

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Conference Call Summary
April 6, 2022 12:00 PM to 3:00PM
Zoom Video Conference
Department of State Lands
Salem, Oregon

Meeting documents are posted on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) webpage:

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

Recorded meeting can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTgyeLUwFQw&list=PLZ-e_V4Lk-NWkRiVj7R7eaIQEoxXfVYBB&index=2&ab_channel=OregonDepartmentofStateLands

OOST Members on conference call (Voting and non-voting)

Chair Laura Anderson, Rep Gomberg, Sen Anderson, Christine Moffitt, Krystyna Wolniakowski, Steve Marx

Presenters and interested parties on the call

Dr. George Waldbusser, OSU; Dr. Steve Rumrill, ODFW; Dr. Francis Chan, OSU; Dr. Bob Cowen, OSU; Cinamon Moffett, OSU; Nadia Gardner, Oregon Ocean Conservation Fund; Joanna Lyle, Nature Conservancy; Dave Fox, ODFW; Jennifer Lam, Director Eastern Research Group; Jena Carter, Nature Conservancy; Joe Liebeziet, Portland Audubon & OPAC; Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation; Bob Bailey; Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies

Department of State Lands (DSL) Administrative Support

Jean Straight, Reyna Aguiar, Andy Lanier

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order and introductions were made from all parties on the call.

Approval of February 15, 2022 meeting summary

Christine Moffitt moved, and Krystyna Wolniakowski seconded the motion to approve the meeting summary from February 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative update

Representative Gomberg brought up concern of vacancy on the Board due to small size of BOD. Chair Anderson reported that a new Director of Oregon Sea Grant will be starting June 1, 2022 and will be invited to apply to be a Board member. *(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 7:18 minute mark.)*

Chair Anderson reported that the legislature has allocated \$1 million for Nearshore Research to the OOST through HB5202. *(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 10:00 minute mark.)*

Chair Anderson reported Congresswoman Bonamici has a request out for Community Development Awards for fiscal year 2023 appropriations process. OOST can request \$1 million to \$2.5 million and needs to provide a 10-day notification to Legislature when applying for Federal grants.

Chair Anderson asked the board for a series of motions to support the development of the Nearshore RFPs and the Federal request.

Motion 1 – Move to approve to hire a contractor to manage the nearshore RFP project.

Krystyna Wolniakowski moved, and Christine Moffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 2 – Move to inform Legislature of intent to request \$1million or more through Congresswomen Bonamici’s office.

Krystyna Wolniakowski moved, and Steve Marx seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 3 – Move to authorize the Chair to proceed with funding request from Congresswomen Bonamici’s office giving the Chair authority to determine amount of funds requested.

Krystyna Wolniakowski moved, and Steve Marx seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 4 – Move to authorize the Chair to form subcommittee for purpose of project identification relative to the Nearshore Research Funds.

Steve Marx moved, and Christine Moffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 14:19 minute mark.)

Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies, provided general OAH Project updates & overview

Highlights are as follows: *(Please see You Tube video for detailed conversation at 49:00 minute mark)*

Dr. Francis Chan, OSU gave a project update on Subtidal and Intertidal OAH Monitoring at Oregon’s Marine Reserves (Projects 1 and 2)

(Please see You Tube video for detailed conversation and presentation at time mark 1:00:25)

Dr. Robert Cowen, OSU Hatfield Marine Research Science Center & Cinamon Moffett gave an update on Establishing a Long-Term OAH Monitoring Station in Yaquina Bay, including Data Collection and Dissemination System

Highlights are as follows: *(Please see the You Tube video for detailed presentation and conversation at time mark 1:22:49)*

Dr. George Waldbusser, OSU gave an update on his project to Map the Dynamics of OAH in the Yaquina Bay Estuary and the Related Biological Responses in Native Olympia Oysters

Highlights are as follows: *(Please see You Tube video for detailed conversation at time mark 1:51:18)*

Public Comment

(Please see You Tube video for detailed conversation beginning at the 2:31:10 time mark)

Charlie Plybon – Oregon Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation – great to hear of the progress from Legislative funds to implementing the projects. I encourage you to use part of funds as targeted outreach with Legislature. Bring in other partners; have a celebratory event about our oceans to reinforce investments they are making

in the oceans. It would be powerful for the Legislature to hear from real people with real stories. Regarding the Marine Reserve assessment, it would be impactful for the Legislature to hear from their ocean constituents about those investments. Intersections between Rocky Habitat (presentation given November 2021) and territorial sea plan was just approved. Six sites are under consideration. This can be a great social intersection.

Steve Rumrill – question for George Waldbusser:

ODFW worked with OSU students to place 3 million spat at Coquille Point study site. With data sets you have now, is this a good site to continue to place sets? George – have not done regular testing due to difficulty of obtaining an accurate sampling. Certainly, a good opportunity to do some additional sampling.

Other business

Chair Anderson reported that the OOST website is getting updated.

Plan for in-person meeting in July. Probably at DSL building in Salem with a virtual option as well.

May call Board members for interim meeting to approve projects to keep things moving; not have to wait until July.

(Please see You Tube video for details beginning at time mark 2:28:09)

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 3 PM