

Lower Nehalem Watershed Council

April 10, 2003

Present: Jay Holland, Jim Salisbury, Shirley Kalkhoven, Joe Watkins, Michelle Long, Maggie Peyton, Gareth Ferdun, Jim Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Georgette Ferdun, Todd Boswell, Bob Forster, Don Cameron, Gwendolyn Endicott, Dave Wells, Phil Blanton, Vivi Tallman, Hope Stanton, Mike Whalen, Peter Walczak, Michelle Long-ODFW, Dave Godsey

Guests: Doug Ray, Bill Langmaid, Lorrie Zacker, David Hague, Mark Smith NBSP, Clyde Zeller

Approval of Minutes: no changes noted, considered accepted as written.

Announcements: Dave Wells announced a gubernatorial visit at the Elk Creek Campground April 12, 1-2:15 for a core habitat tour and macro invertebrate sampling. Dave also distributed copies of the core habitat plan. He added that ODF will host an April 26 forest tour and passed out flyers. Dave noted that the Annual Operations Plan tour includes multi-use sites of the forest including recreation and harvest areas. Mark Labhart will conduct the tour. Tour begins at 9:30 and departs from the Tillamook ODF office. Wells also noted that it is Arbor Week and showed a teacher teaching guide available at the district office. Dave distributed a brochure that highlights programs sponsored by the department and departmental contacts.

Vivi announced that the local Land Trust has signed a lease option on the Anderson Farm. She noted that the majority will be restored to wetlands with a community garden and other potential uses to-be-determined at a later date.

Gwendolyn announced the Beaver Awards. Jim and Bonnie Johnson, Jay Holland and Dave Godsey received certificates.

Michelle announced that the Annual Children's Clean Water Festival organizers are looking for volunteers. This successful activity benefits all 4th graders in the county.

Joe Watkins noted a recent theft of 20,000 steelhead fry from the hatchery, the second such theft. He thinks they will achieve the 90,000 rearing goal but no one has determined the benefit or purpose of such a theft. The hatchery has increased security.

Presentation 1: Jay read the Action Plan item from stating a goal of 5 miles of non-motorized trails in the Coal Creek area and introduced Clyde Zeller from the ODF who presented information on district-wide and North County recreation projects, both existing and planned.

Following the presentation, Gareth read a response from Tom Shafer who notes the council can do whatever it wants, subject to normal financial and resource limitations and granting processes.

Presentation 2: Bill Langmaid of the Upper Nehalem Council and Columbia SWCD presented temperature data from the Salmonberry, N. Fork and main stem plus tributaries.

Council Business:

Water Quality -Georgette passed a signup list for volunteer samplers.

Estuary Cleanup — Vivi noted that 85 people collected 30 cu yds. of trash, 5.5 cu. yds. of recyclables and 43 tires.

Grants —Maggie commented that the God's Valley LWD project is rated # 4 and should be funded.

Necanicum MOU - Dave Godsey and Doug Ray explained the purpose of the agreement and the council was asked for approval of the MOU. Hearing no objections, the MOU was considered accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM —

Submitted by Dave Godsey and Georgette Ferdun