

# OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY

## Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

5:30 p.m.

North Bend Library, 1800 Sherman Ave, North Bend OR 97459

### ATTENDANCE

**Staff:** Mike Gaul, Deputy Executive Director; Kathy Wall, Management Analyst; Aaron Simons, Marine Facilities Manager; Andrea Wall, Executive Assistant

**Committee Members:** Mike Lane, City of Bandon; Mike Boehme, #6 Public at Large; Don Peabody, #4 Public at Large; Reg Pullen, Port of Bandon; Steve Bodnar, Commercial Trawl Fishing; Wayne Butler, Charter Fishing; Matt LeDoux, Bay Area Chamber; Dave Lacey, Our Ocean; Don Ivy, #5 Public at Large; Devin Hockema, Commercial Crab Fishing; Mike Helfrich, Port's Charleston Advisory Committee; Alan Shanks, OIMB; Mark Schneider, Commercial Tuna Fishermen; Gus Gates, Surftrider; Rick Goche, SOORC; Valerie Pena, #2 Public at Large; Margery Whitmer, Charleston Merchants; Barry Nelson, Port of Umpqua; John Schaefer, Tribes; Bill Poppe, Charleston Community Enhancement; James Moore, Commercial Salmon Fishing; Keith Tymchuk, City of Reedsport; Steve Rumrill, Port's Technical Advisory Committee; Steven Shimotakahara, Port of Coos Bay; Jamie Doyle, Sea Grant Extension Faculty; Bart Stein, Bandon Chamber; John Griffith, #1 Public at Large.

**Guests:** Susan Chambers; Juna Hickner, ODFW; David Fox, ODFW; Jeff Feldner, Oregon Sea Grant; Kathy Verger Muscus, Verger /Roblan representative; Erin Anderson, Our Ocean; Bill Richardson, City of NB alternate, Cristen Don, ODFW staff to committee.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Mike Gaul welcomed the members and thanked everyone for agreeing to serve and he reviewed the Agenda for the evening. He introduced Kathy Wall who will share facilitation of the Committee with him; Aaron Simons, the Port's Harbormaster, who may step in for Mike from time to time if needed; Cristen Don, who will represent ODF&W and staff the OPAC process and, will help out and provide information; and Andrea Wall who will be keeping records, setting up meetings and will be a general contact person for the members. Mike asks that this committee's discussions be very transparent. This first meeting is mainly organizational and will proceed from here. We have a sheet with everyone's contact information on it, but first we have to have everyone sign either yes or no on a release form to release contact information. All present members, except Dr. Shimotakahara signed yes on the forms. Dr. Shimotakahara requested his information not be released outside of this committee. Other member information will only be released if it is a reasonable request and it will be a discretionary decision made by the Port.

2. Mike Gaul continued with some ground rules for the committee, number one being that the Seven Devils and Cape Arago proposals are off of the table and everything is starting from scratch. Please, everyone should treat everyone else with respect. There will be no public comment taken at the meetings. Later on there will be Town Hall Meetings in Reedsport, Coos Bay/ North Bend and Bandon regarding Marine Reserves which is the appropriate place for public comments. Mike also said because we are working with a lot of people in this meeting, if you want to be recognized, turn your name tent on end and Mike will call on you. That way, people won't be talking over each other. Andrea asked that everyone give their name before speaking until she gets familiar with the committee.

3. History: The Port Commission has taken no official position on the Marine Reserves. The motivation for forming this committee is so there could be transparent public discussions with the County, the cities of North Bend/Coos Bay, Bandon and Reedsport, the Chambers of each city, the fishing industry, various State groups, area business groups and the public at large.

There were 20 proposals on Marine Reserves given to OPAC. Of those proposals, two were accepted for pilot projects, Depoe Bay and at Port Orford and about four others needed more work. OPAC also made a recommendation to the Governor that any interested party in the Seven Devils or Cape Arago areas have future discussion led by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay. That is why we are here tonight. Staff went to the Port Commission and asked that the Committee be appointed by the Port Commission so all public meeting laws apply. The Port does not know what the recommendation will be, but we are tasked with a recommendation in the next biennium. The main criticism of the Cape Arago & Seven Devils proposals were a lack of public discussion.

4. Committee Introductions: Mike asked that each committee member here tonight introduce themselves; make some comments about what you expect or why you are here.

Alan Shanks asked, if the purpose of the committee was to recommend a site for Marine Reserves.

