

MidCoast Watersheds Council Meeting 6 Aug 09

1. **Meeting**, introductions made, 21 present
2. **Recorder's Report**, one official action, passed motion regarding marine reserve process on the coast—MCWC would be willing to be convener of stakeholder meetings, help groups move constructively forward.
3. **Treasurer's Report**, we have \$70,000 in the budget currently.
4. **Educational Program**: Jessica Dotson, Ben Robbins natural resource crew members gave reports on the Yaquina and Siletz kayak trash surveys. Railroad ties were found along the Yaquina and a section of track with ties attached.
5. **Refreshment**
6. **Technical Team Report**:
 - Discussed and approved a proposal to do continued monitoring of the Five Rivers and Green River systems to see the results of large wood placement work, which has seemed to be significant in terms of increased survival rates. Want to do one more year to see how the systems perform under one of the largest Coho returns that we've had in decades, so may be more eggs and we'll be able to see how Green River does with lots of eggs, fall submission to OWEB, spawning surveys this fall, if not large numbers of fish then we'll pull the application, if large numbers of fish this fall then survey.
 - Bummer Creek Project field trip is scheduled for Sept 10th. Design alcoves will be discussed. Post project research aspect will be included.
 - Discussed MCWC role in marine reserves. Maybe have a role as convener.
 - Late June NW Salmon stronghold program. Designating a series of streams as strongholds, Siletz has been named, along with some other Oregon rivers. They want to know what can be done to improve the Siletz, the water storage at Valsetz was mentioned.
 - Climate Change workshop (CAPIS) held August 12th 13th in Portland, coastal Oregon climate change info. Sea level rise, earthquakes, etc. This should be kept in mind for planning. Probably time to find latest information about would happen here.
 - There is a small project for use of spill mitigation money. Plan to use the money to pay for culvert replacement over by Toledo that would add habitat.
7. **Basin Planning Team Reports**-Siletz no meeting in July. Applied for CTSI grant to survey Mill Park, denied. NRC crews surveyed Siletz, catalog all man-made debris so we can remove it. 5 PM Potluck at Library.
Yaquina: 22nd of August field trip Hwy 20 relocation. 10 am construction offices by Eddyville
8. **Salmon-Drift Watershed Council report** handout
9. **Alsea Watershed Council Report** Cindy gave the report. Fish rearing ponds presentation. Lobster Valley project. No general meeting in August. Alsea River schools working with them

10. **Admin Committee Report** We reviewed and approved the financial agreement. Changed Alsea MOU and review soon the Salmon Drift MOU. B-WET application was discussed. Want good stories about how OWEB money is spent. Lead shot impacts were discussed. Maybe a anti-lead campaign.
11. **Education Committee Report**
Ocean Literacy Summit handout. Sept 13th 9:30 am to 5:30 pm at Oregon Coast Aquarium. Virginia has brochure which can be emailed if anyone interested.
12. **Coordinator's Report** measure 66 discussion, 7.5% of lottery money for salmon and watersheds for 15 years, 2014 ends and needs to be put on ballot for renewal. Are there any things that needed to be changed? Are people still committed? 57% -65% people polled said yes. Two increased taxes-corporate and income taxes. Legislature broke into some funds that were thought of as secure. The feeling is that the legislature will figure out how to break into the measure 66 funds in order to balance the budget. So plan is to put it on the Nov 2010 ballot. State Parks easy to document the good things. Good examples of stories to be told, Green River story, NRC crews, estuary restoration, whole systems at Beaver Creek. As a private non-profit we can't campaign but we can tell our story.

Network of Oregon Watershed Council conference is at Klamath Falls, 27th-30th October.

Lint Slough is underway, most of lower dam has been removed. Upper dam on a little hold waiting for water pipe.

Provided field trips for two class of OSU and Linfield students—regarding whole system restoration at Beaver Creek.

NOAA is planning to use Newport at their home port, 65 people office space in South Beach, 175 new jobs in Newport area. Recruitment of some new members.

February 3-5, 2010 international conference about Beaver. How to coexist with Beavers. At Seven Feathers
13. **Announcements:** Rennie attended the public meeting about marine reserves. Comment period ends the 17th. Some areas have established teams on their own. Looks like pilot sites will stay as they are.

August 22nd, tour picnic Big Elk Road. 9.6 mile marker
14. **Adjourn 9:05**