

**SOUTH SLOUGH RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

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

November 19, 2015

**144th REGULAR MEETING 1:30-4:00 P.M.**

- I. Call-to-Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Review of the 143rd regular meeting minutes**
- IV. Public Input\***
- V. Old Business**
- VI. New Business**
  - 1. Revised Fee Schedule
  - 2. Management Plan Revision update
  - 3. Briefing on Wasson Creek Project
  - 4. Hunting Regulations and Map Discussion
- VII. Presentations**
- VIII. Information Reports**
  - 1. Administration/Facilities
  - 2. Education
  - 3. Science
- 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 Pam Wilson at 541-888-5558 ext. 34 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

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

Oregon Institute of Marine Biology  
Charleston, Oregon

Minutes of the 143rd Regular Meeting  
July 16, 2015

**Commission members present:**

Mary Abrams, Chair

Bob Main

Trent Hatfield

David Kronsteiner

**South Slough NERR staff and others present:**

Gary Cooper, Manager

Rick Green, volunteer

Pam Wilson

Bree Yednock

Deborah Rudd

Hannah McDonald

Ed Oswald

John Bragg

Kathy Andreasen

Don Smith

Amadeus DeMarzo

Ali Helms

Lonne and Laura Mays, FOSS

Nate Damewood

Patrick Juarez

Joy Tally

Dave Lunde, FOSS

Pat McKillip, FOSS

Craig Cornu

Sue Cameron, FOSS

Megan Joyce, AmeriCorps

Becky Galindo, volunteer

**The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the Chair of the Commission, Mary Abrams.**

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Chair Abrams deferred a motion to approve due to lack of a quorum. She suggested the minutes of the previous meeting be approved via a virtual vote by e-mail.**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Cooper asked if there were any comments from the public. There was no public input.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Fee Structure**

The revised fee structure for the Reserve will be discussed at the November meeting.

### **Management Plan**

The Reserve has not received all of the comments back from NOAA. Chair Abrams requested that staff forward the draft Management Plan to the Commission after all of the comments have been received.

### **Fredrickson Structures**

Sandra Rippee of the Coquille Tribe plans to have someone in the next week come out and look at the barn.

### **Disaster Resiliency Plan**

Commissioner Kronsteiner suggested staff contact Brook Walton of the Port regarding the Port of Coos Bay's Emergency Plan for the Charleston area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Volunteer Recognition**

The Management Commission formally recognized the contributions of volunteers to the South Slough Reserve.

At their 114th regularly scheduled meeting held in November 2005, the SSNERR Management Commission initiated a process to formally recognize the service of volunteers. The Commission agreed to recognize the contributions of volunteers by taking the following actions.

- Each person who has contributed more than 10 hours during the previous year shall receive a thank you letter signed by the Chair of the Commission.
- People who have volunteered at the Reserve for one year or more will be given certificates marking their ongoing contribution of time measured in three-year increments. In addition, the names of volunteers with three or more years of service should be added to a volunteer recognition plaque displayed in the Reserve's Interpretive Center.
- Volunteers who have made unique and significant contributions as recommended by the Reserve staff should also receive special recognition at the meeting.

Listed below are the names of individuals meeting one or more of the above criteria for volunteer recognition. Though every effort was made to be as inclusive as possible in compiling the following list we recognize that the voluntary contributions of some may have been omitted. South Slough Reserve is grateful for all who have donated their time and care for this special place over the years whose name(s) may not be noted in this report.

#### Volunteer Service Award Nominees for 2014

\* = SSNERR Commission member

# = FOSS Board member

Each person who has contributed more than 10 hours during the previous year will receive a thank you letter signed by the Chair of the SSNERR Commission.

Ana Andazola-Ramsey, Max Beeken, Toni Ann Brend\*, Jonathan Brigham, Barbara Booth, Mark Burnap, Sue Cameron#, Curt Clay#, Valerie Cooley#, Dr. Bob Cowen\*, Eric Dean, Becky Galindo, Gabriel Gaskill, Rick Green, Dave Gray, Cheyenne Hannaman, Trent Hatfield\*, Ralph Helske, Emma Hunt, Bob Ivey, Nicole Jackson\*,

Marley Jarvis, Anne Jelinek, Megan Joyce, Isabella Kharrazi, Jamie Krebs, David Kronsteiner\*, Erik Larsen, Steve Larsen, Dave Lunde#, Bob Main\*, Andrew Martin, Anne Matthews, Phillip Matthews, Laura Mays#, Lonne Mays#, Lindsay McAfee, Kylie McDermott, Judith McDonald, Patricia McKillip#, Mike Miller, Mike Mueller, Molly O'Neil, John Ortega, Rich Pakkula, Ava Petley, Ian Rodger, Sam Schrage, Nathan Schroeder, Nancy Shinn#, Bob Sleeth, Janet Stoffel, Linda Sullivan, Will Sullivan, Beth Tanner, Diego Torres, Dick Vigue, Kris Wall\*, Sawyer Watson, Dr. Craig Young\*, Tom Younker#.