Mike said that the purpose of this meeting is to make a recommendation through the Port Commission to OPAC #1- If there is a need for Marine Reserves, and  
#2- If so, where should it be.

We are starting from scratch, there is no designated Marine Reserve and there is no proposal for one, this committee will answer the question of should there be one and if so where should it be. Mike continued and said that the Port is neutral at this point and is here to facilitate, although we do have a representative, Dr. Steven Shimotakahara. Everyone here is representing a certain segment of the community and we determined that the community for this discussion is from Bandon to Reedsport. What happens off our coast affects all of the communities between these two areas.

This is probably the only Port staff input you will get. For the recommendation for Marine Reserves off Cape Arago, the Port did a (back of the napkin??) economic impact to see what a Marine Reserves area off of Cape Arago would do. They found that 5 businesses in Charleston would close; it would eliminate 131 jobs in the Charleston area. It would impact the annual revenue by \$11,084,000. When you use a multiplier that would all add up to about an annual impact of over \$55,000,000. That is the first thing that caught our attention

Going around the table:

Don Peabody: He represents the public at large. He has been sports fishing since he was 6 years old; he ran his first commercial boat out of Pacific City before he was old enough the drive it to the beach and launch. Currently he owns six boats and runs two of them offshore out of Coos Bay. He also owns a fishing tackle company. The comments Mr. Peabody continually gets from those he represents are why do we need Marine Reserves and what problem or problems specifically are they going to solve locally? Current ocean management has better populations of near shore fish, why are Marine Reserves better than current ocean management? Current Federal regulations protect both mammals and sea birds as rookeries and birthing areas. What specific benefits can Marine Reserves provide? Are Marine Reserves able to solve the identified specific problems? Unintended

consequences – what costs are involved both to the state and local economy? Because of the deceitful and political way the process was begun in Oregon, and the amount of money swirling around this program within the state, including costs to taxpayers, research funding, grants coveted by the scientific community, and outside interests literally spending billions of dollars foisting the Marine Reserves on our state, in our community, we need to start this from not where and how large, but from a moral high ground of why and how come? The local proposals were rejected because these questions were not addressed at the proper time by our entire community; they were driven by narrow special and self interest masquerading as public policy. OPAC recognized this and asked that we do it again the correct way and the group he represents will require that.

Reg Pullen: He is a resident of Bandon and is Vice President of the Port of Bandon; he has been on the Port Commission for 12 years. He has a Masters of Interdisciplinary Studies in Anthropology and Fisheries Management from Oregon State. He is an avid sports fisherman and has purchased a new 24' boat and was looking forward to fishing the ocean. It was a shock to hear he might not have that anymore. The Port of Bandon has very serious concerns about Marine Reserves. At first he embraced the concept; however, the proposals that came out were outrageous, totally unacceptable and too large. Bandon has done a lot of work on their port and were slowly starting to see the area move forward with more charters and larger boats coming in, the bar crossing is hard though. The bar is Bandon's marine reserve. We don't want one and we don't want to see one in Coos Bay either. Mr. Pullen is not going to support Marine Reserves until you can convince him 100% that they are needed, he just doesn't believe that.

Steve Bodnar: He is the Executive Director of the Coos Bay Trawlers Association; he is also Secretary of Bandon's Under Sea Cable Council. He has been involved in the fishing industry for 13 years after having left SWOCC. He is not against Marine Reserves, but you have to show him why or convince him why they are needed. We have seen Marine Reserves and Sanctuaries devastate the fishing industry in California where it is unprofitable just to commute from shore to the fishing grounds and make any money now. Fishermen are going belly-up down there very quickly because of a lack of thought going into the process of what large areas would do to the fishing industry. It is kind of like not having enough forethought in the buy-back program when almost every vessel in Crescent City was removed because they were high producers and that's how they selected the votes. They didn't realize that they were removing every single trawler that fished out of Crescent City; almost mothballed the town's fishing industry and community. He a member SOORC and is very involved in the management process; he has been going to the Pacific Fishermen Management Council meetings for over 12 years. Understanding the process, he is part of the individual transferable quota program that is being developed in the west coast trawlers. He has watched the trawl fleet realize that "management needs to be fluid, flexible and today". We have a green reserve or a no take zone or a controlled area that runs from Canada all the way to Mexico. It is the largest controlled area fishing in the United States. We work around it every time we go fishing – it's a hassle. We have VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) on our vessels now so the Government knows exactly where we fish every single minute that we are out there. This system is going to be forced on every fishing vessel, including sports, within 10 years; it will be essential, especially if we have Marine Reserves. That way the government would know where you are and if you are making an infraction on closed ground. This committee needs to look at this wisely; you need to find a place if there is one, that won't have any economical impact; and one where there is a reason to create the Marine Reserve. We have to make sure to protect the characteristics of our community because they are going away very fast; when one sector goes away, you lose the ability to sustain your infrastructure. It is important that the trawlers remain; the salmon people remain; and the charter boats remain and the recreational fishers remain – they are all a part of our character. Mr. Bodnar hopes this situation is looked at with intelligence, with purpose and a desire to come out with what is best for the community and all people that habitat this area.

