

MCWC Council Meeting June 4th 2009

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm at Central Lincoln PUD

Introductions (14 present)

Recorder's Report: no official actions were taken at May meeting

Treasurer's Report: handout \$35362 Total Income

Education Program: On Common Ground III This near-shore environment presents a marine conservation opportunity for lasting protection through creation of marine reserves. The video explores some of the most frequently asked questions. Marine preserves help create buffer zones for environmental change. Only 8 species have been assessed by ODFW management systems. Marine protected areas can be partnered with preserves to extend these buffer zones and establish larger safe havens for more species. (replicated, conductivity, multiple ecological sites) Ocean Policy Advisory Comm (OPAC) recognized the need for ecologically significant regions along the west coast. Port Orford-Redfish Rock and Otter Rock were high on the list. Other area included in planning: Cascade Head, Cape Falcon, Mack Reef, Cape Foulweather, Cape Arago, Cape Perpetual For more information www.oceansonline.org

Discussion: Mussel beds are impacted by changes in pH. Sea stars grow more in higher acid, mussels struggle. 0.3 drop in Washington pH. Increased CO₂ is increases the acidity. Locally this impacts the mollusks that salmon eat. EPA has responsibility to regulate CO outputs in ocean. 51-0 passed the House to wrap OPAC, move forward and evaluate more, wrapped into a Bill. Plan to use New Carissa (wreck) dollars to fund. New head of NOAA has been a proponent of preserves.

Charlie mentioned that there might be a role for the Council in local decision-making and meetings.

Wave energy workshop at HMSC, EPA, Senator Merck fishermen represented-panel discussion to pitch getting federal dollars for wave energy research. OWET. Reedsport installation is set for 200 buoys.

Ocean energy concept-lower into the water, to capture the current energy-handout passed around.

Bay and estuary conductivity will need to be addressed at some point as they are not separate systems. We've dealt with water from the Headwaters to communities to Bay and estuaries.

Break with treats provided by Jan

8:00 Technical Team Report: We had three items of discussion. 1) Valsetz Reservoir is be considered as a water storage area for Polk and Lincoln County. In the past, the dam was taken out and the river allowed return to its "original" path, some toxic clean-up was done. They want to build a large dam than was there in the past. They are proceeding with the study. Draft statement was created for the press and/or public questions-this is a series of concerns and questions. Motion was made by Mark that we move forward as written, put on MCWC letterhead, these 9 concerns/talking points. Sam seconded the motion, motion passed 2) Implementation of one of the self evaluation-results of restoration and monitoring work we do. Wayne will put together an updated presentation of monitoring, large wood and restoration. Yachats inventory just beginning and a presentation will be given by them at a future date. OWEB presentation about the changes, also. 3) Does it make sense for us to hold a community meeting about one or more estuary issues? Newport terminal project is an example. (Since the Port of Newport election, the format of the meeting has become more business like

with more information, more public friendly, new website. Deep water habitat increases salmon productivity. Port meetings are going to be at the Yacht Club. More public comment opportunities.)

Basin Planning Team Reports: NRC groups from LC will be completing the trash survey along the Siletz that was requested. We'd like to give a presentation to the SWC about the findings in August. Yaquina has two field trips June 27th kayak trip
July 26th Highway 20 Project tour-sign up with Debra (15 people)

Salmon Drift: none

Administrative Committee Report: The Valsetz concern we discussed. Financial report reviewed and approved. Council support is vague for next year. \$500,000 or more in federal money they need a single audit-we need to track these funds-but these audits cost about \$10,000. The budget is looking better-got council reward on Tuesday \$103,000- \$10,000 to Salmon Drift. J Spangler thinks we'll get Lint Slough complete this summer so funds will be expended this fiscal year. Education funding got none from OWEB. There are some pots of money that can help with Education funding, talked of fundraiser-local voire admission meal as money-maker. Late Sept-sell tickets, get donations, local and western Oregon foods, local fish, produce, local advertisement, etc. Collaborate with local food groups, extension, local producers. LCSWD want to participate too. Charlie will volunteer to help. Need to have another meeting with Alsea to talk about the MOU, etc. Five Rivers limiting factors analysis above Buck Creek is complete. The next step is to do the outreach and work with property owners and put together a restoration project.

Executive session on June 18th.

Working on coordinator job description.

GP pipeline monitoring was mentioned. Wayne got a request for the Council to take a stand about the Newport City Council agenda item about the GP pipeline agreement. Admin choose not to get involved at this time. We might get involved at DEQ hearings when they come up.

Education Report: Handout: We're interviewing the crew leaders for the NRC this week with notification due by mid week next week. They need to attend an OYCC training in mid June in Bend. I you know any teenagers looking for summer work the applications are available at all the area high schools and CSC. Some new folks have been contacting us with crew work such as butterfly habitat south of Yachats-Nature Conservancy. There is a good possibility for additional funding for our crews so please submit your requests for work and any matching funds you might have to help out accomplish your tasks. The request form is available on the website or you can send the request to me: mcwceduc@midcoastpartners.org

Charlie's group wants to attack the gorse in South County.

Coordinator's Report: OWEB meeting made it evident that they are serious about climate change and it will influence the project decisions. They have spent money on impact studies about climate change temperature increases. Rogue and upper Willamette-rain instead of snow will have larger impact, more days of extreme temperatures. Heat stress caused deaths-France's agriculture was impacted due to scorch and dryness. These are the types of things that we'll need to include in planning-crops that can survive heat waves, less water; forestry will need to change seed sources to anticipate changing climates. Study will include Klamath and Umatilla Basin. Sea rise will need to be taken into account in our coastal planning. Natural Flooded Valleys-plan for future changes. Written report available: Strategic planning is in process for non-capital funds. At some point there will be a decision about tech, ed and monitoring applications.

Network of watersheds council 27-29 October, Running Y Ranch. Neat meeting. Klamath basin issues. Next month the 1st Th is the 2nd, so we'll go ahead of have the meeting.

Announcements: Kids Free Fishing Day June 8th Big Creek 9-2, SEAFEST on June 27th
Request from Charlie: Nye Creek project input from Tech Team. \$10,000 fine for spill a couple of years ago. Bioswale idea has been presented. Nye Creek bacteria problems. DEQ on track.

Oregon Arts Center 8:30-registration, Climate Change Symposium

Michael Becker got some money for disease research on Klamath smolts. Worms are part of the life cycle for the parasite and their numbers are increasing which impacts the fish negatively.

9:05 PM adjourn