

ADOPTED AT THE JULY 30, 2018, REGULAR MEETING

Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary

March 30, 2018

Department of State Lands

Salem, Oregon

A video recording of this meeting is available on the Department of State Lands YouTube webpage:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQA7FHTWwl-gjJkQeYPJ1IA>

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

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

Members in attendance

Executive Director Louise Solliday, Laura Anderson, Emily Goodwin Martin, Jim Sumich, Krystyna Wolniakowski, Senator Arnie Roblan, and Representative David Gomberg

Interested parties in attendance

Charlie Plybon, Shelby Walker, Robert Bailey, Deanna Caracciclo, Andy Lanier, and Jocelyn Enevoldsen.

Department of State Lands Administrative Support

Chris Castelli and Anne Friend

Welcome, Introductions and Member Updates

Louise called the meeting to order and introductions were made. No member updates were provided.

Legislative Report

Louise reported that she had submitted the Biennial report to the Legislature. Senator Roblan reported that he is introducing a bill to appropriate \$5 million general fund for OOST for the 2019 legislative session.

Approval of the December 7, 2017, Meeting Summary

Laura Anderson moved, and Jim Sumich seconded the motion to approve the meeting summary from the December 7, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates on Funding Strategy Tasks:

Tasks - Responsible member: Please see the YouTube video for detailed conversation.

Oregon Community Foundation - Louise and Krystyna: Krystyna presented a PowerPoint on the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). They can administer grants for the OOST with non-state

funds. Funds for the administrative costs of supporting the OOST could go through the State Treasury Office and be facilitated through DSL. The Legislature set up the OOST as a government entity. This could be an issue moving forward because there are very strict controls on how funds are handled. Senator Roblan mentioned that state funds stay within the treasury, so this will need to be investigated more thoroughly. Representative Gomberg will ask Legislative Counsel to review whether there is an issue with OOST using OCF to receive non-state funds that would support OOST work.

Two-year Budget Development - Louise: Reported that she developed a draft budget of operating costs for the OOST for the next biennium. After discussion she agreed to revise some of the numbers.

Draft Position Description - Laura and Louise: Drafted a position description for a Program Coordinator to support the OOST. This would dedicate a person to doing the administrative duties as well as many of the Executive Director duties. If this were to go through, then the OOST could ask that legislation be changed so that the OOST has a chairperson of a board. Discussion about what this position would look like, the duties of the person in this position and the possibility that this may need to be two positions instead of one. Louise will edit the draft description to include the discussion.

Discussions with Other Foundations - Emily and Krystyna: Emily gave a brief overview of what she found but needs more specifics before she targets any specific groups. Louise reported she is reconnecting with the Packard Foundation.

Blue Earth Consultants Report on Funding Strategies – Laura: Reported that we are moving along as we should be and that the report is a good reference for the OOST to use as they move forward.

One-page OST Description – Laura: Presented three different drafts of one-page flyers depicting the purpose of the OOST. The three flyers targeted the public, legislature and potential funders. Discussion followed about what should/shouldn't be on the flyer. Laura will continue to work with Surfrider Foundation staff to integrate the changes discussed.

Public Comment *Please see the YouTube video for detailed conversation*

Shelby Walker – Sea Grant: supports the OCF forward movement, she would like to know where the science review would occur; Shelby is willing to discuss the position description if the OOST wants help. Shelby gave a brief update on the marine reserves assessment, a review is coming up, a public university is conducting the review assessments. There is a short timeline to complete because the draft is due in 2023 and this assessment process is long. Sea Grant is

looking into other funding possibilities as the assessment is a huge undertaking. Discussion with the OOST followed.

Bob Bailey – Elakha Alliance: The Alliance is working towards a 501c3. Bob mentioned that when sea otters are present, the near shore environment flourished, the absence is profound, returning sea otters to the coast could benefit the coastal ecosystem. There's overlap with the OOST to help promote the Alliance's resources. They will be holding a symposium this fall and invites all the OOST members participation for this event in Newport. This is an invite only event and the OOST members will be on the list to attend if they choose to. Bob is very heartened by what the OOST is doing. He would like to give a presentation to the OOST on sea otters. Bob was asked, and it was explained why Oregon doesn't have any sea otters currently. Bob requested that the OOST give a no cost sponsorship to the symposium.

Jim Sumich moved and Kystyna Wolniakowski seconded the motion to sponsor the Elakha Alliance Symposium in the Fall 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Pilot Project Concepts for Early Solicitation of Funding:

The OOST discussed how to motivate the public to fund projects to continue to care for the ocean and the shorelines. Brainstorming on how to bring attention and raise awareness of the ocean and OOST followed. While keeping mindful to keep the OOST from getting too political, a group could be formed with groups that are out in the ocean working and seeing the changes that are occurring. One idea was to hold symposiums to raise awareness with the public. Other project ideas included coordinating the marine reserve assessment, increasing the number of hydrographic monitoring lines to cover the entire coast, looking at the impacts of climate change, in particular, ocean acidification, on crab larvae and forage fish, developing status and population trends for abalone and mussels, and developing a mapping tool for fishermen observations on the ocean.

It was noted that the Department of Land Conservation and Development received a grant for creating an ocean shores habitat map. They are currently in the process of hiring someone to do this work that will take approximately 18 months to finish. Once this project is finished there will be different GIS layers depicting information.

OAH Council Update

Jim gave an update on the OAH Council. The report is due in September for the governor. The group has divided into four working groups, they have held three meetings so far and are concentrating on ocean acidification and hypoxia. They want to expand public awareness and the need to support this work. Jim will give updates at each OOST meeting.

Next Steps:

Laura and Louise will work on the position description. Laura and Charlie will continue to work on the flyers. Representative Gomberg will seek an opinion from Legislative Counsel regarding the use of OCF to solicit and distribute non-state funds for OOST. Senator Roblan proposes moving forward in outlining what it would look like to work with Oregon Community Foundation, so we know what it will look like and then go through the DSL/DOJ Business Transactions Section for review. Laura pledged \$5,000 for the startup of “the fund”. Louise will redraft the budget and position description. Louise will do a follow up on the pilot projects and get a draft out to everyone before the next meeting. Emily and Louise will meet with the California OOST. An OOST logo needs to be developed.

Senator Roblan moved and Emily Goodwin Martin seconded the motion to move forward with the one-page flyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Sumich moved, and Krystyna Wolniakowski seconded the motion to pursue the Oregon Community Foundation partnership contingent on what Legislative Counsel says. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting date, location and possible topics:

Anne will create a doodle poll that will be sent to schedule the next couple of regular meetings. Possible topics are: OOST Budget; OOST pilot projects/funding; One-page flyer; OAH update; OCF update.

Adjourn. Louise adjourned the meeting at 12:11 pm.