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Agenda

MEETING: METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
 DATE: February 1, 2001
 DAY: Thursday
 TIME: 2:00 PM
 PLACE: Metro Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentation of Wild in the City

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3. MCCI UPDATE

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4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

5. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

6. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

8. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.1 Consideration of Minutes for the January 18, 2001 and the January 25, 2001 Metro Council Regular Meetings.

10. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

- 10.1 **Ordinance No. 01-888**, For the Purpose of Amending Provisions of Metro Code Chapter 6.01 Relating to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Regarding Powers, Budgets and Terms of Members.

11. RESOLUTION

- 11.1 **Resolution 01-3024A**, For the Purpose of Adding a New Advisory Committee to the Oregon Convention Center.

Burkholder

12. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATION

ADJOURN

Cable Schedule for February 1, 2001 Metro Council Meeting

	Sunday (2/4)	Monday (2/5)	Tuesday (2/6)	Wednesday (2/7)	Thursday (2/1)	Friday (2/2)	Saturday (2/3)
CHANNEL 11 (Community Access Network) (most of Portland area)						2:00 P.M.	
CHANNEL 21 (TVCA) (Washington Co., Lake Oswego, Wilsonville)	7:00 P.M.	1:00 A.M.		7:00 P.M.	1:00 A.M.		
CHANNEL 30 (TVCA) (NE Washington Co. – people in Wash. Co. who get Portland TCI)	7:00 P.M.	1:00 A.M.		7:00 P.M.	1:00 A.M.		
CHANNEL 30 (CityNet 30) (most of Portland area)		POSSIBLE 2:00 P.M. (previous meeting)					
CHANNEL 30 (West Linn Cable Access) (West Linn, Rivergrove, Lake Oswego)	7:00 A.M. (previous meeting)	5:00 P.M. (previous meeting)	8:00 A.M. (previous meeting)		5:00 P.M. (previous meeting)	8:00 A.M. (previous meeting)	6:00 P.M. (previous meeting)
CHANNEL 33 (ATT Consumer Svcs.) (Milwaukie)	4:00 P.M. (previous meeting)					10:00 P.M. (previous meeting)	9:00 A.M. (previous meeting)

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MCCI UPDATE

Metro Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2001
Council Chamber



METRO

January 23, 2001

The Honorable David Bragdon
Presiding Officer, Metro Council
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Presiding Officer Bragdon:


Attached is a copy of the "role statement" from the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI.) This work, as I understand it, was undertaken as an internal effort to clarify for members of MCCI what their role is in relation to advising the Council and Executive Officer.

At first blush this may seem almost a rhetorical question, but it has been one which has vexed MCCI for some time, and has on occasions been a distraction to the work of MCCI. Therefore, I believe this effort on the part of MCCI is a major one and worthy of applause.

This document will serve as a guide to the work program for MCCI and will be instructive to us in taking advantage of the resource available through MCCI.

I commend the members of the committee for developing this statement and for their continued efforts on our behalf.

Best regards,


Mike Burton
Executive Officer

cc: Metro Council

**METRO****COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT***Mission:* TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AT METRO**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Metro Council
FROM: Ted Kyle, MCCI Chair
RE: Attached Role Statement
DATE: January 23, 2001

MCCI officially started working to improve communications between Metro and its citizens over ten years ago when the charter was adopted. We have made significant contributions by developing the citizen involvement principles and the Public Involvement Planning Guide. Since then, we have focused our attention on departmental projects and programs. Many of our members have completed their terms of service, while new people have joined the committee. New people have also come to Metro as elected officials and staff. Fresh ideas come when new people join us, but we also lose some knowledge of the past and our founding purposes.

When I was chosen to lead MCCI, it struck me that we needed to see how well we were doing advising the people that count, Metro Councilors, the Executive, the Auditor, and staff. I conducted interviews with several people and found that there was not a common vision for MCCI or even a complete understanding of what we were doing. So MCCI decided last July in our annual retreat to reaffirm what we were all about. We needed to closely examine the charter, which defines our purpose, and see what we think those keywords mean in today's context.

