

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary - **DRAFT**

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

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

<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/waterways/pages/oost.aspx>

OOST Members present

Chair Laura Anderson, Dr. Karina Nielsen, Representative Gomberg, Cristen Don, Ted DeWitt, Dr. Keith Wolf

Interested parties and Presenters

Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies; Jena Carter, Nature Conservancy; Nadia Gardner, Oregon Ocean Science Fund/Oregon Community Foundation; Dr. Steve Rumrill, ODFW; Dr. Bruce Menge, OSU; Cory Archer, True Wind Collaborative; Kayla Anderson, Riparian Media; Peggy Joyce, OPAC; Michelle Lisper, Policy & Budget Analyst, State of Oregon; Fran Recht; Dick Vander Schaaf; Chris Castelli, DSL

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Each Board Member provided an overview of their background experience related to ocean science.

Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes

Dr. Karina Nielsen moved, and Laura Anderson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 4, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

OOST Ocean and Coastal Grant Project Presentations

(Please see the Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 22:42 minute mark.)

Laura introduced each grant presenter.

- Dr. Steve Rumrill, ODFW Shellfish Program, Marine Reserves – Kelp communities in transition: a spatial mosaic among changing populations of bull kelp, sea urchins, abalone, and sea stars within rocky reef habitats along the southern Oregon coast.
- Dr. Bruce Menge, OSU – Do tipping points loom? Extending 20+ years of long-term monitoring to assess impacts of climate change on rocky shore macrophyte assemblages.

- Due to time constraints, Chair Anderson asked that questions for the presenters be written in the Chat. Dr. Rumrill and Dr. Menge each answered the question presented respectively.

OOST Ocean and Coastal Summit Report, and next steps

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:16:12 minute mark.)

Lisa provided some of the Science Summit history, findings, and recommendations of next steps for the Board to consider.

Q & A discussion with the Board and public. Proposal to schedule an in-person Board meeting in March 2024 to facilitate more efficient and effective discussion and decision-making.

OOST Communications Plan – Cory Archer (True Wind Collaborative)

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:46:51 minute mark.)

Cory provided background on each of the three members of the Communications Team. She walked the Board through the draft Communications Plan. The objectives are to Demonstrate Value, Build Understanding, and Drive Donations. Cory showed details for reaching target audiences. She showed examples of what other organizations have on their websites, social media accounts, etc. The Comms Team will develop a quarterly summary and engagement report to evaluate the success of the communications campaign.

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 2:36:25 minute mark.)

None

Member Updates and Other Business

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:37:44 minute mark.)

Laura:

- Budget summary – walked through spreadsheet information on assets, expenses, and revenue. She explained that most of the OOST funds are held in the Oregon State Treasury, and some are held in the Oregon Community Foundation.
- The recruitment of a Development Director is still open.

- We are continuing to have active conversations with the California Ocean Science Trust to facilitate collaboration on things such as Federal grants.
- The OOST has a seat on the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Council, Dr. Christine Moffitt previously held that position, Dr. Keith Wolf has accepted the appointment.

Ted inquired about training information for board members i.e. communication with other board members.

- Laura provided examples of appropriate and inappropriate communication with other board members as the OOST Board members are held to Public Meeting Laws.
- Chris mentioned that DSL may have some information to provide to the Board members.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:56 PM.