Wayne Butler: He is a charter boat operator out of Bandon; Oregon's Charter Boat representative on the Ground Fish Advisory Council; and the Sport Advisory Committee for Oregon, which helps set regulations for ground fish; and also an advisor on the Pacific States Fisheries Commission. One of the big things he does in his job at the council is they deal with stock assessments, the health of the stock, and managing stock and protecting stocks to healthy levels. He has been frustrated with a lot of misinformation; when you talk about near shore species and the health of our species, this is what Mr. Butler deals with. He is happy to be here and be apart of this process because it is part of his expertise, part of what he does and he spends a lot of time dealing with it. Being involved in stock and stock supplies is information he can bring to the table. In fisheries management you need a balance; if you take out one species then there is too much pressure on another segment. He is anxious to go through this whole process.

Matt LeDoux: He is the owner of the Fisherman's Wharf in Charleston; he also represents the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce in which he is Vice President. Fisherman's Wharf is a fresh local seafood market; they buy all of their seafood directly off the boats. One of the big concerns for the Chamber is continuing the revenue in this area, promoting business and the current lifestyle in the bay area. Matt is also a rescue diver for the North Bend fire department and the Coast Guard. He has a lot of experience diving and seeing what is growing under the water. He has dove in many parts of the world and this area has some of the best growth he has seen compared to all over the world. You will have to work hard to convince him that there is a need for Marine Reserves. Seeing the life under water is the big thing Matt has to give in this committee. He believes that Marine Reserves have their purpose, but what is our purpose for having one here? The revenue of the small business support in this area is keeping our community going. The fishing industry is a huge part of this. How does the fishing affect the hotels and groceries, the mom and pop stores and the retailers? How will they survive if the revenues are gone.

Mike Lane: Mike is a representative of the City of Bandon and a member of SOORC. He has done commercial fishing for over 30 years. His reason for wanting to be on this committee is to ensure that if we do a Marine Reserve, it is done correctly with the result that is intended. He does not want to see us jump at the promises that are made by people who have embraced the idea of the network of Marine Reserves without having the ability to prove up to us so we can hopefully get the support of more members of the community to come on board if in fact they are going to work in the presence of the fisheries management scheme that has been going on. He feels that we are seeing management that is bringing us back to sustainability. It is his concern that if we do designate areas of Marine Reserves, that we are going to displace a lot of the effort on and cause as many of the problems that we are trying to fix. Hopefully as this process goes on, we can look at what is already in place with our two other projects; try to find funding for them and allow them the time to show their value and prove their value to us before we jump too far and remove from access other areas.

Dave Lacey: He is a fisherman, surfer and Our Ocean representative. He thanked Mike Gaul for following up on this important issue. He has heard some valid concerns. The way he sees the OPAC recommendation, is that we are going to develop a reserve proposal. He thinks that can be done with minimizing the economic impact – he does not think it is unreasonable and we can do it.

Don Ivy: Mr. Ivy is a resident of Coos Bay and has lived here most of his life. He grew up in the fishing community of Charleston. He has a lot of empathy and some sympathy for people who try to make a living off of our ocean. He is also a recreational sport fisherman. He is a member of the Coquille Indian Tribe and he serves on the tribal staff as a cultural resource program coordinator. He said that he thinks that there should be as many Marine Reserves as we can possible establish and they ought to be a big as we can make them. The question for him is not about how many and how big, but how might they be managed and how might the Marine Reserves concept allow us to think about new ways of managing what are undoubtedly, inequitably and with all certainty, declining stock species across the system and declining ecological circumstances. This is not because anyone