I am pleased to present this role statement for MCCI. It states the purpose and focus of MCCI as defined by the group. It considers our limited time as volunteers while underscoring the commitment and importance of citizen involvement in effective government. Our primary focus will be to work with Metro elected officials and staff to ensure that there are opportunities for communications with citizens who do not have a high degree of skill knowledge, or ability to be engaged in their government's work, and evaluate how well they are heard.

This said, MCCI will continue to meet with liaisons from each department on a monthly basis in order to be aware of department work activities and to facilitate public involvement opportunities that will reach the primary purpose stated above. We will also continue to monitor issues of agency-wide importance that affect citizens, things such as the recently passed committee ordinance.

For further information, feel free to contact Chair Kyle at 503-353-4562 or MCCI Staff at 503-797-1539.

MCCI Role Statement

The Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement was created under section 28 of the Metro Charter. The committee is intended to reside in the Office of Citizen Involvement. The office is charged with "developing and maintaining programs and procedures to aid communications between citizens and the Council and Executive Officer."

In order to better understand this charge MCCI looked at the meaning of the following key words, "aid communication between citizens and the Council and Executive Officer."

Who are Citizens?

We believe that a citizen is anyone who wants or needs to communicate with the Metro government. It includes people who reside within the Metro boundary and those who reside outside the boundary that could be affected by Metro's actions.

Who do citizens communicate with?

Even though the Charter states that the Office of Citizen Involvement is concerned with communications between citizens and the Executive and Council, we believe that a more expansive definition could include any communication with Metro, including staff.

What is communication?

Communication means any method of disseminating or receiving information, ideas, concerns, or issues. Communication occurs both from the government and to the government. Examples of communication from Metro to citizens include printed publications, presentations at public hearings and meetings, mail brochures, media coverage, Internet pages, and ballot questions etc. Communication from citizens to Metro include public testimony at public hearings and meetings; citizen's working on metro advisory committees; voting, protests and demonstrations; citizen comment cards, letters or e-mail, conversations over the telephone, or face to face with elected officials and staff; meetings with community groups and individuals, etc. Some forums allow two- way communication where government officials both send and receive information. Examples of these situations include public meetings, listening posts, town hall meetings, public hearings, formal Council meetings, Metro advisory committee meetings and direct conversations.

What aids communication?

Aiding communication means improving understanding between parties that are trying to communicate and assuring that all citizens are being invited to the communication process and that few people are left out.

What is MCCI's role in communication?

MCCI is a group of citizens from throughout the region who is charged with aiding the communication process. MCCI could aid the communication process by becoming message carriers and advocates for citizens' view. However, we know that our time as volunteers is limited, and we would only complicate communication if we became intermediaries. Elected Officials and staff are better able to communicate directly with citizens. We believe that the best use of our time is working with Metro elected officials and staff on improving what happens in the government when communication work is being planned and practiced. Our work should include providing feedback to staff and elected officials on communication strategies and plans before projects are started. We do this by reviewing and commenting on Public Involvement Plans (PIPs) and evaluating PIP implementation. We could also provide constructive

criticism on the efforts made to reach citizens while a key policy or decision is being drafted and debated before the decision is made. After the decision is made we should evaluate how well the decision reflected citizen input. If the decision could not accommodate citizen concerns, we can determine if any reason was given for not accommodating citizen concerns. Ideally, the explanation would then be communicated back to the person who brought up the concern.

MCCI does not judge the merits of any policy decision. That is up to the citizenry. We also will shy away from intergovernmental relations. Metro has other processes to improve intergovernmental communications.

Many people who do want to communicate with Metro are well equipped for the task. They may be represented by lobbyists, professional staff, or are very experienced in governmental processes. Typically these people have access to the process and can have a great deal of influence.

Since MCCI's resources are limited, MCCI will focus on Metro's communications efforts with people who are less skilled in working through governmental processes. Knowing that people, like "Joe or Jane Citizen", can be overlooked in some governmental processes, MCCI will do its part by striving to connect citizen groups they participate in to the public process and input opportunities at Metro. Also, since MCCI is made up of citizens, not public involvement professionals, we are well suited to evaluate whether the communication process was effective, (meaning, did "Joe and Jane Citizen" have opportunity to access government, and how well did government listen?)

