

Oregon Ocean Science Trust
Conference Call Notes Summary
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 12:00 PM to 3:00PM
Zoom Video Conference
Department of State Lands
Salem, Oregon

Meeting documents are posted on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/OOST/Pages/OOST.aspx>

Recorded meeting can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj2y2ZmFkI0&ab_channel=OregonDepartmentofStateLands

OOST Members on conference call (Voting and non-voting)

Chair Laura Anderson, Senator Dick Anderson, Dr. Christine Moffitt, Krystyna Wolniakowski, Steve Marx, Dr. Karina Nielsen

Interested parties on the call

Bob Bailey; Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies; Leif Rasmussen, ODFW; Megan Davis, Oregon Sea Grant Legislative Fellow; Nadia Stoker; Steve Rumrill, ODFW; Jack Barth; Peggy Joyce, OPAC

Department of State Lands (DSL) Administrative Support

Jean Straight, Arin Smith, Linda Safina-Massey

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:03. Board members and DSL staff were recognized.

Approval of April, June, and July 2022 meeting minutes

Dr. Christine Moffitt moved and Krystyna Wolniakowski second the motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 6, 2022, June 21, 2022, and July 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative update

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 6:50 minute mark.)

Senator Anderson reported that there are a very large number of Bills this Session. With the Session only just beginning this month, nothing yet to report.

Nearshore Projects awardee selection and Board approval

Lisa DeBruyckere

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 8:20 time mark.)

Lisa provided an overview of HB 5202, review of the Grant timeline, acknowledgment of the people on the panels who contribute input and guidance on the process and criteria for the FRP as well as reviewing draft and final Grant proposals received by OOST. Lisa explained the decision points and stressed that it was extremely difficult to score; all the proposals were excellent.

Chair Anderson provided further details; followed by Board discussion of nearshore project scope, next steps with remaining funds of \$195,844.00, and details regarding Data Portal Project expectations.

Public Comment

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 54:38 minute mark.)

- Leif Rasmussen, ODFW – Regarding the ROV, provide more information and answer any questions.
- Peggy Joyce – Kudos and deep gratitude to the OOST Board and RFP Panel for their tremendously important work. Encourage everyone to go to the Legislature to emphasize the importance of funding these projects.
- Bob Bailey – Agree with Leif and Peggy. Encourage the OOST to stay with the process; let the funds ripen and then fund additional projects in the future.

Nearshore Projects (cont.)

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 59:47 minute mark.)

Chair Anderson provided a summary of the Board discussion and Public Comments. Stressed the need for outreach and communication with the Legislature to increase awareness of the need for additional funding. There was additional Board discussion on the grant allocations.

Motion – Move to fund top four highest priority Nearshore Data Collection Projects, and the data modeling project, and the data portal assessment project, all totaling \$894,578.00.

Krystyna Wolniakowski moved, Steve Marx seconded the motion to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Funding Ask

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:15:25 minute mark.)

Chair Anderson – In regard to previous conversations, the need for a funding ask in this Legislative Session to complete Nearshore Projects as well as other science needs such as literal cell concept, sandy beach, and estuaries. Suggestion of a \$2 million ask. Board discussion and decision to move forward with the \$2 million ask; direct Chair Anderson to develop one-pager for Legislature presentation.

Motion – Move to direct Chair Anderson to develop one-pager \$2 million funding ask to complete Nearshore Projects as well as fund other scientific ocean research. *Dr. Karina Nielsen moved, Krystyna Wolniakowski seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.*

Strategic Planning and Science Summit

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:34:31 minute mark.)

- Chair Anderson provided background on the genesis of OOST and its mission. Next step for the organization is to be proactive and start strategic planning. Lisa facilitated discussion for purpose and outline of planning for the next 3 – 5 years. Goal of being streamlined and efficient. Discussion by Board with Lisa. Decision to meet in Newport on next scheduled quarterly OOST meeting of April 5, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This will include the Board meeting and Strategic Planning meeting. Lisa will facilitate the April 5th meeting.
- Science Summit – Lisa provided historical information. First summit was in 2016 and was very well received. Discussion with Board on topics including date, location, send out Save The Date, and funding sources. Decision to look at dates sometime between middle of September – beginning of November to allow time for fundraising.

Public Comment

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:00:42 minute mark.)

Chair Anderson opened the floor to public comment – no further public comment.

Federal updates, Member updates, and Other Business

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:01:40 time mark.)

- Chair Anderson – Congresswoman Bonamici’s staff was invited to the meeting. Received an email from Bonamici’s staff indicating that neither the Congresswoman nor her staff were able to attend the meeting.
- Lisa – update on OHA projects: all have signed contracts, and all have received first invoice that equals 50% of project funds, which allowed them to buy equipment and get started on the projects. Everything is on track and going well.
- Krystyna – Do we do press releases? Use this as an opportunity to show publicly how we are funded and how we are meeting our mission.
- Christine – Public outreach is very important; keep information flow and enthusiasm going.
- Karina – Social media is important; our partner organizations are helpful with assisting us in this area.
- Steve – Will the Board have the opportunity to review the one-pager \$2 million ask before it is submitted? Laura – yes, will make it available for individual Board members to view.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 PM