wants to catch the last fish, but simply because of the circumstances of this planet that we live on, which is a finite resource and Marine Reserves presents the opportunity to think about managing things in a different sort of way. Mr. Ivy does not suggest that a Marine Reserve, in his mind, means that it is reserved and closed. In his mind, a Marine Reserve is a place that has limited entry, seasonal entry, targeted entry for all sorts of things including take. He does not think a Marine Reserve is a place where you cannot take. He thinks it is something new that we need to think about and he thinks it is worthwhile for himself to commit the effort to not dissuade anyone from their own points of view, but over the course of this conversation, introduce some of the other values that he brings to the table, that are part of his experience, that he will argue at another time besides these introductory comments. Marine Reserves are a valid consideration for my part of the coast and my homeland, my local economy and my community.

Devin Hockema: He is representing the crab industry locally; he is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation crab fisherman. He has been fishing crab for 25-30 years and he is here to protect his interest. If a Marine Reserve is to go in, he wants to be sure his interests are at least considered as well as other small businesses in the area.

Mike Helfrich: He is currently chairman of the Port's Charleston Advisory Committee. He is an avid sport fisherman. He retired from 30 years of banking and he supervised banks up and down the coast. He is familiar with the possible economic impacts of the reserves system. He is familiar with tourism; he served as President of three different Chambers of Commerce. He has been involved with the Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board and they just completed a \$25 million project in which he learned a lot about the agencies and how they work in situations like this. He is here to learn. The primary questions are what are the purposes of the proposed reserve and what are the benefits of having them if we do have them?

Alan Shanks: He is a professor of Marine Biology at the University of Oregon and he is representing OIMB. They use a lot of labs in their classes and most of the classes use Cape Arago as their lab. He said they were not pleased with the idea of Marine Reserves at Cape Arago which would cut off that entire coastline from their work. They have been studying the ocean for 30-35 years and obviously use the ocean very differently than some of the fishermen however, both groups are complimentary. Do we need Marine Reserves? In his opinion, yes we do. He feels that modern fisheries management is not that good. He feels that is obvious from the huge closure of the rock fish fisheries on our coast line and the massive closures on the east coast. He thinks the Dungeness crab fisheries are well managed- they have no impact on the reproductive output of the population even though they take large amounts of legal crab. The population goes up and down, but it is because of nature, not us. One of the ways to manage the reproductive output would be with a Marine Reserve and it could be a valuable addition to the management systems. He was part of the group that designed the Seven Devils proposal and they were trying to find a place along the coastline, between Cape Arago and Reedsport where you would find rocks, an appropriate habitat, and far away from fishing areas so there was a minimum impact upon the community. The reserve design was pretty small, a mile by two miles, and it looked to them to have little impact.

Mark Schneider: He has been a commercial fisherman for 20 years; he used to be a crab fisherman and he still has a salmon permit. He also currently catches albacore and custom cans and sells their product direct. His interest in this committee is in talking about off shore sea mounts; there are some in Canada and they cannot even surface-fish Tuna across the top of them.

Gus Gates: He is born and raised in the community of Florence; he is a recreational fisherman and ocean user. He serves as the Oregon policy coordinator with Surfrider Foundation. He thinks there is definitely some areas along the coastline that are worthy of special protection.

Rick Goche: He has been involved with the seafood industry for a long time – fishing salmon and tuna and is a lifelong recreational fisherman. He is a SOORC representative; SOORC covers a wide area of interests from energy, to ports, commercial fishing, charters, and albacore. He is chairman of

the Albacore Commission and has been elected to the Bandon Port Commission. He tried for years to ignore the situation, and since he has paid attention, he has studied it in depth from every angle of his experience. He agrees with Steve Bodnar, we have a Marine protected area from border to border on the west coast. What would a Marine Reserve do that isn't already being done? However, given that, and the political power that is pushing for Marine Reserves, he has advocated for the two pilot test areas mainly because those areas are for it. There have been 30 plus years of Federal Management already. Show me another place around the world where Marine Reserves have been implemented that have had 32 years of federal management, then I will listen to that as an example. Several proposals talked about comparing Marine Reserves to State Parks. Those areas are very different and you can fish in the parks. He would like to see the two test areas funded and see what they can do. He doesn't want us to be like California who was told it would cost \$250,000 originally and now they want \$2.5 million.