The following people have volunteered at the Reserve for one year or more and will be given certificates marking their ongoing contribution of time measured in three year increments.

Max Beeken, Toni Ann Brend\*, Barbara Booth, Eric Dean, Becky Galindo, Rick Green, Dave Gray, Trent Hatfield, Megan Joyce, Jamie Krebs, David Kronsteiner\*, Bob Main\*, Mike Mueller, Sam Schrage, Nancy Shinn#, Linda Sullivan, Will Sullivan, Kris Wall\*.

The following individuals have volunteered for three or more years. Their names will be added to the volunteer recognition plaque displayed in the Reserve's Interpretive Center:

Sue Cameron#, Curt Clay, Valerie Cooley#, Dr. Bob Cowen\*, Ralph Helske, Bob Ivey, Nicole Jackson\*#, Steve Larsen, David Lunde#, Laura Mays, Lonne Mays#, Anne Matthews, Phil Matthews, Pat Mckillip#, Joe Neill, John See, Bob Sleeth, Dick Vigue, Dr. Craig Young\*, Tom Younker#.

Volunteers who have made unique and significant contributions in 2014 as recommended by the Reserve staff

Max Beeken and Ava Petley: For pioneering the mapping of Indian Point, for contributing immensely to the GIS capacity of the Reserve, for adaptability to contribute to various programming (education, stewardship, research). Both worked hard mapping existing roads and trails on the new Indian point acquisition. Max also helped make some neighborhoods maps for the Partnership for Coastal Watersheds socio-economic assessment.

Eric Dean: Helped install three water quality monitoring stations on the west fork Winchester Creek, to collect baseline data for a Coho restoration project. He quickly learned how to maintain the data-loggers and made the project his own.

Jase Fuller and Tait Miller: For contributions to Port Orford cedar root rot resistance monitoring, and for the work contributed to the Wasson Creek Restoration Project forest inventory project.

Rick Green: Rick spent one day a week for the year assisting SSNERR Maintenance Assistant Don Smith with trail upkeep. Rick also participated in the SSNERR paddle training series and has helped provide safety support on SSNERR paddle trips.

Erik Larsen: Last summer, he went above and beyond as the oyster restoration intern. He designed a monitoring project to compare South Slough's oyster beds with established beds in Coos Bay and developed a monitoring protocol aligned with nationally recognized standards. He recruited and coordinated volunteers to help with the data collection and compiled and analyzed the data at the end of the project. He created a final report and two posters, one of which he presented at the SSNERR 40th anniversary celebration and the other was presented at the NERRS national meeting.

Sawyer Watson: Sawyer helped with both research and education. It was very cool that she took the initiative to get involved with both teams. She was a big help with our field projects and was eager to be plugged in to the oyster and eelgrass monitoring projects. She was also a big help with the summer education programs, specifically she helped Kylie and Isabella deliver presentations at the State Parks and the Charleston mud flats and docks.

Refreshments were served after the close of the event to honor those who have volunteered their time and service to the Reserve.

## **Management Commission Recruitment**

Alan Shanks has replaced Craig Young on the Management Commission as Commissioner Young's term has expired. Nicole Jackson's term has also expired and she will not seek a re-appointment. The Reserve is currently seeking a replacement for the at-large position she occupied.

### **312 Evaluation**

Gary Cooper reported that the NOAA evaluation team will be at the Reserve September 16 – 18. Stakeholders such as Commission members, volunteers and others will be invited to participate in the evaluation process for the Reserve by NOAA. Mr. Cooper is working on finalizing an agenda for the event.

### **Updates**

Chair Abrams congratulated Joy Tally for her promotion to the Education Lead position at the Reserve. She also offered her congratulations to Jenni Schmitt for her promotion to the Monitoring Coordinator position. Staff members that will soon be retired, Craig Cornu, Nate Damewood and Pam Wilson were acknowledged for their many years of service by the Commission. Megan Joyce was also thanked for her time spent as an AmeriCorps volunteer and she was offered congratulations for her acceptance into the University of Florida Veterinary School.

Lead scientist Bree Yednock announced that SSNERR has received a grant from USFWS. Staff worked with FOSS on the application for the grant which has greatly facilitated the process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abrams adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.