

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Topic: State Fair Update - 2012 Oregon State Fair Highlights

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Annual Tradition: Returning back to basics and tradition, the Oregon State Fair has changed its marketing and advertising to reflect upon and promote all that Oregon has to offer. From the traditional mamma pig to the historic horse shows, wiener dog races to big cats, new born chicks to ancient reptiles, toddler rides to the big sling, local artists to world famous entertainers, corn dogs to Oregon fine wines...we have something for everyone! With over 9,000 things to do, see and taste; a better time for a better value won't be found all summer long. Our new tag line, See You There! engages the patron to a call to action. After all this is everyone's fair to come enjoy the best Oregon has to offer.

The Oregon State Fair strives to create value and fun for all who participate as reflected in our new marketing plan. Admission prices have not increased since 2006 and the Fair remains the best value for all that is offered. Most special activities and events are free or priced reasonably with paid fair admission to entice the vast demographic of Oregon.

2011 marked an increase of 3% in paid attendance. Estimated paid attendance for 2011 was 235,577. The average length of stay was six (6) hours and the average visitor returned for a second day to enjoy all the fair has to offer. Justifying the fair has just too much to offer to see it all in (1) one day!

Returning Sponsors for 2012: The Oregon State Fair takes pride in its partnerships and sponsorships within the community and the state. We strive to support and promote the best of Oregon. Returning sponsors for 2012 include: Americraft Cookware, Les Schwab Tires, Comcast, the Oregon Lottery, Diamante Spas, Columbia Distribution, National Guard, IKON, Harts Nursery, The Grand Hotel, Chemeketa Community College, KOIN, Painted Hills Natural Beef and Foster Farms. We continually look for new sponsors to help us obtain not only our financial goals but to educate the patron about Oregon products and services.

Rock U Music Pavilion: Free with Fair Admission, the Rock U Music Pavilion will showcase various aspects of the music industry. This custom designed exhibit is an interactive adventure into behind the scenes of Rock and Roll. Rock U features various interactive stations and experiences covering the different origins of this great music genre. Music fans and enthusiasts, along with amateur and professionals within the music community, will not forget this unique opportunity to experience, play, learn, share and create.

Traditional Family Fun: Included in Familyville this year will be Cirque Zuma Zuma-African Acrobats, Terry Stokes-Hypnolarious Show, Let's Pretend Circus, Greg Frisbee & the Rubber Chicken Show, Gascar Crazy Animal Races, the Great American Petting Zoo, Brad's World of Reptiles and the exciting new-this-year Wild Cat Animal Exhibit. Something to entertain, educate and wow everyone from age 1 to 100!

The cows, sheep, llamas, pigs, bunnies, horses and multitude of animal are always a fair favorite. Learn how to take care of, feed and the characteristics of each breed in the barns. What defines back to basics and the traditions of Fair more than this?

Creative Living exhibits, displays and competitions along with photography and art displays will be housed in the Americraft Center in the Jackman-Long Building this year. These exhibits are a long standing favorite of many. Patrons are given the opportunity to enjoy the handiwork of others and be inspired to take on a new hobby.

Destination Recreation: 2012 will provide patrons with the unique opportunity to ride a camel, test out the dirt track on a BMX bike, shoot your opponent with a paintball, climb a rock, go fishing, shoot some hoops and ride a go-cart! 2012 will mark the return of the Outdoor Flat Track racing and Demolition Derby series. The track will open with a bang with the Demolition Derby followed by various racing events held each evening and closing out the Fair with the final Demolition Derby on Labor Day.

Concert Series: Kicking off our Headliner Entertainment opening night, Friday August 24th is the duo of Colbie Caillat with Gavin DeGraw. Legendary singer Joe Walsh formerly of the Eagles follows Saturday, August 25th. Hilarious comedian Jeff Dunham performs Friday August 31st. Hot Chelle Rae with Demi Lavato is sure to be a crowd pleaser Saturday September 1st. Last but surely not least is upcoming country star Jake Owen, Monday September 3rd. This year's series is sure to have something for everyone's taste!

