a HB3013 update each meeting. He then introduced Cristen Don.

Ms. Don said that ODFW has finalized the Marine Reserves work plan; it lays out all the work on the project that ODFW will be conducting this biennium. The work plan is formatted into two parts. The first part is all the work that will be done on the two pilot sites; the second part is regarding the three evaluation sites and the proposal area for Coos Bay. There are hard copies of this plan and then it will be discussed at the next meeting. If you have questions, you can call Cristen.

Mr. Gaul then asked Ms. Don to address Dave Lacey's question about why this group is outside HB3013.

The way the bill is written, it has to do with OPAC recommendations and OPAC recommendations for this area are that the Port of Coos Bay would lead the process. It is up to this leadership as to how this group was formed and who was on it. This group is not mandated to follow the membership issues. Cristen said that we are not outside of HB3013; it is only the community process. ODFW will be providing a lot of the information and they will provide it for this group also. Cristen continued answering questions about how ODFW would treat this group and the information/support they would provide.

Kathy Wall added that she continues to have conversations with ODFW staff to try to mirror what other groups are doing in the process so the projects are more equal when the evaluation is done.

Ms. Don said that the major differences between this group and the others are that what is coming out of this team is a proposal; the recommendation coming out of the other three areas would be the site designation.

Ms. Don continued and said that there were two other areas ODFW was focusing on. One is the formation of the evaluation sites teams. They are accepting nominations from the public and other organized groups for Cape Falcon, Heceta Head and Cape Perpetua. The other thing ODFW is focusing on is the rule making for the two pilot sites. These will be going to ODF&W's Commission on December 11th for them to consider adoption of the rules. There is also a State Land Board meeting on December 8th for them to consider adoption for their part of the Marine Reserves. State Parks is meeting in late January, 2010 to consider adoption of their rules.

The next agenda item was with Jamie Doyle to discuss the process for future meetings. She started by reminding everyone why they were here. You agreed to participate in the process and to eventually help make the recommendation to OPAC. She then went over what had been done so far in the process; we have heard from ODFW on their potential use of the Marine Reserve; heard from an OPAC member on what the process has been through the State; the group has agreed on the type of recommendation that will be considered; we have compiled a list of potential topics which would give the group more information.

From the list of topics, Ms. Doyle is recommending a process that would work backwards to get to the recommendation. She said that comments on Marine Reserves in the past have been that they do not solve the problems. There needs to be some justification in the process, whether to have or not to have a Marine Reserve. She said that you need to be able to show the process so people can see what has been done and they can understand it.

Ms. Doyle came up with a four step process:

1. Look at the collective issues that the group has – a list of issues, questions, concerns and priorities for this area on all ocean concerns.
2. Look at the tools needed to answer the questions.
3. Because this is a Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee, you will have to look at what the trade offs would be as you focus in on Marine Reserves.
4. This would be the discussions of structure and recommendations and ideas.

Ms. Doyle does not feel that this process under step one should just be about Marine Reserves, it should include all ocean issues. If you are going to make a recommendation for “no Marine Reserves”, you need to justify what the needs were and why the recommendation would be “no Marine Reserves”. So step one will be to collect all these genuine ocean concerns and put them into the form of a question. This will lead to Step two, the tools needed to answer the questions. The goal is to have something to show in a clear process to making the recommendation and to have every idea follow the same process. When this process is done, then it will be addressing the needs from Bandon to Reedsport and will have the justification needed for the recommendation.

Mike Graybill had a question regarding the tools. Ms Doyle said that they are what is needed to implement the answers to the questions; does it mean more research? Better stock assessment? Would it be funding? What would help in the respective jobs?

Ms. Doyle then asked everyone to take five minutes and look at the priorities of the groups that you represent and write them down. It doesn't need to be prioritized, just concerns that affect the ocean; or your jobs. Then put these concerns in the form of a question. Even though the issue may not be Marine Reserves; you need to keep these issues on the list because they may be a reason for/against your Marine Reserves recommendation in the long run.

Different members then began to bring their topics forward and if they weren't in the form of a question, Jamie led them to form the questions. Kathy Wall typed the questions into the computer as they were stated and they were projected on the wall at the same time so everyone could see them and could be sure they were stated correctly. A list of these questions will be available to everyone; however it was felt that people who are not here should be able to contribute their concerns also. The list will be brought back to the next meeting to condense and complete this exercise. Anyone who thinks of other things they want to add can email Jamie Doyle.

The next meeting will hopefully have the speaker from Depoe Bay and the group will work on the questions started tonight.

The Next Meeting is December 16, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm