Meeting documents are posted on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST) webpage: http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/OOST/Pages/OOST.aspx
A video recording of this meeting is available on the Department of State Lands YouTube webpage: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQA7FHTWwl-gjKqEYPJ1IA

Please see the YouTube video for detailed conversation of the topics below.

OOST Members in attendance
Laura Anderson, Jim Sumich, Krystyna Wolniakowski, and Rosie from Senator Roblan’s office

Interested parties in attendance
none

Department of State Lands (DSL) Administrative Support
Chris Castelli, Eric Mets, and Arin Smith

Welcome, Introductions and Member Updates
Chris Castelli called the conference call meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Approval of October 19, 2018, meeting minutes
Laura moved Jim seconded, the minutes were approved

Discussion
Laura explained that this meeting is about the legislative update and what the OOST wants and needs to do moving forward. The Executive Director and one member has stepped down and those positions are now vacant.

Discussed the recruitment of Emily’s replacement. Chris said we received a couple and forwarded them to Louise.

Discussion about funding and open vacancies between members.

Would like to continue with the recruitments and then select an executive director. Chris gave a refresher of the process. There were three interested parties that applied for Emily’s position. Could meet and review the applications that were received and then make a
recommendation to the Land Board to appoint a replacement. Laura suggested that we put another recruitment posting and look at the candidates from the first round and then schedule another conference call before the April Land Board meeting. Krystina would like to leave the recruitment open for several months and see what we get. Link will be sent to the listserves, on website, send to OOST members.

Laura brought up the discussion regarding an interim executive director until the recruitment is filled. Members are appointed by the LB and the ED is selected by the Trust members. The members all agreed that Laura should be the interim, and Laura agreed to be the interim executive director until the recruitments are filled and she can hand it off. Happy to move through meeting, talk on behalf of the OOST, but doesn’t have the experience that Louise has. Rosie has offered to help Laura move through this. Krystina moves to appoint Laura interim director until further notice, approved unanimously.

Rosie said Legislative day on March 29 to tour the aquarium and get more information on the OOST and the need for the funding and the importance and need for the Trust. If more than two members are attending, we need to make sure that we notice the event according to public meeting law. Rosie gave an update on the bill that is asking for funding for the different ocean topics.

Next meeting to be held after the 2019 Legislature adjourns.