Special Events: Pairings! A Celebration of Wine, Cuisine and Music opens the Fair on Friday August 24th in the Hart of the Garden. Patrons can enjoy the best Oregon chefs, wineries and commodities have to offer while enjoying local artist Patrick Lamb's Southern Soul and Salute to Stevie Wonder. This \$35 ticketed event is sure to be a true value for those food, wine and music enthusiasts.

The Oregon State Fair is pleased to host the 2012 NW K-9 Dock Diving National Championships for a second year. Enjoy preliminary competitions, dog exhibits, training exercises and the grand finale championship competition. Two pools will be available for any dog to learn the sport of dock diving. This high energy programming offers something fun and exciting for everyone including Fido.

The K9 Kings are an unbelievable display of Oregon K9 acrobats. This display is popular with any sports fan and guaranteed to amaze audiences of all ages. Every performance includes a multitude of K9 athletes demonstrating some of the most incredible dog tricks and high-flying actions in the world. Watch and meet the fastest Frisbee dog in the world. This K-9 event is sure to be a truly memorable, high-energy experience for everyone.

Returning from 2011, the ever-popular Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit will perform demonstrations in the West Pavilion Lawn. The Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit consists of eight canine teams; five patrol teams and three narcotic detection teams. Watch the dogs in action and get all your questions answered by the canine handlers.

Combining the Classic Car Show and Blues, Brews and BBQ Fest is sure to be a winner this year. The re-named Cars, Bikes and Bluesfest held Saturday August 25th and Sunday August 26th in the Grove will entice patrons to sway to the blues while enjoying a beer and checking out some true classics.

We salute our veterans with Celebrate Freedom Tuesday August 28th with free admission for Veterans/Current Military and all day activities and exhibits. Walk down the main concourse to learn more about what these men and women do and have done for our country. Enjoy a tribute to Veterans on the KOIN Center Stage.

New for 2012 is the Oregon National Guard Display, Friday August 31st through Monday September 3rd. Learn more about the Oregon National Guard and enjoy their all day activities and exhibits.

Willamette Valley Fruit Company will host the Harvest Fest again this year Saturday September 1st through Monday September 3rd. Patrons of all ages will enjoyed fun filled harvest and ag-related activities including bird house building, pumpkin bowling, hay mazes, corn cribs, ducky races and pie eating contest while enjoying Polka and Country music on the Spirit of Oregon Stage. This event is sure to be enjoyed by thousands of kids once again this year!

Ag Day celebrates what our fair is truly about! Come enjoy special Ag-related activities, entertainment and special exhibits throughout the Fairgrounds Saturday September 1st.

Big Deals: Discount days allows us to provide a special value to our patrons.

Five Dollar First Friday; Friday August 24th. All gate admission and pre-sale tickets will be \$5.00 until 4:00 p.m.

Les Schwab Tires Kids Day; Monday August 27th. Free admission for kids 13 and under, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a coupon from Les Schwab Tire Stores. Coupons for this day also includes 50% off Funtastic Carnival Rides and Game Tickets.

Celebrate Freedom; Tuesday August 28th honoring Veteran's and current Military with Free admission.

KATU Wristband Day; Tuesday August 28th allows patrons to ride unlimited carnival rides throughout the day with the purchase of a wristband during special hours.

Comcast Wristband Day; Wednesday August 29th allows patrons to ride unlimited carnival rides throughout the day with the purchase of a wristband during special hours.

Each year the Oregon State Fair receives numerous requests and inquires surrounding the discount and wristband days. We try to obtain sponsors to meet these requests and allow for families that otherwise couldn't afford a day to enjoy the Fair.

Cost Savings: The Oregon State Fair Staff works continually to find ways to save and improve the Oregon State Fair. In an attempt to do so, we have decided to cut back on the Fair hours of operation this year. The new hours will be Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. This is one of many attempts to meet our goal of showing a profit while keeping its annual tradition alive and well.

Marketing: The Oregon State Fair promotes heavily through social media, e-blasts and the Oregon State Fair website. The Oregon State Fair increased its fan base to 40,000, received over 295,000 Facebook views and gained over 6,000 new Facebook fans. The website continues to grow with over 200,000 impressions. Our Win Big Campaign plays a huge roll in obtaining new names for our data base collection.

