

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Strategic Planning Summary

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Oregon Department of State Lands, Land Board Room and Zoom

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

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

OOST Members present

Chair Laura Anderson, Dr. Christine Moffitt, Krystyna Wolniakowski, Steve Marx, Dr. Karina Nielsen, Representative Gomberg

Interested parties and Presenters

Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies; Jennifer Koester, ODFW; Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation; Nancy Hotchkiss, Pathways Collaborative; Cinamon Moffet, HMSC; Caitlin Magel, UW Tacoma; Bill Davis; Dick Vander Schaaf, Nature Conservancy; Leif Rasmuson, ODFW; Greg McMurray; Scott Groth, ODFW; Shawn Priddle, OSMB

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

Approval of January and April meeting minutes

Dr. Karina Nielsen moved and Steve Marx second the motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 25, 2023, and April 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Update

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 11:41 minute mark.)

Representative Gomberg – The long session included budgets, concluded on Sunday 6/25/2023.

- The final 42 days were a bit bottled up due to the Senate not convening. When they resumed convening there were more than 300 bills to go through.
- An important topic for OOST to talk about is the status and future of the Oregon Marine Reserves. Legislation in support of this program did not move forward. One position was removed. Gomberg asked Charlie Plybon for his insight as well.

Charlie Plybon – Generally there is a failure at the highest levels in Oregon to appreciate investments in ocean programs, which goes beyond Marine Reserves. It is our work to do a better job of highlighting needs from agency support to community engagement, etc. to support our oceans for the enjoyment of future generations.

- Charlie provided an explanation of the Oregon Marion Reserves position that was removed; it was not vacant. Due to a hiring freeze Sea Grant Fellows did that work.

OAH Grant Project Presentations

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 19:10 minute mark.)

Lisa introduced each grant presenter.

- Nancy Hotchkiss, Pathways Collaborative presented their OAH Messaging Plan. Followed by Q&A with Board Members.
- Cinamon Moffet, HMSC, presented the Hatfield Marine Science Center Climate Monitoring Station. Followed by Q&A with the public.
- Caitlin Magel, UW Tacoma, presented their Evaluating the Interaction of Water Quality & Eelgrass in Coos Bay, Oregon. Followed by Q&A with the Board.

Update on HB5202

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:16:07 minute mark.)

Lisa – HB5202 provided OOST with \$1 million for Nearshore Data Collection. Our goal was to get that funding out to all seven projects by 6/30/2023. We did meet our goal with half of those funds distributed. All seven projects have received 50% of funds to start their work. We are on track for these projects.

OAH Communications and Messaging

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:18:49 minute mark.)

Laura – We need to reconvene to cultivate more robust communication and messaging as the two organizations charged with this: OOST and OAH Council. We have OAH Council staff here today, Jennifer Koester. She will work on setting up a meeting with OOST Members and the OAH Council.

OOST Strategic Action Plan finalization

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:20:00 minute mark.)

Laura provided an overview of the April 5, 2023, OOST in-person all day Board Meeting for strategic action planning facilitated by Lisa. Looked at where we are to date and where we want to go in the next five years.

- Received a grant from Builders Initiative of \$100,000 per year. This will fund positions to carry out OOST's goals: Communications Consultant and a Development Fundraiser. Both RFP's will go out through OregonBuys as well as postings on other websites.
- Part of the funding from Builders Initiative will help fund our Ocean Science Summit which will be in December 2023.

Lisa – We have seven issues that came up from comments from Board Members in review of the document since the strategic planning session. We have three completed Requests for Proposals (RFP) that have been reviewed by DSL. The RFPs are ready to be sent out.

- Lisa led the Board through the Strategic Action Plan document. She and the Board updated the document.

Motion – Move to approve the Strategic Action Plan as amended.

Krystyna Wolniakowski moved; Karina Nielsen seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa provided an update and overview of the three RFPs to hire contractors for these positions: 1) Development Fundraiser, 2) Communications Consultant, and 3) a consultant for Inventory of Entities Conducting Ocean and Coastal Science, Policy, and Research in Oregon State of the Science Report. The third position will not go out through OregonBuys.

Laura – Intend to have the Ocean Science Summit in early December 2023 at Hatfield Marine Science Center in the Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building in Newport. Anticipate 50 – 60 participants. Reaching out to organizations to sponsor this event.

Lisa – OOST JEDI Advisory Committee framework discussion from the 4/5/2023 meeting. Some topics for consideration: Can OOST remove any barriers to entities applying for OOST grants? Cultivate an inclusive environment to encourage people to apply for OOST grants? Provided an example of another entity's framework.

Karina – OOST may want to reconsider the acronym JEDI as there has been some controversy due to symbolism.

Board discussion on acronym possibilities and goals of this Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:24:00 minute mark.)

None

OOST Strategic Action Plan finalization - continued

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:25:03 minute mark.)

Lisa – Maybe a subcommittee could work on crafting something to bring back to the full Board? How would you like to build the framework for the committee? Thoughts on the acronym?

Laura – Recognizing that we do not meet again as a full Board until October, I am inclined to call on one of our Board members to help support this. Lead a subcommittee? Dr. Moffitt, would you be willing to lead the subcommittee? Work with Lisa to ensure meeting public meeting announcements, etc.?

Dr. Moffitt agreed to lead the subcommittee.

Laura – A potential first outcome would be to develop a one-pager to explain the expectations of the committee, what we are trying to achieve, list of potential candidates, and how input would be integrated into OOST processes.

Other Business

(Please see the You Tube video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 2:31:00 minute mark.)

Laura and Karina – Had a phone call with the Director of California Ocean Science Trust. Provided an opportunity to compare staffing, action planning, collaboration on projects, opportunities to support each other, multi-state approach for funding, etc.

Christine – Shared the flyer for the Oregon Coast Music Festival.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:52 PM.