

MidCoast Watersheds Council Annual Meeting
Feb. 5, 2009

37 persons were in attendance

Recorders' Report: 3 actions were taken at last month's meeting:

1. Three persons were nominated to stand for election as public at large members. (2 positions available): Stacy Polkowske, Jennifer Beathe, and Anne Sigleo. Four persons were also nominated for election to officer positions: Sam Adams, president; Rennie Ferris, vice-chair; Jan Christensen, treasurer; and Fran Recht, recorder.
2. The letter from MCWC to the delegation and governor's office advocating that watershed restoration work be considered as green infrastructure worthy of funding for jobs and the environment.
3. The Administrative Committee was authorized to finalize the Council support grant and get it submitted to OWEB

Treasurers Report: Annual Expenses to date of \$240,114, Annual income to date of \$245,884, bank balance of \$27,515.

Education Program: Jessica Hamilton: The West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health.

The agreement is between Governors Kulongoski of Oregon, Schwarznegger of California, and Gregoire of Washington, and was signed in September 2006. The agreement recognizes that the California Current ties the offshore waters of the three states together and recognizes the value of integrated management of the whole California Current Ecosystem. It identified 7 priority areas, 4 actions, and called for an Action Plan. The seven priorities are 1) ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches, 2) protecting and restoring healthy ocean and coastal habitats, 3) promoting effective implementation of ecosystem-based management, 4) reducing adverse impacts of offshore development, 5) Increasing ocean awareness and literacy, 6) expanding ocean and coastal scientific information, research, and monitoring, and 7) fostering sustainable economic development.

The agreement is administered by an executive committee, with 3 governors' representatives, and reps from NOAA, EPA, and MMS (Minerals Management Service), and has a staff of 7. An Action plan was drafted, reviewed, and finalized, as of July 2008. It includes 26 Actions, among them, Mitigate and adapt to Climate Change, clean air and water, protect habitats, ecosystem-based managements, research, awareness and literacy, and economic sustainability. The states have developed 13 Action Coordination Teams. The first 3 are for Ballast Water, Oil Spills, and Community-based Ecosystem-based Management. The others are for Climate Change, Polluted Runoff, Marine Debris, Spartina eradication, Integrated ecosystem assessment, renewable ocean energy, education, sustainable communities, regional research, and seafloor mapping.

Actions to date include a joint letter to the President (Bush?) supporting IMO clean global shipping emissions standards; workshops on seafloor mapping, alternative energy, and harmful algae blooms; draft report on regional research needs; progress toward an Integrated Ecosystem Assessment for the California Current, and progress in lifting restrictions from seafloor bathymetric data in the Pacific Northwest (previously classified for national security reasons).

Election of Officers: The following officers were elected:

Chair: Sam Adams ;Vice-Chair: Rennie Ferris; Treasurer: Jan Christensen

Recorder: Fran Recht

Election of At Large Members:

Stacy Polkowske and Jennifer Beathe were elected to the At-Large member positions, with Anne Sigleo elected as alternate.

Siletz Basin Planning Team Report:

Salmon-Drift Watershed Council Report: Written Report distributed.

ADMIN Report: Written Report Distributed

Education Committee Report: Written Report Distributed

Coordinator's Report: Written Report Distributed.