Operations: Operations is fully staffed with a team committed to creating efficiencies and fun at The Oregon State Fair. These will reflect in safety, procedural aspects and the continued willingness and flexibility of the operations crew to fill in where needed. The team has begun preparing the grounds in preparation and will continue to work with sponsors and event staff to help create another memorable Fair.

Agenda Item: 12b

Topic: Willamette Falls National Heritage Area

Attachment: Study Area Description & History Map

Prepared by: Mark Davison and Roger Roper

Background: The Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition (WFHAC) has completed a study in accordance with the National Park Service's National Heritage Area Draft Feasibility Study Guidelines. The purpose of this feasibility study is to determine if the proposed Willamette Falls National Heritage Area is a suitable candidate for a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation. The study evaluates the national significance of the area's heritage as well as provides analysis on the suitability and feasibility of establishing the proposed area as a NHA. The boundaries of this heritage area are smaller than many National Heritage Areas, but they are strongly supported by the public and are considered more cohesive and manageable than more expansive options.

The Coalition: The WFHAC formed in 2006 with the purpose of providing a single vehicle from which to approach heritage preservation amongst the many governments, businesses, and organizations working to protect and advance the area's rich heritage. Fourteen partners have signed the Coalition's Declaration of Cooperation, including the cities of Oregon City and West Linn, PGE, and both OPRD and SHPO.

Findings of the NHA Feasibility Study: The Willamette Falls area is important to the American national story because it was the center of U.S. expansion into the Pacific Northwest. The area has a significant assemblage of natural, historic, and cultural resources that together represent a distinctive period of United States western expansion in the 19th century. These resources are fascinating and important to the national story, and would be best interpreted, managed and conserved as a collection. The area's resources also provide outstanding recreational and educational opportunities. The area is ripe for heritage and cultural tourism development, as well as education about this important but little known story of geology, exploration, governance, tribal traditions, settlement, and innovation.

Next Steps: National designation usually the better part of a decade—and an act of Congress, literally. After the draft feasibility study goes through its current a review period it will be revised as necessary, finalized, and then submitted to Congress by the WFHAC.

As an interim option, the coalition recently asked the Oregon Heritage Commission to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state heritage area program, which could both serve as a guide for aspiring heritage areas in Oregon and provide a benchmark of achievement and recognition while awaiting national designation. The Heritage Commission agreed at its meeting on April 26th to investigate the issue and appointed a sub-committee accordingly.

It is important to note that this heritage area effort is entirely separate from the more recent effort to acquire the Blue Heron Paper Mill site at the Willamette Falls. If both efforts move forward, they will undoubtedly find many opportunities for cooperation, but for now they are entirely separate.

Agenda Item: 12c**Topic:** Cottonwood Canyon Natural Resources Update**Prepared by:** Jim Morgan**Background**

Outlined in the Cottonwood Canyon State Park Comprehensive Plan are ten management zones that, for the entire park, define natural resource conservation strategies, recreation intensity, scenic character protection, cultural resource protection, and operations management. The Plan recommends the highest priority management zones should be Bull Canyon (upstream of Highway 206 bridge), West Entrance (former homestead area), Esau Canyon, Hay Creek, and supporting roads and trails. These are the current focus areas for natural resource enhancement and restoration activities.

Current Activities

Bull Canyon and West Entrance Riparian conditions are generally good upstream of the bridge but the adjacent floodplain is dominated by weeds resulting from past agricultural disturbances. Restoration efforts here are focused on weed control and temporary establishment of native grasses with the long-term goal of establishing sagebrush and forb communities. Riparian conditions are poor downstream of the bridge, particularly in the former Murtha homestead area. Restoration goals in this area include (1) control of weeds, (2) establishment of native trees and shrubs in the riparian area, and (3) establishment of native grasses and sagebrush communities in the former agricultural fields where day use and campground development is anticipated. Weed control has been underway since 2011 and will continue through the planting of trees and shrubs in winter/spring of 2012/13. The riparian restoration in the homestead area is anticipated to occur with the support of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) administered by the US Department of Agriculture in partnership with Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC).

Esau Canyon Weed control continues in the river bottomlands at the base of Esau Canyon in anticipation of future establishment of native riparian vegetation. In response to neighboring interest in grazing this area, assessment of site conditions in the lower canyon must be completed. Fencing throughout the canyon has been assessed and mapped for location and condition. In addition, plant community and soil condition will have to be assessed to determine the viability of using controlled grazing for managing the area for natural resource protection and enhancement.

Hay Creek The bottomland enhancement and Hay Creek restoration projects initiated by WRC are being continued in partnership with OPRD. Browse protection has been installed on trees and shrubs planted in February 2012. Weed control continues on the bottomland field where intermediate cultivar grass and native grass species have been planted. WRC, OPRD, and Arlington High School continue the effectiveness monitoring of restoration activities supported by an OWEB grant. It is anticipated that prescribed field burning and fence construction to enhance and protect the bottomland and creek enhancement projects will occur in 2012.

Riverbank Erosion and Access Maintenance Lateral channel migration and associated bank erosion of the John Day River throughout Cottonwood Canyon is a part of natural river dynamics. Historically, the previous landowner restrained the lateral river movement where bank erosion threatened the access roads on both sides of the river. Stabilizing portions of these access roads remains vital to OPRD's management of the state park. Recent winter/spring high flow events caused erosion at several locations that threaten this vital access and necessitate emergency repair where there is no option for access road re-location (i.e. constrained by canyon walls). Where use of vegetation is preferred for bank stabilization, stabilization of these critical reaches with rock is the only natural material that is practical and provides longer-term stability.

While this bank stabilization will occur in June 2012 at these threatened 'pinch points', bank erosion resulting from natural river migration will be allowed to occur in other parts of the park where it does not threaten infrastructure. Riparian plantings are planned for areas throughout the park that should provide greater long-term bank stability whether infrastructure is threatened or not.

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Topic: Snowy Plover Update

Prepared by: Jim Morgan

Beginning in 2002 with the first federal grant for the development of a habitat conservation plan, OPRD has embarked on an effort to assist in the recovery of the threatened Western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) on Oregon's ocean shores. On December 17, 2010, OPRD signed an MOU with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and cooperative partners U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for coordinating OPRD's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Western Snowy Plover. The Implementing Agreement was also signed on that day and the Incidental Take Permit was issued to OPRD by USFWS for the Western snowy plover.

Current Activities

Habitat Management of Western Snowy Plover at Bandon State Natural Area: By March 15 of 2011 and in 2012, symbolic fencing was in place along approximately three miles of potential nesting area at Bandon State Natural Area (SNA), stretching from China Beach to the confluence of the New River. This delineated no entry zones for beach users in place until the end of nesting season in July. Enforcement of restrictions included a limited number of incidents of dogs-off-leash near plover nesting areas, camping, beach fires, and walking into closed areas.

Habitat enhancement and maintenance occurred in winter 2010-11 that provided additional nesting area for the 2011 season. Since no habitat work was conducted in winter 2011-12 and there has been encroachment of European beach grass into maintained areas, habitat enhancement work is anticipated to occur in winter 2012-13 to maintain sufficient nesting area to meet recovery goals.

The primary predators of snowy plover eggs and fledglings continue to be corvids (crows and ravens). Predator management, conducted by USDA Wildlife Services, continues to focus on reducing the habituated corvids that frequent the nesting areas.

Population Monitoring

Western Snowy Plover nesting activity is monitored each year to estimate the size of the adult population and determine nesting and fledgling success throughout Oregon's coastal nesting and potential nesting sites, including Bandon SNA. In 2011, the highest number of adult birds (247-253) and the highest number of nests (289) were observed since monitoring began in 1990. Fledgling success was 46% and number of fledglings per male was 1.6. These numbers contribute to a generally positive trend for successful recovery of Western Snowy Plover on the Oregon coast.

Interpretation and Outreach

Two internal staff workshops and one public outreach event were held in March 2012 to provide outreach information and training. The public event was co-sponsored by CoastWatch, in Gearhart, Oregon with approximately 21 in attendance. Outreach through partnerships with organizations like Coast Watch will continue through 2012, and additional interpretive programs will be conducted by OPRD interpretive rangers at Fort Stevens, Nehalem Bay, Cape Lookout, and Bandon.