Valerie Pena: She represents the public at large and she is from Lakeside. She has worked with STEP and she has been a fisherman for about 15 years, on rivers, lakes and the ocean. She is frustrated with OPAC for misinformation – there needs to be more education of the public. Economically this area is failing and a Marine Reserve is a “no touch zone” and will make it worse. There will be like a glass wall around the area and the fishermen will have to go around it to get out in the ocean and to come back in. You will have to prove a Marine Reserve will work for this area; she wants to see the studies.

Margery Whitmer: She and her husband have run Betty Kay Charters in Charleston for the last 20 years. They are very aware of the ocean conditions and the health of the fish species that are out there. She is here representing the Charleston Merchants. It is important to them because they will be greatly affected by the outcome of the Marine Reserves.

Barry Nelson: He represents the Port of Umpqua and he is also an Oregon Salmon Commissioner and a SOORC member. None of us are against the idea of Marine Reserves if there is a problem. Scientific information is the bottom line of our thinking. If you are going to regulate us or do anything else, we need the science behind it. After attending every OPAC meeting, hours and hours of meetings, Mr. Nelson thinks they have the cart before the horse. Without any knowledge showing that we have a problem, they have decided to fix it by closing off the ocean – no commercial fishing, no sport fishing, nothing in certain areas. They don't even know if it is necessary. As a person that makes his living on the ocean, if there is a problem, he would be more than willing to go along with anything. He is not against regulations. There is no one in here or in the whole state that can go in the ocean and take something and not be regulated – you can't do that – every single species, everything. Look up the Magnusson Stevenson Act on the internet if you don't think we are already regulated. All species in the ocean need to be protected. On the west coast they are highly protected. In other areas of the world they need regulating and Marine Reserves. What Mr. Nelson's Port has come up with, is that anything that has to do with research he will back. Research will show we are doing a good job because we have such rules in place and we are taking such good care of our ocean. NOAA's research that came out this year said the ocean is the best looking that we have seen in 10 years. Do we need a Marine Reserve? NO. It will hurt the tourism dollars for his town which lives and dies on tourism. There is no reason to curtail it if we don't have to.

John Schafer: He is the tribal representative and is employed by the Confederated Tribes and he is a water quality specialist. The tribes have a cultural interest in the near-shore.

Bill Poppe: He is representing the Charleston Enhancement Corporation. He is a retired educator of Science in the High School. He has lived in the area for about 40 years. He has worked with various conservation groups and is active with STEP in putting salmon back into the bay. He has an interest in ocean fishing. He has been involved in some of the meetings at OPAC. Scientifically, Marine Reserves is a great idea, however there needs to be a good reason to have one if we are going to put it into an economically challenged community like Charleston. A no take zone will greatly impact the

tourism in this area. Meetings Mr. Poppe has attended on Marine Reserves talk about the biggest concern being over-fishing in the commercial area. There is already a defacto Marine Reserve from Cape Arago 100 miles south to California. There are big fat female fish already in that area that are not bothered by sport or commercial fishing. The Charleston area will suffer greatly if there were Marine Reserves. He does not want to put Marine Reserves off on another community, but his view is that probably from Bandon South, the area is already pristine.

James Moore: He is representing the Commercial Fishing Industry. He was Executive Director of the Klamath Basin Water Use; he is President for the Oregon Alliance for Sustainable Salmon fisheries. As far as Marine Reserves, you have to ask and understand three or four basic principles. Why have a Marine Reserve? How is it funded? How is it policed? What kind of studies will be done on it? They should be funded by the State of Oregon not outside groups. What sort of economic or sociological impact will there be on the community? Whenever you place a reserve in one place and take it out of production, you concentrate on other areas. Those kinds of things need to be thought about. Marine Reserves need a purpose. What does it do?

Keith Tymchuk: He is on his fourth term as Mayor of Reedsport; he has been about 15 years as Port of Umpqua Commissioner; Co-chaired the Oregon Solutions Project, Reedsport wave power. He is a member of the Territorial Sea Committee; an active sports fisherman. There are two pilot projects which are good projects and he feels it is too soon to look at other areas for Marine Reserves. There needs to be ample time to consider the pilot projects data. The sea is very regulated already. What else will Marine Reserves do? He is not an active supporter of Marine Reserves. There needs to be more studies.

Steve Rumrill: He is chairman of the Port's Technical Advisory and he brings a technical perspective to the committee. Marine protective area/Marine Reserve is like a catalyst. He looks forward to seeing how the pilot projects work.

