

Meeting Notes
MCWC General Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.

1. **Introductions:** Self introductions were given. There were 30 people present
2. **Recorders report:** There were 13 people at last month's meeting and two actions were taken. Paul Engelmeyer motioned to approve submission of the application from MCWC for phase II Yaquina work (on the ground projects) by Trask, Harding, and Polkowske; 2nd by Fran Recht. Motion was approved unanimously.

Paul Engelmeyer motioned to approve submission of the application for salvage log fund (3rd round); 2nd by Mark Saelens. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's report:** Balance in the account is \$44,010. The total income since 7/1/2011 was \$272,910; total expenses \$230,705. There were no accounts payable. A full report was available.
4. **Coordinator's report:** Wayne provided an update on past month's activities. Of special interest was meeting in Lincoln City with a group of American restoration practitioners/scientists meeting with Russian counterparts. Visit was sponsored by Save our Wild Salmon. From a similar visit a few years ago, one of the scientists' reported starting watershed councils that are now functioning on Sakhalin Island.
5. **Educational Presentation:** Dave Martin described Salmon Conservation Efforts in the Russian Far East, including the Kamschatka Peninsula and Sakhalin Island. Dave is currently director of Camp Westwind, a 500-acre conservation youth camp located at the mouth of the Salmon River, north of Lincoln City. Prior to taking this position, Dave worked for the Wild Salmon Center, based in Portland, and other salmon conservation organizations on salmon conservation in far eastern Russia. The Wild Salmon Center continues to work with local conservation groups in that area, providing scientific expertise, organization assistance, and funding.

The Russian Far East is a major region for wild salmon production, but is increasingly threatened by industrial development and poaching. The area contains one third of the world's wild salmon, more salmon species, intact salmon streams, and 25% of the world's frontier forests that support the streams. The Sakhalin Island pipeline and placer gold mining in particular pose threats for salmon. The Salmon Initiative for salmon conservation on Sakhalin Island supports sustainable fisheries along with social, economic and environmental goals for the region. Because over 11% of the regional economy is related to salmon, there is strong local support for the initiative.

6. **Break-Refreshments**

- 7. Fund raising event planning. See Yaquina report below.**
- 8. Technical Team Report:** The Team discussed the get the lead out campaign that Fran will help lead. The watershed council focus is on voluntary measures and education. Tech team will review the Yaquina Conservation Plan put together by The Wetlands Conservancy (TWC) with assistance from MCWC, PSMFC, ODFW and many others. It will help identify additional restoration and conservation projects. It's available online though TWC's website. The Group heard that the Council approved and grants were submitted for 1) Phase II Yaquina for riparian planting and bridge for water quality management, 2) Renewal for fish log bank and 3) Natural Resources Crews (Education program). A possible project on Bentilla Creek on the Siletz off Logsdan Road is being considered. An update on the Beaver Creek State Park planning process was given, presently they are in the data collection stage, with draft findings due out this fall or winter.
- 9. Siletz Watershed Council:** Report was given by Aaron Duzik who described the Siletz conceptual Mill Park Plan and river monitoring.
- 10. Yaquina Basin Planning Team:** Report was given by Lisa Mulcahy who provided a written report and oral summary for the Yaquina. The main item was a meeting with Don Mann, port manager, Port of Newport regarding working together on marine debris abatement and other environmental issues. The Port is not willing to do much more than post signs. Lisa and Wayne will attend the next Port meeting to discuss further. Lisa also has been working on fundraising ideas, specifically an event at Local Ocean Seafood, February 4th, and is still pursuing creosote piling clean-up, but no easy solution there.

Yaquina Calendar: November 27th: Salmon spawning field trip at Cook Creek, 2 p.m., rain date Dec. 3rd; 4th Week in January: Lower Yaquina watershed meeting Early February; Fundraising dinner at Local Ocean, details coming.
- 11. Salmon-Drift Watershed Council:** A written report was provided. The main item reported were the public meetings regarding education plans for the Cascade Head area, kiosks, restrooms and the preferred alternative. Proposed restoration and environmental projects for 2012 included Lower Salmon River, Bear Creek, Schooner Creek and East Devil's Lake Road.
- 12. Alsea Watershed Council:** No report.
- 13. Administrative Committee Report** was given by Sam Adams. The group approved the financial statement, discussed budget tightness, fundraising, grant applications, donations to date; audit complete, annual report and meeting for February. It held an executive session re personnel issues and reported that annual reviews will be scheduled for staff and a new review processes will be used.
- 14. Education Report:** As noted before, Virginia Tardaewether remains on temporary layoff until new funding is obtained. Grants were submitted to OWEB for continued natural resource crew work and she has submitted other grants that support outdoor schools for 6th

graders. The available written report noted that the Thursday Natural Resources Crew planted over 2000 butterfly habitat plants by Big Creek South on their first day of work.

15. Announcements:

Action Item: Rennie Ferris announced a Port Commission vacancy and made a motion for Wayne Hoffman to write a letter of support for Laura Anderson who is well qualified for the position. Mark Saelens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elmer announced a cougar sighting and evidence of bear on the Alsea.

Stacy announced and distributed the new Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation Handbook. The Soil and Water annual native plant sale will be December 2nd and 3rd.

Aaron announced that the management plan for the Siletz Bay Estuary will be taking public input on the 10th.

16. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.