

SOUTH SLOUGH RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
South Slough Interpretive Center
61907 Seven Devils Road - Charleston, Oregon

July 19, 2018

151st REGULAR MEETING 1:00-4:00 P.M.

- I. Call-to-Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Review of the 150th regular meeting minutes**
- IV. Public Input***
- V. Old Business**
 - 1. Younker Point Easement Application Update – Bree, Amber Ross (DSL Bend)
 - 2. Winchester Creek Coho Spawning Reach Update – Jenni, Pat Burns (ODFW)
- VI. New Business**
 - 1. Commercial Activities in the Reserve - Bree
- VII. Presentations**
 - 1. South Coast Tours – Dave Lacy
- VIII. Information Reports**
 - 1. Administration/Facilities
 - 2. Education
 - 3. Science
 - 4. Coastal Training Program
- IX. Adjourn**

*Limited to 5 minutes each unless arranged in advance of the meeting.

** This meeting is being held in a facility that is accessible for persons with disabilities. If you need some form of assistance to participate in this meeting due to a disability, please notify Rebecca Muse at 541-888-5558 ext. 134 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

**SOUTH SLOUGH NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

South Slough Reserve Interpretive Center Auditorium
Charleston, Oregon

Minutes of the 150th Regular Meeting
March 15, 2018

Commission members present:

Vicki Walker, Chair	Lonne Mays
Trent Hatfield	Kris Wall
Chief Warren Brainard	Alan Shanks

South Slough NERR staff and others present:

Bree Yednock	Rebecca Muse
Eric Dean	Mrs. Brainard
Deborah Rudd	Hannah Schrager
Jonathan Forth	John Bragg
Kathy Andreasen	Jenni Schmitt
Jaime Belanger	Angie Doroff
Pat Burns, ODFW	Jonathan Forth
Kyle Merenger	Mike Allman

Patrick Juarez

Bill Ryan, DSL

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by Vicki Walker Director of the Department of State Lands and Chair of the Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS

After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Chair Walker introduced herself as the new director, and Bill Ryan as the deputy director of the Oregon Department of State Lands. Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair Walker asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve and Commissioner Shanks seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS

Coal Bank Slough

Local landowners were at one point working with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians on the donation of this property. There is no current update.

Yunker Point Easement

The Department of State Lands has not received a complete application from the landowner. Chair Walker said she would like to confer with the Commission if an application is submitted.

Other

Chair Walker asked staff for an update on the Indian Point and Wasson Creek restorations.

Hannah Schragger replied that since staff received approval from the Commission at the November meeting to proceed with the implementation of the Indian Point restoration plan, the tasks involved have been largely completed, and will be fully completed within the next two weeks.

Ms. Schragger reported that staff have worked the past two years with the assistance of the technical advisory committee (TAC) on the planning aspect for the Wasson restoration. South Slough Reserve serves as the project manager for the Wasson restoration project. The planning for the project has been completed, and the implementation of the project will follow once grant funding is secured.

NEW BUSINESS

Management Commission Background

Bree Yednock handed out copies of the statutes pertaining to the South Slough Reserve Management Commission. The roles and responsibilities of the Commission were discussed as well as the rules regarding public access on the Reserve. The nine authorized representatives on the Commission includes eight voting members (at one vote each), and one non-voting member, the NOAA representative.

Vice Chair

Chair Walker asked if the Commission had appointed a vice-chair. According to the terms, the vice-chair serves as one year and is appointed by the members of the Commission. The Commission did not have a current vice-chair.

Chair Walker asked if there was a motion to nominate and appoint the position. Upon request from fellow Commissioners, Commissioner Mays indicated that he would be willing to serve as vice-chair. Commissioner Hatfield motioned and Commissioner Shanks seconded to appoint Commissioner Mays as vice-chair. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chair Walker read the duties of the vice-chair.

Presentations

South Slough Coho Status and Concerns

Jenni Schmitt, Watershed Monitoring Coordinator showed a presentation titled, "South Slough Coho Status and Concerns". Ms. Schmitt was joined by ODFW Project Monitor for Winchester Creek, Pat Burns.

The presentation generated concern but was received very favorably by the Commission as being clear to understand. In the resulting discussion, Ms. Schmitt and Mr. Burns answered many questions.

After much discussion and many suggestions, Chair Walker proposed that staff reach out to the NOAA Fisheries who are currently working on a Coho Salmon Recovery for Oregon plan (per Commissioner Wall) and to contact the Oregon Dept. of Forestry (who enforce forestry laws and regulations); and also for staff to get on the Coos County Commission agenda to show the presentation and make them aware of the problem.

Specifically, Chair Walker asked Bree Yednock to contact Commissioner Main and relay the conversation at today's meeting to him, and find out when and where the county is cutting timber next as well as determine if the sales are complete.

Chair Walker also asked deputy director Bill Ryan to take the lead on contacting the ODF to determine the variances that they may allow.

Chair Walker proposed that the Commission schedule an emergency meeting (open to the public) if needed prior to the regular July meeting. She advocated for more public outreach and information such as posting the agenda, to encourage and inform citizens.

Information Reports

Staff shared highlights and progress within their program areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walker asked if there were any parting concerns or comments after which she adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.