Mike Boehme: He is a public at large representative. He is a sports fisherman and has been in the area since 1970. He agrees with Alan Shanks who says under good management, there have been significant increases in the fishing stock. He supports very strongly scientific measures to make sure we actually understand what is happening. If you bring something in, you bring it in as a 'sunset' regulation and keep going back to it and decide if it is worth keeping.

Dr. Steve Shimotakahara: He represents the Port of Coos Bay. His interests are in health and welfare of our community; he has a scientific background in research and is an avid user of the ocean, kayaks, scuba diving and surfing. He has seen the diversity of the Cape Arago area while diving.

Jamie Doyle: She is representing the Sea Grant ex officio – Oregon State University Extension – and she is here to help this process along.

Bart Stein: He is representing the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. He was picked because he is not directly impacted by Marine Reserves. He says directly, because he feels that eventually everyone is going to be impacted one way or the other. Another reason he was picked was because he did his graduate studies in Marine Biology in San Diego. He was doing a baseline study of marine invertebrates from the tidal zone to 100' in depth. He is an avid scuba diver; he has a big interest in the health of the ocean. He is here to gather information, analyze the information and to make a recommendation to the Bandon Chamber of Commerce so the board can take a stand. It is his hope that this committee will actually be listened to and its opinions and thoughts will be considered and acted upon at the State level. While he isn't working in Marine Biology, he does have a background in economics and hopes he can contribute in that area.

John Griffith: He dives, fishes and surfs; he has been on both OPACs; he was on the 1995 Cape Arago study group that was formed in reaction to OPAC one's 1994 Territorial Sea Plan which would have put Oregon's Institute of Marine Biology out of business. He wrote the first two drafts of House Bill 3534 to reorganize OPAC in 2003. He is here to help the committee avoid errors

OPAC made. He is also here with the understanding that there should be no more reserves than the five we already have. As far as materials it would be handy to have, would be a map of Cape Arago, maybe the whole coast to show the 14-17 constricted areas we already have, most regulated since the 1960's. He is not categorically opposed to Marine Reserves; he thinks he is the only member who was on OPAC who had experience of establishing a successful one. He helped Neal Richmond in 1995 set up the Gregory Point Sub-Tidal Research Reserve. Neal did it right and made sure people were OK with it. For clarification, when he says Marine Reserves, he is talking about OPACs definition; an area that is closed to extractive activities. Marine Reserves are not necessarily always 'no' fishing, but OPACs definition is complete closure. He also hopes to hear what further protection will be needed in the sense of what are we protecting from. There is no trawling in the Territorial Seas off Cape Arago; virtually no commercial dive fisheries; we are shut over 1/2 of the days of the year and we never did hear on two OPACs what it was that needed protecting. Funding is very expensive especially for what you get.

Mike Gaul then said that of the four people who could not be there, two sent emails:

Jan Hodder represents the old Seven Devils group and said, as I cannot make the first meeting of the marine reserve committee I thought I should meet with those that I am tasked with representing - the Seven Devils group - and get their thoughts and pass them along to the group as a whole. Here is a summary based on your outline of the meeting sent previously.

View of the committee: The discussion does not need to focus on the Seven Devil's proposal to OPAC and should be expanded to look at other areas. Both Marine Reserves and Marine Protected areas should be part of the discussion.

Jim Pex also sent an email. Short autobiography:

I am a native Oregonian. I hold a Master Degree from Southern Oregon University in Math/Science. I retired after 25 years with the Oregon State Police at the rank of Lieutenant and director of the Coos Bay Forensic Laboratory. My current position is Forensic Scientist Consultant with my own business. I served seven years on the North Bend School Board and was the first board chair for the Coos County Child Advocacy Center. I am currently a voting member of OPAC and represent Southern Oregon recreational fisherman. I keep a vessel in Charleston Boat Basin and am an active member of Northwest Steelheaders. Like many of my friends, I recreational fish the ocean and am out there every chance I get. Also I provide both financial and physical support of the Morgan Creek fish hatchery.