Volunteers are essential to the successful implementation of the HCP for Snowy Plovers. Interpretive and educational outreach relies significantly on volunteer services at Bandon SNA. Volunteers provide interpretation at key access points at Bandon SNA seven days/week during the period when high visitation and nesting/rearing activity is concurrent. Volunteers also are the primary force in the twice monthly surveys of the other four Snowy Plover management areas (SPMAs) for occupancy.

Plans for Snowy Plover Management Areas (SPMAs): Per the requirements of the HCP, a draft Bandon Site Management Plan for Western Snowy Plovers was completed and submitted to USFWS for review in December 2011. USFWS provided feedback and OPRD staff has responded to their comments and submitted a final draft in May. A final site management plan will be completed by June 2012.

The HCP requires that within two years of signing the Implementing Agreement, site management plans will be developed for a minimum of three other SPMAs: Fort Stevens State Park, Nehalem State Park, and Gearhart Ocean State Recreation Area (a.k.a. Necanicum Spit). OPRD staff has completed field visits to these sites, and planning will continue during the summer and fall for scheduled completion by December 17, 2012.

To achieve the Western Snowy Plover recovery goals, OPRD will continue to manage recreational activities, improve and maintain habitat, exercise predator control, monitor, and educate beach users at Bandon SNA. With the development of site management plans for the remaining recreation management areas, one or more of these management activities may be applied at these sites as well.

- Prior Action by Commission: The development of the HCP and agreements with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been before the Commission as:
- March 2002, approved first federal grant for \$104,000
- August 2005, approved second federal grant for \$200,000
- June 2006, approved hiring Jones and Stokes to develop the HCP, amending contract in January 2007 for a contract total of \$559,686
- May 2010, approved the HCP to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service toward obtaining an Implementing Agreement and Incidental Take Permit.

Agenda Item: 12e

Topic: Tsunami Debris Report

Attachment: Tsunami Debris Talking Points

Prepared by: Chris Havel and Jim Morgan

Background

On March 11, 2011, a tsunami struck the east coast of Japan and washed a large amount of debris into the Pacific Ocean. While it was easy to track with aircraft and satellites for the first few days, much of the debris—70% of it—soon sank. An estimated 1.5 million tons drifted slowly away and dispersed. Today, no one knows exactly where the debris, or even how much is still afloat. Tracking is now impossible because the debris is so spread out.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration estimates some of the heavier floating material could reach the Oregon coast in 2013. They're not exactly sure when or if we'll notice anything unusual, because the ocean currents could keep the debris far out at sea. It is also possible some of the lightest floating debris—like rigid foam and empty plastic water bottles—will cross the Pacific much faster and arrive in 2012.

Current Status

OPRD has four beach rangers, two ocean shore coordinators and state park staff in every coastal county. They have noted a gradual increase in beach debris for several years, and some spikes in trash this year. Whether this year's increase is attributable to the tsunami debris is unknown. Regardless, they are keeping closer track of what they pick up, and how they dispose of it, to help improve our ability to detect unusual trends. These crews have always been on the job cleaning the beaches 365 days a year and continue to do so.

OPRD is working with Oregon Emergency Management (supporting the logistical needs of the partnership itself) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (as the expert in household and hazardous waste) to convene an interagency group to prepare for any unusual events associated with the possibility of increased marine debris. The agencies include state, federal, county and local jurisdictions, as well as nonprofit partners such as SOLVE, the Oregon Chapter of Surfriders and the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition. Each already plays a role in maintaining the appearance and safety of the ocean shore, nearshore environment, ports and other coastal waterways.

As the group collaborates, each partner will review its current role and review the debris models and predictions provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The group will create contingency plans for possible unusual events, establish any new procedures needed, and cement their agreement by adopting an overall action plan. Public involvement, both as individuals and in association with organized nonprofits, will be viewed in three ways: the need for public information to accommodate concerns of coast visitors (and to use casual visitors to report trash), informal involvement of individual citizens (to help remove nonhazardous trash in small quantities), and organized involvement through established nonprofits (for larger cleanups).

Cleanup and disposal cost is one of the most significant unknowns. Disposal is currently handled through occasional special trips to a municipal transfer station or by putting beach trash into a state park waste collection system. If an unusual amount of debris washes ashore, these costs will rise and there is no supplemental state or federal funding source on the table as of yet.