In summary, our primary focus is to work with Metro elected officials and staff to ensure there are opportunities for communication with citizens who do not have a high degree of skill, knowledge, or ability to be engaged in their government's work and evaluate how well they are heard.

Consideration of the January 25, 2001 Regular Metro Council Meeting minutes.

Metro Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2001
Metro Council Chamber

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain (Deputy Presiding Officer), Rex Burkholder, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain convened the regular council meeting at 2:07 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

The Natural Resources Report was rescheduled for February 1, 2001.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

- **CAFR**

Alexis Dow, Metro Auditor, presented Metro's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2000. A copy of the CAFR is included in the meeting record. She introduced Don Riggs, from Deloitte and Touche, and Don Cox and Karla Lenox, from Metro's Accounting Services Division. She said Deloitte and Touche issued Metro a clean opinion, which meant there were no significant exceptions to the information presented in the audited financial statements.

Don Riggs, Deloitte and Touche, reviewed the independent auditors' report of Metro's general purpose financial statements. A copy of the report by Deloitte and Touche is included in the meeting record. He said it was a very clean audit, and he complimented Jennifer Sims, Administrative Services Department Director, Mr. Cox and Ms. Lenox for their excellent work.

Councilor Atherton asked if the analysis of Metro's landfill closure fund included the orphan site contributions made by Metro in the past.

Don Cox, Manager, Accounting Services Division, said the fees charged during the time the landfill was open were set aside to fund post-closure care costs. In effect, Metro had a funded liability because there were assets in place to fund the remaining estimated post-closure care.

Councilor Atherton said the orphan site fund could be added to the landfill closure fund, as well.

Mr. Cox said there was a specific Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirement that entities should have financial assurance programs in place to fund post-closure care of landfills.

Councilor Atherton noted that completing the CAFR was a state requirement. He asked if the State of Oregon had ever offered to provide financial assistance.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain said no one from the state was present to answer Councilor Atherton's question. She noted that state staff worked diligently with Metro on the CAFR.

Mr. Cox acknowledged Karla Lenox, Financial Reporting and Control Section Supervisor, and the rest of the accounting staff, for their work on the CAFR. He noted the transmittal letter for the CAFR (pages vii through xxviii). He said there was one budgetary over-expenditure of \$288,501 during fiscal year 2000 in the General Revenue Bond Fund, related to an Expo Center project (page 26). He said they were not able to obtain the actuarial information from the State of Oregon Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) in time for the report.

Councilor Park noted Mr. Riggs's statement that the audit was very clean for a government of Metro's size. He asked if by size, Mr. Riggs was referring to dollar value, volume, or population size?

Mr. Riggs said he was referring to dollar value – the size of the accounting entries.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff, said the Oregon Legislature was now in session. He noted that the Oregon Plan had been assigned a senate bill number, and said he would keep the council informed about the bill's progression. He said Doug Riggs and the PacWest Communication Team began interviews with House and Senate members during the first week, and were well received.

Councilor Monroe noted that Dan Cooper, General Counsel, was currently in a meeting with Oregonians in Action and the Association of Oregon Counties and Cities in Salem concerning Measure 7.

The goal of the meeting was to reach agreement on how to address the real problems that Measure 7 attempted to address, without destroying Oregon's land use system.

Councilor Hosticka said he spoke with State Representative Bruce Starr that morning. Rep. Starr indicated interest in work done by Metro on alternative ways to fund transportation. Metro may be asked to send someone to Salem to summarize the results of the task force on tolling and peak period pricing. He asked Mr. Stone to distribute to the council a list of the legislative bills that may affect Metro, with a brief summary, each week.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain agreed.

Councilor Burkholder said Mr. Doug Riggs's report mentioned a regional transportation authority. He asked for more information.

Mike Burton, Executive Officer, said the idea of a regional transportation authority came from a transportation summit which he, Councilor Monroe and Councilor Bragdon attended. There was interest in Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs), to let regions create taxing districts to allow new

funding mechanisms that could be applied to alternative transportation. Proposals were being drafted and would be presented to the council.

