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Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary
June 1, 2017
Department of State Lands
Salem, Oregon

Members in attendance: Executive Director Louise Solliday, Laura Anderson, Emily Goodwin Martin, Jim Sumich

Interested parties in attendance: Andy Lanier, Jeff Burrignt, Shelby Walker, John Serra, Jena Carter, Daniel Sud, Caren Braby, Jocelyn Enevoldsen

Governor's Natural Resource Office: Cat Dayger

Department of State Lands Administrative Support: Chris Castelli, Sabrina Forward, Richard Fitzgerald

Dec 1. Meeting Summary. The Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) unanimously approved the December 1, 2016 meeting summary with the correction that “marina” be replaced with “marine.”

Adoption of Draft Rules governing the OOST competitive grant program (OAR 141-141). Louise reported that no public comment was submitted at the public hearing or during the comment period. Louise stated that the draft rules need to be revised in section 160 to delete “will.” OOST unanimously approved adoption of the rules. Sabrina confirmed that the rules will be filed on June 15 and go into effect on July 1. Chris confirmed that all required notifications have been made and that the rules would go to the Secretary of State and then to the legislative counsel and that DSL would comply with any new statutory provisions applicable to rulemaking.

Legislative status report. Louise reported that SB 281 (Roblan, McKeown), which provides \$1,000,000 to the OOST, is currently with the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. It is likely that any funding that may be provided will be done through a line-item in the end-of-session bill. Chris Castelli said he would inform the OOST of any relevant end-of-session bills.

Louise reported that SB 1039 (Roblan, Kruse), which sets up an ocean acidification and hypoxia task force that would include the OOST, is currently with the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill includes funding for ODFW that will require an appropriation.

Chris reported that HB 3193 (Smith, Gomberg), which repeals DSL leasing requirements for kelp harvesting, has been withdrawn. DSL is talking with the proponents. DSL believes any permitting program would have to meet Planning Goal 19. Current DSL rules prohibit permitting of kelp harvest.

Public comment. There was no public comment.

Ocean Science Fund spending process. Louise reported that OOST has \$4,990 in the Ocean Science Fund (OSF) and that the treasurer is charging OOST a flat \$10 / month service charge. Chris confirmed that the OSF has been established and that the \$5,000 provided by Lincoln County has been deposited. Chris advised the OOST on how to request OSF payments from DSL, stating that the OOST would make a decision to spend monies and direct DSL to make payment. DSL would provide an initial payment from

the Common School Fund (CSF), and then make a balance transfer from the OSF back into the CSF. Chris will check to see if there are possible service charges.

Update on project spreadsheet. Jim Sumich reported that the project list spreadsheet is alive and growing. The list includes ongoing and completed projects, but requires updating to reflect current project status. In April, Jim and Louise met with a working group at PSU that may further develop the spreadsheet data. Elise Granek of PSU and a graduate student (Amy Earhart) are developing the data and a website to provide a single portal that will help determine data gaps as well as provide synthesis, analysis, and access to raw data. The website will be modeled on the Oregon Explorer site. The site will be developed this summer. The goal is to have a prototype by the State of the Coast Conference in October with a 1-day workshop to be held at the conference. The project is funded through November.

Member's updates. Louise reported that she gave a brief presentation at the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA) May meeting. Senator Roblan, Senator Johnson and Representative Brock-Smith attended. OCZMA is staffed by the Association of Oregon Counties.

Louise will attend Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (NANOOS) at the Oregon Coast Community College in Newport on July 13. Other members indicated that they may attend. Chris Castelli advised of ex parte limits. Louise clarified that the event will not be an OOST meeting.

Louise will report to the State Land Board in October on the work of the OOST and the need for new appointments. DSL will determine members' interest in re-appointment.

Oregon Sea Grant (OSG). Shelby Walker reported that OSG issued RFPs in December, running two competitions: SEED and OSG's typical biennial grants. SEED grants fund new projects for an initial 9 months. OSG funded four SEED projects. OSG just received the first full proposals for biennial grants. This year, RFPs were more focused. OSG should discuss funding strategy with OOST to avoid duplication of efforts. OSG-funded program development projects are small exploratory projects which could develop into candidates for OOST funding. OSG will run its LEAF competition next year.

Public Comment. Jena Carter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) said that TNC is interested in an exchange between OOST and the California OST, and that TNC has funding for OOST to participate. Louise expressed interest on behalf of the OOST. Chris confirmed that there are out-of-state travel restrictions applicable to state employees and suggested that members seek reimbursement directly from TNC. Jena suggested that an exchange could be held in Sacramento in July. Chris suggested that it may be necessary to notice the event as an OOST meeting and asked to be kept in the loop. Jena will send a doodle poll for an exchange event. Chris said that he would report back to OOST on travel funding issues.

OAH Monitoring Group (Caren Braby, ODFW). Caren presented on the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Monitoring Group. The OAH monitoring group a new informal group that has been meeting since February 2016 to discuss natural resources in the nearshore environment, understanding changing conditions, and improving the ocean acidification monitoring network. ODFW represents the state on the monitoring group. The group has identified desired monitoring sites. The monitoring group is part of the Pacific Coast Collaborative, a regional group engaged in NOAA's Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification. The PCC seeks to develop a regional inventory, beginning with Oregon, and perform a gap analysis. The OAH monitoring group is seeking a pilot project and to develop an action plan. The group

is looking for potential grantors, including OOST. The next meeting is June 21 at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

Andy presented on the Bren School Project. The West Coast Ocean Data Portal submitted an application to the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California at Santa Barbara for a student marine management project. The students will review the OAH / PCC monitoring network and generate summary reports. Challenges include identifying available information, data resolution, developing models.

Shelby commented that OSU Marine Studies Initiative is currently planning a Center of Excellence workshop based on a “Food From the Sea” concept.

Next meeting.

Louise suggested meeting in Nov or early December and suggested that a date be determined through a Doodle poll. She identified potential agenda items including: the Marine Reserve Review process, a NANOOS update, funding strategy, PSU web portal update.

Adjourn. Louise adjourned the meeting.

Referenced Documents:

- Draft OOST competitive grant program rules (OAR 141-141)
- OAH Monitoring Group powerpoint