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Topic: Territorial Sea Plan

Prepared by: Laurel Hillman

Background

The Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) is used by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and other state agencies to manage the resources and activities in the state's territorial sea from 0-3 nautical miles. The State of Oregon, with the assistance of a wide range of citizens, communities, and other organizations, is in the process of amending its Territorial Sea Plan. This is the second phase of an amendment process that resulted in the adoption of Part Five of the TSP by the LCDC in November of 2009. This phase will involve the adoption of maps that will designate specific areas for the development of marine renewable energy facilities, and the conditions for the use of those areas as needed.

Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 19 states that agencies, through programs, approvals, and other actions, shall "protect and encourage the beneficial uses of ocean resources such as...aesthetic enjoyment." This is reiterated in Part 5 of the Territorial Sea Plan (TSP). Oregon's Ocean Shore Management Plan, a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved "comprehensive plan", notes that OPRD "may identify important 'scenic features' that should be protected from development or other impacts for their scenic value

(OPRD, 2005).” The most recent round of TSP Working Group public meetings underscored the importance of considering aesthetic (e.g., viewshed) impacts during the TSP amendment process.

As part of the planning process, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) has considered and forwarded to DLCD’s Territorial Sea Plan Rules Advisory Committee (TSPAC) the proposal to include an overlay over the Territorial Sea requiring the conduct of a Visual Impact Assessment. As proposed, the visual impact assessment framework developed by OPRD will serve as a model framework the state will adopt for the evaluation of impacts. An initial assessment will be completed by fall 2012 by OPRD at coastal state park properties to provide a starting point for the generation of a coast-wide inventory of sites. This inventory and impact assessment framework is based on a methodology used by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for managing scenic resources. DLCD will work with local coastal communities and governments to assist in any additional visual assessments needed.

In the planning phase of work, all sites included in the inventory will be given a class rating based on a combination of scenic quality, sensitivity, and distance zones:

- Scenic quality: Measure of visual appeal based on key factors: Seascape, vegetation, color, adjacent scenery, scarcity, and cultural modification.
- Sensitivity: Measure of public concern for scenic quality: type of users, amount of use, public interest, adjacent land use, special areas, and other factors. Park users are considered to have high user sensitivity.
- Distance zone(s): Seascapes are divided into distanced zones based on relative visibility from observation points.

Then, the rating will be used in the regulatory (project) phase for evaluation of impacts to key viewsheds. This will require that visual simulations be developed by the project proponent from which a contrast evaluation can be conducted to determine potential impact of a project on scenic resources. The Joint Agency Review Team (JART) described in the Territorial Sea Plan would help review the contrast evaluation to determine consistency with visual resource class objectives of key viewpoints.

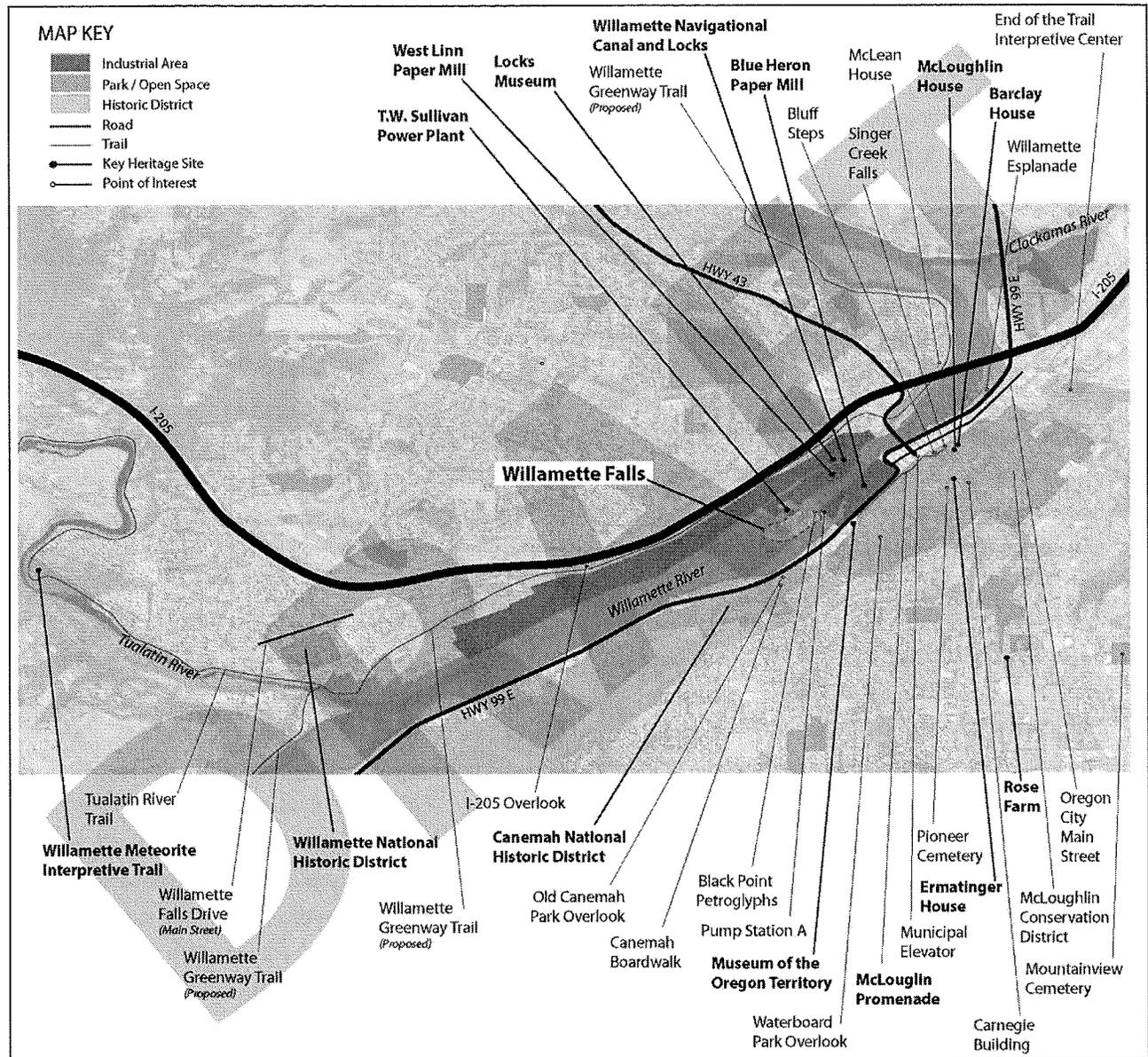
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Topic: Rulemaking Status

Prepared by: Claudia Ciobanu, Vanessa DeMoe

Rulemaking Activity Log

OAR & Division	Subject Matter	Rulemaking Process Opened	Hearing Dates	Public Comment Expiration Date	Target Date for Commission Adoption
736-016	Amend rules governing non-traditional park use and special use permits	1/13/2012	2/21/12 – 2/23/12	2/29/2012	6/20/2012
736-021	Ocean Shores Amend rules for enforcement, public safety and preservation and adopt rules for non-motorized vehicles and devices.	12/15/2011	1/24/12-1/31/12	2/6/2012	6/20/2012
736-015	Temporary rule for Tribal/Foster fee waiver and no-show rules for pre-registration				6/20/2012
736-015	Tribal/Foster fee waiver and no-show rules for pre-registration	Request to go to rulemaking 6/20/2012	August 2012	8/31/2012	11/7/2012
736-010	Alcohol ban at Iwetemlaykin State Park	Request to go to rulemaking 6/20/2012	No Hearing Planned	8/31/2012	11/7/2012



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Interpretive Challenges

The major issue in interpretation of the area’s heritage currently lies in the subtlety and invisibility of many of the resources. The Willamette Falls are beautiful, but hard to see and physically inaccessible. The Locks went into caretaker status in November 2011. (The National Trust for Historic Preservation has adopted the Locks as a National Treasure.) The location of the Oregon Trail is mostly unmarked throughout the study area. The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is closed. The story of the resources is disjointed. Efforts to



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Ready for review and additions by other agencies and partners.

Q1. Why could we see more debris on Oregon's beaches?

A. In March 2011, a tsunami struck the east coast of Japan and washed a large amount of debris into the Pacific Ocean. While it was easy to track with aircraft and satellites for the first few days, much of the debris—70% of it—soon sank. An estimated 1.5 million tons drifted slowly away and dispersed.

Q2. Where is the debris now?

A. No one knows, really. Tracking is now impossible because the debris is so spread out.

Q3. When could some of it reach Oregon?

A. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration estimates some of the heavier material could reach the Oregon in 2013. They're not exactly sure when or if we'll notice anything unusual, because the ocean currents could keep the debris far out at sea. It's also possible some of the lightest debris—like rigid foam and empty plastic water bottles—will cross the Pacific much faster and arrive in 2012.

Q4. How will the beach look different if we get debris?

A. You might not notice anything different, depending on when it arrives, and how much washes ashore at once. Debris normally comes ashore all year, every year, so telling tsunami debris apart from regular debris won't be easy. During the 2010 spring beach cleanup—coordinated by SOLVE, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and other partners—volunteers removed 35 tons of trash. Thousands of Oregonians have made it their family tradition to help keep our beaches clean.

Q5. Is tsunami debris radioactive?

A. No. Based on monitoring out at sea, in Hawaii, and the rest of the west coast, as of May 2012, no radioactive debris has been detected. Scientists continue to monitor for this very thing.

Q6. What about toxins or hazardous liquids. Could the debris contain that?

A. Yes, and this is true now. We already see barrels, bottles and other containers holding oil and other chemicals. For the proper way to report hazardous marine debris, please see Q8 below.

Q7. So if it's not radioactive, and no more or less hazardous than what we already see on the beach, how will tsunami debris be different?

A. We might see an increase of the same sort of debris we get now—wood, plastic, rigid foam, and anything else that floats. We may see an increase in floats attached to nets. It is remotely possible items with cultural or personal importance will survive the cross-ocean trip, and we need to handle this property with respect in cooperation with Japanese authorities. If you find a valuable object that you think might be personal property, report it to the nearest Oregon State Park office or local law enforcement.

Q8. So what do I do if I see debris on the beach?

A. Depends on what it is.

- Is it just small trash you can safely pick up? Paper, plastic, cans, and so on? You could bag it and leave it in a state park parking lot and a park ranger will take care of it.
- If it's a large amount of small trash, or something strange (but not hazardous), report it to local state park staff or law enforcement, or call 1-800-551-6949, or send an email with the exact location and description (or photo) to beach.debris@state.or.us.
- Is it a big oil drum, gas can, propane tank (or other kind of chemical storage tank), boat, or something else huge? Call 911. We have a procedure in place to investigate and remove objects like these.

Q9. So what's Oregon doing to prepare for unusual amounts of debris?

A. A partnership of agencies and nonprofits are working with coordination help from Oregon Emergency Management to prepare for any increase in beach debris. By working together—SOLVE, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Surfrider Foundation, Sea Grant, US Coast Guard and other federal agencies, the counties, cities and ports—we will be ready.

We need to take **what we already know how to do**—locate, report and remove trash—and be ready to do it quickly and correctly if an unusual amount of debris from any source washes up on our shores or threatens offshore navigation. State Parks is ready to issue special permits to help authorities and nonprofits act quickly if any unusual debris appears.

Q10. Is there something more I can do now to help?

A. Sure is. Trash is a constant problem. Work with the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition's Coast Watch program, join the two annual beach clean-ups, or contact a coastal nonprofit like the Oregon chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Even without the possibility of extra debris, keeping beaches clean is a challenge Oregon can only meet with help from her citizens.

Q11. Where can I go for more information?

A. For Oregon-specific information:

- OPRD: <http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/parks/beachdebris.shtml>
- DEQ: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/>
- Health Department: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/>
- SOLVE: <http://www.solve.org/>
- Surfrider Foundation: <http://oregon.surfrider.org/>
- CoastWatch (Ocean Shores Conservation Coalition): <http://www.oregonshores.org/coastwatch.php5>

Federal agencies

- NOAA: <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/info/japanfaqs.html>
- A marine debris reporting app: <http://www.marinedebris.engr.uga.edu>