Mike continued saying there were a couple of questions on how the committee was put together. First they received Commission approval to establish the committee; then Kathy Wall and Mike sat down to decide what the area/community was that they were talking about. They decided the committee would cover the area from Bandon to Reedsport which would produce a fairly large committee if all the segments were represented for transparency. Invitations were sent to the Cities of Bandon, Reedsport, Coos Bay and North Bend, the Ports, the Chambers of Commerce. Mike and Kathy asked for representatives from the Salmon, Crab, Trawl, Tuna, Educational, Tribal and County and decided to advertise for six community at large positions. There were 18 letters of intent received; Susan Allen, Kathy Wall and Mike sat down with those responses and chose six. Port staff did not take a position on this committee; staff was here to facilitate the meetings. Once we had all the names for the committee a recommendation was made to the Port Commission to appoint the members.

Mike says he thinks the discussions are off to a good start. He expects spirited but respectful discussions. We are starting from scratch and we hope to have a recommendation to OPAC at the end of this process.

He asked for questions or comments. John Griffith asked if “no” was an option on the Marine Reserves.

Barry Nelson: When someone asked for maps before, Mr. Nelson wanted to know if we could get a map with the rock fish conservation area shown so we can see how much of this area is under conservation? Kathy Wall answered that the Department of Land Conservation and Development has authorized Andy Lanier’s time to provide a lot of maps for the OPAC process. He has shown us a few options. Mr. Lanier will be at future meetings and have a statewide data base available. He will be able to pull up various areas for this group to look at.

Mike went on and said that “no” is an option, Marine Reserves are an option, everything is an option for the recommendation from this committee.

Someone asked what form the maps would be in. Kathy Wall said we can project them, produce them, we can have them here in table format and write on them.

Mike said one of his questions, was what kind of materials would you like for your next meetings.

Don Ivy said he wanted to address the prospective that he brings to this table. While he works for the Coquille Indian Tribe, he does not represent the Coquille Indian Tribe. You do have a tribal representative here who represents the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and does not represent the Coquille Indian Tribe. To the extent that there may be something he can glean from this meeting and take back to his tribal government, he will do that. If there is some instruction that he is given as a staff person who happens to be participating in this committee, that I can bring back that represents the tribe point of view, I will do so. My remarks unless I am otherwise qualifying them are the remarks of me as a public citizen of the community of Coos Bay Oregon. His personal interest is a citizen in the community that he calls his home and the place that is also his ancestral home. He thinks it is important to recognize that in the sense that there are two tribes, the representative you have at the table is representing one.

Steve Rumrill said he had some reports that he thinks the committee should read; one is a Technical Report on Economic Data and Analysis of Marine Reserves and the other is Size and Spacing of Marine Reserves.

Matt LeDoux asked how influential the Port position on the Marine Sanctuaries is on OPAC. In other words are we wasting our time? Matt said he has been on a lot of committees that just got scuffled away in the paperwork. This is a very talented group of people and everyone’s time is worth money. We want to make sure we are not fulfilling a governmental obligation to plead a process that we have no say in. Mike Gaul said that OPAC recommended this committee and the Port Commission takes it seriously. Mike hopes the Governor and OPAC will consider our proposals, but there are no guarantees, but because we are acting on behalf of the area at the request of OPAC, that we will hold more weight.

Kathy V Muscus represents Senator Verger and Representative Roblan and they want her to come to every one of these meetings if possible. They are very interested in what this committee has to say.

We have a bi-partisan Coastal Caucus that meets in Salem every Thursday morning. It is made up of representatives of the whole coast as well as people from Klamath Falls because of the Klamath Watershed issue. She said that these groups will definitely take the committee seriously. Will what we want to happen, happen, she cannot say, but they will listen and consider.

Gus Gates said that another document would be the OPAC Policy Guidance recommendation-definitions, goals, objectives to get everyone on the same page.

Dr. Shimotakahara asked Alan Shanks if the Marine Reserve on Cape Arago would preclude OIMB from doing their research. Dr. Shanks said it would because the only research authorized in a Marine Reserve will be research related to evaluating the reserve. OIMB does other research and nothing related to evaluating the Marine Reserve.

John Griffith restated that it was important to get the definition of a Marine Reserve. It is not a marine sanctuary, it is not a marine protected area, it has its own definition and we all have to understand what that is. He also asked that as soon as SOORC's maps are done, that those maps become available to this group. There was some discussion whether or not we could have access to the SOORC maps. These maps were made by interviews and they were confidential. SOORC has not yet determined what it will release to public processes.

5. Future Meeting Dates & Process: The next meeting was called for the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Andrea will send out an email and ask you to look at your calendars.
6. Material available at future meetings. This was discussed throughout the meeting.
7. ADJOURN: The meeting was closed at 8:20pm.