

**MidCoast Watersheds Council**  
**August 5, 2010**

1. Introductions were made, 19 present
2. Recorder's Report: no actions were taken last meeting.
3. Treasurer's report- Financial statement ending July 31, 2010 shows about 17,000 in our account, with 2300 of accounts payable and 33000 of accounts receivable. Had to use the line of credit twice.
4. MCWC Activity Report (written report provided)-- Wayne provided a new report with more details about on-going projects and activities. This will be on-going so that members get a more frequent review of our activities. This report mentioned that July and August are the instream work period and three projects are in the works-- Little Beaver Creek culvert replaced by bridge, replacement of 35th St. Culvert (S. Beach) and the Feagles Creek channel restoration (awaiting permits), Tech Assistance grant writing for Beaver Creek (Fruitvale) channel restoration. Outreach in the upper Yaquina based on the Limiting Factors analysis by Karen Fleck Harding and Steve Trask, will be assisted by Lisa Mulcahy. Updates also on work with the Marine Reserve Cape Peperpetua Community Team. Wayne will be a presenter at the OWEB conference in November re Beavers and Habitat Restoration in Oregon.
5. Education Program- - Wade Carey, energy services administrator from Central Lincoln PUD. Got Wind? Wind Power here. Wade discussed the potential and limitations for wind power on the Oregon coast. His power point presentation is available: email or call [wcarey@cencoast.com](mailto:wcarey@cencoast.com) , 541-574-2068 and ask for a copy. Bottom line—wind power for individual application is a bad investment if you're out to save money even with energy rebates (\$500/1000 kw up to \$5000). Where it works is people in remote areas with off the grid homes. Too expensive generally for individual application (unless doing for the social standpoint of wanting to invest in technology), though wind is sufficient; best, way to invest in wind power is to buy from Central Lincoln PUD-- can buy a block of energy from PUD 250 kw blocks \$5. Cost is 8.14 cents/kw rather than the 6.14 cents charged for BPA's regular energy (which is 90% hydro, 7% natural gas and 3% coal). 70% of wind power from NW doesn't stay in NW- most of the wind farms selling to Arizona, Utah and California. Most cost effective way to save energy is through energy efficiency measures such as home insulation, unplugging devices that stay on all the time “vampire” energy, and compact fluorescent bulbs. Questions from MCWC re issues such as noise and vibration and view and siting. Noise and vibration are a concern-- use 3 blades as long as the wrong. Siting is driven by proximity to existing lines and plans to put in new lines. State doesn't have siting requirements for view concerns, there may be local restrictions.
6. Technical Team Report-(written report provided of July 15 mtg). Results of Creosoted piling kayak survey by winter and spring Natural Resource Crews in Yaquina Bay led by Parker Ogburn were reviewed. Crews recorded and mapped pilings and determined which were

creosoted. The intent is to identify abandoned pilings that can be removed (if they are abandoned). Need to check ownership info with DSL and see if there is requirement for owners to remove. Wayne provided a marine reserves update; tech team discussed a suggestion to revisit the large wood projects we have done to see which, if any would benefit most from adding more wood. Tom Shafer from OWEB indicated that OWEB would have issues with funding such projects and recommended that we drop the idea. Beaver conservation – Wayne reported that he has helped prepare a proposal to have a session at the OWEB Biennial Conference in Pendleton in November on Beavers in watershed restoration. The proposal was approved. One NRC crew is doing beaver pond surveys in Schooner Creek.