Councilor Bragdon asked Mr. Stone to give each councilor a copy of the bill concerning buildable lands inventory and planning period, as Councilor Hosticka suggested.

Councilor Atherton said in his opinion, buildable land supply set an outer limit of 20 years. This was opposed to current law, which allowed a supply of more than 20 years. He said many communities would support this effort, and it could be useful to Metro.

6. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain said the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) did not meet this week. She invited Councilor Monroe to update the council on the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).

Councilor Monroe said the main topic at JPACT that morning was the process and priorities for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) decision making. He felt the overall tenor of the meeting was very positive. He briefly reviewed the process for MTIP funding. The council would vote next week on the process, which was approved by JPACT today.

Councilor Burkholder noted that JPACT voted to lengthen the MTIP process to allow local jurisdictions more time to prepare their lists of projects.

Councilor Monroe added that JPACT also said farewell to Grace Crunican, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation, who had resigned, and Jon Kvistad, former Metro Councilor and chair of JPACT.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Consideration of Minutes of the January 11, 2001, Regular Council Meeting

Motion: **Councilor Bragdon** moved to adopt the minutes of the January 11, 2001, regular council meeting.

Second: **Councilor Atherton** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Consideration of Minutes the November 30, 2000, State and Federal Legislative Agenda Committee Meeting

Motion: **Councilor Bragdon** moved to adopt the minutes of the November 30, 2000, State and Federal Legislative Agenda Committee meeting.

Second: **Councilor Atherton** seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was 5 aye/ 0 nay/ 2 abstain. The motion passed with Councilors Burkholder and Hosticka abstaining from the vote.

9. ORDINANCES

9.1 **Ordinance No. 00-882C**, For the Purpose of Amending the Regional Framework Plan, Ordinance No. 97-715B, Regarding Housing and Affordable Housing Including Policy Section 1.3 and Amendments to the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan Titles 7 and 8, Ordinance No. 96-647C

Motion: **Councilor Bragdon** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 00-882C.

Second: **Councilor Park** seconded the motion.

Councilor Bragdon yielded his time to Deputy Presiding Officer McLain.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain called for amendments to the ordinance.

Motion to Amend Main Motion: **Councilor Bragdon** moved MPAC Amendment #24, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

Second: **Councilor Park** seconded the motion.

Councilor Bragdon said the intent of MPAC Amendment #24 was to modify the description of realistic production goals in the region, by adding the word "more" to the Regional Framework Plan, Section 1.3.5, Affordable Housing Production Goals. The amendment was proposed by Mayor Charles Becker, City of Gresham, and unanimously approved at MPAC last week.

Vote on Motion to Amend Main Motion: The vote was 7 aye/0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Amend #2: **Councilor Bragdon** moved MPAC Amendment #25, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

Second: **Councilor Burkholder** seconded the motion.

Councilor Bragdon said the intent of MPAC Amendment #25 was to provide more specifics about the magnitude of the issue, by including estimated amounts. The amendment was proposed by Mayor Becker and unanimously approved at MPAC last week.

Vote on Motion to Amend #2: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Amend #3: **Councilor Bragdon** moved MPAC Amendment #26, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

Second: **Councilor Park** seconded the motion.

Councilor Bragdon said the intent of MPAC Amendment #26 was to clarify the definition of "considering." The amendment was proposed by Mayor Lou Ogden, City of Tualatin, and unanimously approved at MPAC last week.

Councilor Burkholder noted that the plan did not include actual production requirements. Instead, there were goals and consideration of adoption of certain strategies. MPAC Amendment #26 simply reiterated that Metro was not asking for actual results. It was important to look at this again in two years to see if progress had been made toward the region's housing goals, and consider stronger language if it had not.

Councilor Hosticka asked about the requirement in the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (Functional Plan), Section 3.07.730(C), to report what actions were taken. He asked if that requirement was still in effect, and local jurisdictions were not fully complied until after they had reported?

