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Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary
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Department of State Lands
Salem, Oregon

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<http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/OOST/Pages/OOST.aspx>

A video recording of this meeting is available on the Department of State Lands YouTube webpage: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQA7FHTWwl-gjJkQeYPJ1IA>

Please see the YouTube video for detailed conversation of the topics below.

OOST Members in attendance

Executive Director Louise Solliday, Laura Anderson, Jim Sumich, Krystyna Wolniakowski, and Tyler Jansen from Representative Gomberg's office

Interested parties in attendance

Andy Lanier, Shelby Walker, Charlotte Regula-Whitefield, Lisa Sumption, Vicki Walker, Ali Ryan Hansen, Caren Braby

Department of State Lands (DSL) Administrative Support

Chris Castelli, Anne Friend, and Ted Bright

Welcome, Introductions and Member Updates

Louise Solliday called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and introductions were made. Louise went to the Summit and she gave a brief update on the meetings she attended.

Legislative Report

DSL Director Vicki Walker introduced herself to the OOST members. Director Walker let the OOST know that the legislative concept that DSL submitted to provide funding to the OOST was denied. Director Walker supports the OOST and is an advocate for funding this group. Discussion about this followed.

Approval of the July 30, 2018, Meeting Summary

Jim Sumich moved, and Krystyna Wolniakowski seconded the motion to approve the meeting summary from the July 30, 2018, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Foundation Relationship

OPRD Director Lisa Sumption, presented a PowerPoint to the OOST about how the Parks Foundation was created. Director Sumption explained the need for a clean separation between

the foundation and the state agency along with the struggles and successes the agency and foundation underwent during the creation of the foundation. Director Lisa Sumption does sit on the board of the foundation but is an ex-officio and non-voting member. Lisa explained some of the various projects that the foundation has worked on. The nonprofit can accomplish things that a state agency cannot do, like transporting kids (Ticket2Ride program).

The foundation meets four times a year, they have an annual plan and must be very careful to adhere to the plan because there are so many wonderful projects out there that the foundation would like to participate in. Communication is a key component of the success of the foundation and helps keep the roles clear.

Discussion about the legislation that gave the foundation the ability to do the work and the hurdles the OOST is up against for funding followed. Lisa explained that the biggest challenge is sustainable funding. The administrative cost is currently at twenty-five percent and the goal is a ten percent administrative cost. Lisa offered to help the OOST moving forward.

Discussion of Legislative changes Needed to Enter into an OCF Relationship

Louise summarized the OPRD statute and how it works with the foundations. The OOST needs authority to enter into the agreement and have similar provisions that are in the statute.

Discussion about the different possibilities followed. Chris Castelli will talk with the DSL Director about the legislative session that is approaching and what can be done to help the OOST. Louise will reach out to legislators to move forward for a next session fix.

Public Comment

None given

Ocean Acidification Hypoxia Council Coordination Report

Caren Braby presented a PowerPoint presentation and handouts of all the work that the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH) council. Caren is the co-chair of the council. The council is made up of 13 members. Caren explained that the report has five themes. These are action areas for the OAH moving forward. Each theme has recommendations and action items. Jim Sumich is one of the council members and mentioned that Caren is doing a good job and the OOST may need to adjust their priorities now that the OAH Report is finished. Caren explained the OAH outreach and that the council was given a permanent position with the funding as part of the legislation that created the OAH council.

Discussion of OOST Vacancy

Discussion followed about funding for the Ocean Science Trust. Senator Roblan has a placeholder bill to ask for funding for the OOST. The legislative process was discussed. Louise outlined the legislative process for budget and approval.

Louise indicated that Emily Goodwin Martin has resigned, and the OOST is now looking for a person to fill that role. Discussion about what that position will look like followed. There is a list in statute of requirements for filling the position. It was decided that Chris Castelli and Anne Friend will meet with the DSL Human Resources and create a position announcement and then send it out to the different interested parties.

Jim Sumich is up for reappointment at the December Land Board Meeting. He indicated that he is interested in continuing his position.

Review of Draft Pilot Project Descriptions

Louise gave an update on the money for pilot projects. She will add in targets for recreational projects. The one pager for outreach was discussed. The one-page outreach material from the March meeting will be used as templates. Ali Ryan Hansen, DSL Communications Manager, will look at the website and create a handout consistent with the other DSL outreach handouts.

Next Steps/Follow Up:

Louise will be available for the legislative session to testify, etc. Laura expressed concern about developing the projects list more to fit better with the goals of the OOST. The OOST discussed how to reach out and prioritize projects and get projects submitted. Someone suggested using the OPAC distribution list to reach out to people. Discussion followed about projects, funding, and solicitations. One idea was to put the solicitations out on a website for the projects and then have the OOST look through what is received once/if funding comes through. Discussion followed on how to move forward without funding.

The current list of projects will be put on hold until further evaluation is done. The OOST agreed to hold off on moving forward until the legislative session is underway and more information will hopefully be available about the funding future of the OOST.

Next meeting date, location and possible topics:

The next meeting will be during the legislative session. Anne will send out a doodle poll for the April-May timeframe.

Adjourn:

Louise Solliday adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.