7. Siletz Basin Planning Team Report- Jan Christenson and Wayne Hoffman provided the report. Siletz had a meeting with DEQ regarding water quality monitoring and concerns, heard from the new ODFW STEP biologist Christine Clapp, met with representatives from American Rivers. They are interested in the Siletz and funding here (and elsewhere) passage projects and has a grant fund for this. Saw a presentation on the Salmon Stronghold Partnership; the Siletz is a designated salmon stronghold.
8. Yaquina Basin Planning Team-- a written report was provided by coordinator Lisa Mulcahy. Attended a planning meeting for the Sept 25th Fall Coastal Cleanup. Rogue will provide bbq and beer. Attended the Lincoln County Fair and help staff the sustainability tent along with the Lincoln SWCD and Solid waste district. Lisa prepared a large poster about the MCWC and restoration projects. Field trip to Hwy 20 ODOT project was scheduled and people informed; planning an outreach meeting for Sept 9th in the Upper Yaquina to discuss Limiting Factor results with neighbors, helping to organize an Ivy Pull behind the Newport Pool from 10 am – 1pm behind the Newport Pool in conjunction with other organizations to help protect Jeffries Creek and wetlands.
9. Salmon Drift Watershed Council Report-a written report was provided by Coordinator Corrina Chase.. Pixie land weed removal and brushing was completed, bridge abutments removed and earth moving work to begin after fish rescue. Awaiting permit for Bear Creek large wood placement project; held a strategic planning session which was well attended and productive. Looking for a few additional volunteers for their water quality surveys, doing additional culvert surveys. Corrina Chase will be moving in November so group will start recruitment for new coordinator. Want a few months of overlap.
10. Alsea Watershed Council Report- Elmer provided a written report from the group. Jason Kirchner provided the group with updates on projects in July. Big Elk large wood and rock placement project (U.S. Forest Service, OWEB, a fishing club and 3 landowners are partnering), Williamson Creek small grant (with U.S. Forest Service is the partner). A new project on Canal Creek is being discussed with 2-3 private landowners. Donny Davis will be doing some work on Trout Creek restoration with Benton County Public works. Linda Johnston coordinator will work on support funding for group. Next meeting at Fall Creek Hatchery, with new ODFW STEP biologist Christine Clapp as speaker.
11. Administrative Report-- group approved financial statement, discussed the MOU with the Alsea WC and the expectations for communication about projects in the eachothers' areas, Fran

gave a report on the Salmon-Drift strategic planning session, discussed whether MCWC wanted to take a stance on pending legislation called the Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act (HR 5533) which would create a bipartisan Council on Non-profit organizations and Community Solutions, establish an Interagency Working Group on Non profit organizations and the Federal Government to improve policy coordination, and direct executive agencies to compile and public federal data on non-profits and support research. Staff Performance evaluation for Wayne and Virginia have now been completed.

12. Education Committee Report. Virginia Tardaewether provided a written report. Two of the research Natural Resource Crews provided a presentation to the public on August 4th. Covered was the work with John Chapman on ghost shrimp surveys for the parasitic copepod and the work with Jose Marin regarding surveying for chinook salmon use of the surf zone. Wrote and submitted a small grant to get planting and caging for the natural resource crews for land owner work on the Yachats. There are about 4 other landowners on the Yaquina interested. Provided an update on all the NRC work activities from planting over 1500 silver spot butterfly habitat plants in the Nestucca Wildlife Refuge, surveying for fresh water mussels, macro invertebrates, sticklebacks and doing water quality samples from two dune lakes, working on trails, digging out blackberries and removing ivy, trail work, surveys/pick up of trash, surveys for invasive species (Five Rivers, policeman helmet), and beaver survey and CPR/first aid training. A good article appeared in the Newport News Times July 28th about the surf surveys. If people have a project for the crews for October -May send Virginia a write up with description, contacts etc. 3 outdoor schools are coming up this fall. If anyone wants to be an educator for one day or 5 please contact her.
13. Announcements:
  - Mark Saalens announced he is running for the at large Lincoln SWCD board of director position.
  - Fran Recht reminded people of the survey of recreational users so as to avoid impacts from wave energy facility siting. Go to <http://www.surfrider.org/oregonrecreation> to participate.
  - Jan Christenson noted that information about the Nonprofit Sector Act was provided or see [www.councilofnonprofits.org](http://www.councilofnonprofits.org)