

OPAC Territorial Sea Plan Working Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 12:30 -4:00 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Lincoln County Courthouse

225 West Olive Street, Room 108

Newport, Oregon 97365

Members Present:

Kaety Hildenbrand

Paul Klarin

James Good

David Allen

Terry Thompson

Dave Fox

Laurel Hillmann

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Jeff Kroft

Onno Husing

Susan Morgan

By Teleconference:

Members:

Scott McMullen

Steve Shipsey (counsel)

Audience:

Andy Lanier

Walter Chuck

Juna Hickner

Bob Kemp

Ken Rhinefrank

Wayne Belmont

Fran Recht

Bob Eder

Barry McPherson

Lorinda De Haan

Welcome and Introductions:

Co-Chair David Allen brought the meeting to order and began by welcoming everyone. Work Group members introduced themselves to the audience and the members in the audience introduced themselves. Chair, David Allen introduced Susan Morgan, Douglas County Commissioner, who will now represent OPAC for the south coast counties (replacing John Griffith).

Review and Approval of Summary Minutes of February 11, 2009 TSPWG

David Allen asked the members if they had reviewed the TSPWG minutes of February 11, 2009 meeting and if there were any comments or edits to the minutes as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes was made and duly seconded. Hearing no objections to the motion to accept the TSPWG summary minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting was approved. (Attachment A)

Update on Recent Topics:

Paul Klarin: There was a letter sent from six members of the Oregon Congressional delegation to the Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, requesting an extension of public comments of their EIS/OEIS for the US Navy's expanded use of the Northwest Training Range Complex off of the Oregon Coast. The main concern is that the public was not made aware of this report until days before the January 30, 2009 public hearing in Newport.

Paul Klarin: In the last few weeks, DLCD has been approached by more power and investment companies interested in siting energy facilities both in the Territorial Sea and out in the Continental Shelf. There is continued confusion over which federal agency is responsible for the siting and licensing of alternative energy facilities in the ocean between 3 to 12 miles out, currently, the State and MMS and FERC are all involved in regulation. The alternative energy devices themselves are still being recreated as new technology becomes available. Most of these companies are years away from a working model.

Update on spatial mapping of fishing effort

Onno Husing: Currently we have contract in place to do work through the SOORC group. As soon as the consent and confidential form is completed by EcoTrust, interviews will begin. We have over 50 interview scheduled and there may be more money available from DLCD as well as OWET to expand/complete interviews. Discussion on including recreational, charter and on-line surveys for participation in the mapping as well as including the STAC work group in the review of data among members continued.

David Allen: Perhaps we need to get Charlie Steinbeck and/or Ed Backus of EcoTrust back here and give the work group members another update?

Discussion on New TSP Part 5 for ocean energy conversion and development.

Work group members spent most of the afternoon reviewing and discussing the revisions on Part 5.12 (Attachment B) and making suggested changes, etc. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that a more in dept review of the TSP Part 5.12 material by the members was necessary before any further edits could be made.

Public Comments:

Fran Recht: Concerned over public information vs. confidentiality of the fisheries. Also there are several other data sets that need to be captured in order to complete the entire picture.

Ken Rhinefrank from Columbia Power: I understand the concerns that have been voiced today; our company will implement efficiency standards to all of our projects.

Meeting Ended at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorinda De Haan

Attachments:

A – February 12, 2009 TSPWG Minutes, 9 pages.

B – Draft of revised Chapter for Wave Energy 5.12, dated 2009, 4 pages