

SOUTH SLOUGH RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

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

March 17, 2016

145th REGULAR MEETING 1:00-4:00 P.M.

- I. Call-to-Order**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Review of the 144th regular meeting minutes**
- IV. Public Input***
- V. Old Business**
- VI. New Business**
 - 1. Management Plan Revision update - Hannah
 - 2. Use of Herbicides on South Slough – Discussion Only - Gary
- 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.

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

Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
Charleston, Oregon

Minutes of the 144th Regular Meeting
November 19, 2015

Commission members present:

Stephanie Hallock, Chair

Lonne Mays

Trent Hatfield

Toni Ann Brend

David Kronsteiner

Kris Wall

Dr. Alan Shanks

South Slough NERR staff and others present:

Gary Cooper, Manager

Cyndi Wickham, DSL

Pam Wilson

Bree Yednock

Deborah Rudd

Hannah McDonald

Ed Oswald

John Bragg

Kathy Andreasen

Don Smith

Jenni Schmitt

Ali Helms

Laura Mays, FOSS

Mike Allman

Eric Dean

Joy Tally

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Stephanie Hallock Cummins, Interim Director of the Department of State Lands and Chair of the Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves. Chair Hallock thanked the members of the Management Commission for their service.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Fee Schedule

Manager Gary Cooper introduced the revised and simplified fee schedule he compiled for the South Slough NERR. The Commission concurred that the revised schedule was an improvement over the previous document. **Upon request, the Commission moved to adopt the new fee schedule effective to date. Commissioner Mays moved for approval of the revised fee schedule and Commissioner Kronsteiner seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.**

Management Plan

Hannah McDonald reported that NOAA has sent the draft review back with guidance for staff on the completion of the plan. Staff has completed a strategic plan for the Reserve for the next five years. When the present draft is approved sometime in March 2016, it will be posted on-line and hard copies will be distributed.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the 142nd meeting was postponed until present due to the lack of a quorum at the July meeting.

Chair Hallock asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the 142nd regular meeting. Commissioner Kronsteiner moved and Commissioner Mays seconded to approve the minutes of the 142nd regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Wasson Creek Project

Hannah McDonald gave an update on the Wasson Creek Watershed Restoration project. The area is the highest priority for restoration work for the Reserve and is a rich cultural resource which includes the Fredrickson barn. Staff has been working with the Tribes on the project which will include the mass eradication of invasive plants such as reed canary grass and the replanting of native foliage. An extensive inventory has been completed of the uplands and staff would like to introduce the concept of thinning. The planning phase of the project will be finished in late fall of next year; and it is expected that the entire project will not be funded by one entity.

Hunting Regulations

Manager Gary Cooper spoke with ODFW regarding current hunting restrictions. The Reserve's hunting map and hunting restrictions will remain the same for now. Commissioner Mays suggested changing some of the guidelines regarding 22 rifles and the like. Mr. Cooper agreed it would be a good idea to do a review.

Suggestions from the Chair

Chair Hallock requested that any new business agenda items be forwarded to her in advance of the next meeting. She also asked that staff share five minute highlights at the next meeting in addition to their written program reports. She noted that her assignment as interim agency director would only be through the end of February, but she would like to see an update for the Commission at the next regular meeting regarding the MOU and host agency discussion with the UO and OSU. As Chair, she feels it is appropriate to keep the Commission apprised of any developments regarding the host agency for the Reserve.

312 Evaluation

The Reserve is waiting to receive the report back from NOAA. We will provide an update at the next meeting. We believe the process went well.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hallock adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.