

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Oregon Department of State Lands, Land Board Room and Zoom

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

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

OOST Members present

Chair Laura Anderson, Dr. Christine Moffitt (via Zoom), Krystyna Wolniakowski, Steve Marx (via Zoom), Dr. Karina Nielsen, Representative Gomberg, Senator Anderson

Interested parties and Presenters

Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies; Jena Carter, Nature Conservancy; Nadia Gardner, Oregon Ocean Science Fund/Oregon Community Foundation; Megan Davis, Oregon Sea Grant Legislative Fellow on behalf of Rep. Gomberg; Adrian Laufer, Sea & Shore Solutions; Deanna Caracciolo, Sea & Shore Solutions; Derek Kraft, ICF; Michael Tomlinson; Dr. Francis Chan, OSU; Brian Katz, Cascadia Visualization/ San Diego State University Research Foundation

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

Approval of July meeting minutes

Dr. Karina Nielsen moved and Krystyna Wolniakowski second the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

OAH Grant Project Presentations

(Please see the Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 8:10 minute mark.)

Lisa introduced each grant presenter.

- Dr. Francis Chan, OSU, presented on the Intertidal and subtidal ocean acidification and hypoxia monitoring at Ocean Marine Reserves. Followed by Q&A with Board Members.
- Brian Katz, M.S., SDSU Research Foundation, presented on their Science-based best management practices for co-management of Oregon submerged aquatic vegetation and shellfish. Followed by Q&A with Board Members.

- Adrian Laufer and Deanna Caracciolo, Sea & Shore Solutions, presented on their Oregon nearshore data management, portals, and hubs assessment. Followed by Q&A with Board members.

Legislative Update

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:14:59 minute mark.)

Senator Anderson –

- The 2023 long session was interesting. Had a request early in the session for additional OOST funding. Seems that it “got lost” likely due to that at that time it was anticipated that the State would be short on funds. Hopefully when we put in for funding in the future, we will be successful as we have good examples of why OOST exists as shown by the project presenters today.

Representative Gomberg –

- Agree the Senator. We started the session with lots of time and no money and we finished the session with no time and more money than we thought would be available.
- As Dr. Chan stated, we need to know more about OAH and the California current. We do not know as much as we should before making long lasting decisions. An example of this is the wind energy farms proposed off the Oregon southern coast. Frustrated that the BOEM public comment sessions were only held in southern Oregon. We held an informal public comment session and put those on record for BOEM review. This will have a big impact on our environment and communities.
- We will continue to pursue Legislative funding for ocean science research.

Followed by comments, questions, and discussion with Board Members.

OOST RFP Updates

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:26:57 minute mark.)

Lisa –

- Data Inventory RFP – We will have a draft report of the RFP at the Science Summit. It will serve as a rich foundation to kick-off the Summit.
- Communications Consultant Contractor RFP – Has been selected. Hoping to have the contract signed by 10/15/2023. Begin onboarding ASAP.
- Development and Fundraiser Contractor RFP – Received only one response compared to the five received for the Communications RFP. We are

retooling to see how we can make it more robust. Have reached out to other entities and with their feedback we hope to get additional applications.

Preparation for November 30 – December 1, 2023 Summit in Newport

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:36:23 minute mark.)

Lisa – Invitations went out this week. We have a great group of sponsors. The goal of the Summit is to have a group of high priority research and monitoring projects for Oregon and its nearshore. This will be an action packed two days. We have six students registered.

OOST Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Framework

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:42:26 minute mark.)

Christine –

- Enhancing our effectiveness and help steer our priorities and focus on outreach, research, and planning.
- DEIB is very important for all OOST meetings and programs.
- Increasing equity in our granting process.
- We are delighted with the interactions that are occurring with the fisheries communities for research and monitoring.
- Improve ways to target interactions with underrepresented community members. Examples include Hispanic and Tribal communities.

Followed by comments and discussion with Board members.

Public Comment

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:00:50 minute mark.)

None

Member Updates and Other Business

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:01:23 minute mark.)

Laura – Open recruitment for Board Membership; closes 10/10/2023.

Followed by Board member comments and discussion.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM.