

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary  
August 3, 2016  
Department of State Lands  
Salem, Oregon

Members in attendance: Executive Director Louise Solliday, Laura Anderson, Emily Goodwin Martin (phone), Jim Sumich, Krystyna Wolniakowski, Representative David Gomberg, Senator Arnie Roblan.

Interested parties in attendance: Sarah Kolesar, Jena Carter, Dr. Randall Smith, John Serra, Bob Bailey, Caren Braby

Department of State Lands Administrative Support: Chris Castelli & Sabrina Foward

Governor's Natural Resource Office: Gabriela Goldfarb

Louise Solliday opened the meeting.

Louise reported back on the June 13<sup>th</sup> OPAC meeting. Louise presented the Priority Nearshore Research and Monitoring Questions to OPAC. Some OPAC members commented that water quality and marine debris were of interest to OPAC. Louise explained the OST wanted to limit their focus at this time. Louise provided an opportunity for OPAC and the public to review and provide comment on the Priority Nearshore Research and Monitoring Questions, with a deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Use [Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee](#) (STAC) to help the OST depending on their availability.

Jim Sumich provided an update on the research that has been completed in the nearshore. Jim (with the help of Kessina Lee) developed a spreadsheet of the research. Louise commented that the list of current research occurring is short.

The summary from the June 8, 2016 meeting of the OST was approved with one edit.

Sabrina Foward provided some training on how to successfully complete a travel reimbursement form for duties associated with the OST.

California Ocean Science Trust Presentation and Discussion provided by:  
Skyli McAfee, former Executive Director  
Emily Knight, Senior Program Manager

The OST discussed the Priority Nearshore Research and Monitoring Questions, and adopted them subject to further comment and revision during rulemaking.

Grant Program Outline and RAC Composition: A brainstorming session was held to establish grant program criteria. The outcomes of that session are reflected in the draft Grant Program Outline and RAC Composition document.

The proposed next steps for rulemaking are:

- Louise will draft some rules with administrative assistance from DSL.

- A RAC will be convened during the fall to discuss draft rules.
- The draft rules will be brought to the December 2016 OST meeting for discussion and approval to move forward with formal rulemaking.
- Formal rulemaking will occur after January 1, 2017.
- The goal is to adopt permanent rules for a competitive grant program by the summer of 2017.

There was a discussion about attaining funding from the legislature during the 2017 session. Louise informed trust members that DSL has included a policy option package (\$1,000,000 of General Fund) in their [proposed budget](#) for the OST. This package would allow the OST to hire a part-time administrative staff and provide initial match funding for potential grant opportunities to begin the work that supports their mission.

Representative Gomberg noted that the June 8th meeting summary only stated that the \$1,000,000 of General Fund request will be used to provide staff. The summary from the June 8, 2016 meeting was edited to clarify that only a small portion of the request would be used to provide part-time staff. The rest of the funding would be used to provide initial match funding for potential grant opportunities. OST members voted to reconsider the June 8th meeting summary and approve it with these amendments.

It was agreed that the next OST meeting will be in the morning of December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9 AM to 12 PM. DSL will look for a venue in Salem.

Louise adjourned the meeting.

#### Referenced Documents:

- [Summary list of current monitoring and sampling programs in Oregon's nearshore waters](#)
- [California Ocean Science Trust: Our Origin and Work](#)
- [Adopted Priority Nearshore Research and Monitoring Questions](#)
- [Grant Program Outline and RAC Composition](#)