

MidCoast Watersheds Council
October 7, 2010

1. Introductions were made, 27 persons were present
2. Recorder's Report: There was one motion passed at the September meeting. It was to write a letter to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to support adequate monitoring of fall chinook returns on the Siletz River to allow for in-season management if fewer than the expected number of fish return.
3. Treasurer's report- Financial statement ending September 30, 2010 shows about 63,000 in our account, with 3700 of accounts payable and 12,000 of accounts receivable.
4. MCWC Activity Report – Coordinator Wayne Hoffman provided a brief written update.
 - He has been concentrating on writing grant applications, working with project managers, for the Oct 18 OWEB deadline. Action to come later in this meeting.
 - Beave Creek State Natural Area, Oct 1 dedication. They'll soon start the process of developing a management plan for the natural area and the 500 acres adjacent which will be a part of Ona Beach State Park. The first planning meeting to outline the process is scheduled for Oct 26 at the PUD meeting room.
 - OWEB Board meeting in Garibaldi was attended by Wayne, Kip Wood and Mark Stone. Kip did an excellent presentation on the large wood project on the S. Fork Yachats and how the project had changed the complexity of the stream as indicated by their Lincoln SWCD monitoring and documentation. Both Mark and Wayne helped with and lead the Question and Answers that followed. It was well received.
 - OWEB's biennial conference is in Pendleton, Nov 15-17. Wayne organized a segment about Beavers and will be presenting (along with two other experts). Corrina Chase, Mark Saalens, Rennie Ferris and Wayne are all planning on going.
5. Education Program- - Renee Bellinger from OSU discussed Project CROOS: Genetic analysis of Ocean-caught Chinook.

Notes forthcoming

6. Technical Team Report- the 4 proposals that the technical team reviewed initially and that were planning to be submitted to OWEB for its Oct 18 deadline were discussed. Beaver Creek (Fruitvale) Technical Assistance proposal (tech team received preliminary information); Ojalla Creek large wood placement proposal (tech team received preliminary information); Upper Five Rivers Fish Passage project (tech team received preliminary information) and Upper Yaquina Fish Passage (Phase 1) (technical team received preliminary information). A summary of these proposals were given and the Council discussed and made motions to approve conditionally, with the final decision left up to technical team approval.

7. Siletz Basin Planning Team Report- Don Larsen reported that they had an interesting presentation at their last meeting from Shelly Miller and Frank Drape of ODFW on the mark recapture program which is used to estimate fall chinook returns. They are closely monitoring runs to see if bag limits or deadlines might need to be changed. In regards to Mill Park development and planning process, there was a report that the Mayor of Siletz and a Council member attended the meeting to discuss. The group is still looking for a coordinator and will re-advertise. Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, Siletz Library.
8. Yaquina Basin Planning Team-- a written report was provided by Coordinator Lisa Mulcahy. The Upper Yaquina Outreach Meeting was held on Sept 9th in Nashville and featured a presentation by Steve Trask and Karen Fleck-Harding about “the fish tell the story” about salmon habitat and it was exceptionally well attended (30 people). It generated a lot of discussion and property owner interest in the restoration work, including working with landowners on multiple culvert replacements.. A 6 page color newsletter was developed and distributed electronically (with 2 pages of it at the meeting as an example), SOLV fall clean up and Ivy pulls were successful with 91 and 40 volunteers, respectively and a Facebook page is being set up.
9. Salmon Drift Watershed Council Report-a written report was provided by Coordinator Corrina Chase. Plans are in the work for an Oct 9 volunteer day which will include efforts to remove a very small knotweed patch manually. They are struggling to figure out how to deal with a big reed canary grass problem (spray versus expensive covering) and an Oct 23rd celebration for Pixieland. They are working on a culvert survey to fill in gaps in their last survey and are still looking for volunteers for their water quality monitoring program. In Tamaray Quays, fisher crews are planting rows of plants along elevation/salinity and inundation gradients to determine survival zones for willow, spirea, rush bullrush and other native plants-- funded by USFWS. Their meeting this month Oct 12th will review last year's projects –Corrina will provide the review.
10. Alsea Watershed Council Report- Elmer Ostling brought a written report from Coordinator Linda Johnson. No speaker was present. Marine Reserves were discussed and an executive session was held. Work has started on the Williamson Creek Small Grant logs have been ordered, the road decommissioned and the helicopter will place logs next week. The ARRA Recovery Act USFS large wood placement project is moving forward. The botany survey is complete, the trees that are slated for placement have been cut and the helicopter work is scheduled for next week. The Forest Service Stewardship technical review team reviewed the Canal Creek stream restoration grant. The project needs more work in terms of technical design, safety and match, but is still in the running for funding if issues can be resolved. Landscapes and Livelihoods: A Sustainable Future for Rural Oregon will be the topic of the AWC and Oregon Humanities sponsored talk by Victoria Sturtevant.
11. Administrative Report-- group approved financial statement, discussed possible new Beaver Creek Basin Planning Team, efficient methods for reviewing non-technical grants (e.g. education grants).
12. Education Committee Report. Virginia Tardaewether provided a written report. Outdoor

school is next week at the Drift Creek Camp (Lincoln City). September was spent in intensive planning. There are also two field trips planned in Oct 28th and 29th to Schooner Creek meadow and North Fork. These field trips will target 35 5th grade youth each day and will address Stream Scene topics of animal, plant and environmental interactions, water flow through the watershed/sediment deposition, and connectivity to the ocean. Beginning to get organized for next summer's natural resource schools and wants to know of projects as soon as possible. Hosted a lunch/prizes for 70 people after the Yaquina Bay Clean-up which had more than 100 volunteers; thanks were expressed to Thompson's Sanitary Service, Georgia Pacific, Dahl Sanitary and volunteers.

13. Announcements: On Oct 14th Siletz Friends of the Library will sponsor the Oregon Humanities Conservation Project (formerly called Chataqua program) with Victoria Sturdevant--Landscapes and Livelihoods: A Sustainable Future for Rural Oregon (see #10 above); she'll be speaking in Waldport the day before as well.