Councilor Bragdon said yes, he believed that was correct.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain noted that Section 3.07.730 of the Functional Plan talked about the actions of local jurisdictions, not about Metro action. The council would have full opportunity to review the local jurisdictions' reports and then decide whether or not they had adequately attempted to meet the region's goals.

Vote on Motion to Amend #3: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion passed unanimously.

All amendments to Ordinance No. 00-882C were minor and technical in nature.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain opened a public hearing. No one appeared to speak with regard to Ordinance No. 00-882C. Deputy Presiding Officer McLain closed the public hearing. She noted that the public had the opportunity to testify on affordable housing over the past five years.

Councilor Monroe said this had been a lengthy process. Affordable housing was a difficult issue, and he thanked Deputy Presiding Officer McLain and former Councilor Ed Washington for their efforts.

Councilor Park noted that the issue of affordable housing had been very contentious. He recognized Councilor Burkholder's concerns, but said it was a question of local control. The ordinance before the council was consistent with State Planning Goal 10, and provided performance measures by which to evaluate the region's progress. He thanked former Councilor Washington, Councilor Monroe and Deputy Presiding Officer McLain for their work on the prior Metro Council.

Councilor Bragdon said Ordinance No. 00-882C respected local control, but it was also about shared interest and shared responsibilities. The region came together and recognized that affordable housing across the region, not concentrated in certain geographic areas, was essential for economic vitality.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain recognized Gerry Uba, Program Supervisor, Malu Wilkinson, Assistant Regional Planner, and Mark Turpel, Long-Range Planning Manager, for their work on affordable housing. She thanked Multnomah County Commissioner Diane Linn, chair of the Affordable Housing Technical Advisory Committee (H-TAC), H-TAC subcommittee chairs Jeff Condit, Tasha Harmon, and David Bell. She also recognized the work of Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake; Portland City Commissioner Erik Sten; David Lawrence, Hillsboro Deputy City Manager; Diane Luther, Northwest Housing Alternatives; Doug McClain, Clackamas County Planning Section Manager; and Andree Tremoulet, City of Gresham. She acknowledged former Councilor Washington for his instrumental work on affordable housing.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. The motion to passed unanimously.

10. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Bragdon noted an article in *The Oregonian* today about an abandoned landfill off Northeast Killingsworth Street in Portland. The article mentioned that Portland City Commissioner Jim Francesconi was working to convert the land into a Portland city park. The last paragraph mentioned that Metro was involved in the effort, and he explained that Executive Officer Burton was negotiating an exchange of services in the decommissioning of the landfill. In exchange, Metro would receive considerations near the St. Johns landfill.

Councilor Park asked councilors to let him know if they would like any items placed on the Community Planning Committee agenda. Secondly, he noted a letter he received from Rick Gustafson, Executive Director of the Oregon Garden, to Karl Schulz, Senior Project Manager of the Oregon Convention Center expansion, concerning the donation of some mature trees to the Oregon Garden in Silverton. Mr. Gustafson thanked the council on behalf of the Oregon Garden. A copy of Mr. Gustafson's letter is included in the meeting record.

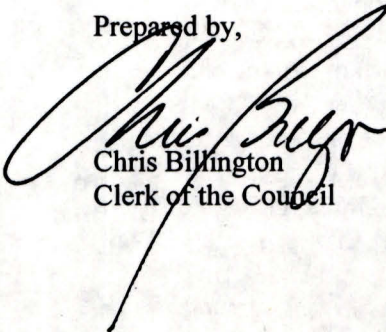
Councilor Atherton reported on a conference he attended before Christmas at the Oregon Garden, sponsored by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, concerning waste water treatment for small communities. Waste water treatment would become important for Metro as it considered whether to grow along the urban edge, or create small communities surrounded by open space. He noted that the latest technological advances in waste water treatment were not yet included in text books, and as a result, Metro's view of growth on the edge may be skewed.

Deputy Presiding Officer McLain asked Councilor Atherton to give copies of the conference materials to Growth Management staff.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Deputy Presiding Officer McLain adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by,



Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2001

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	AGENDA ITEM
011801c-01	11/22/2000	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2000	Auditor Communications
011801c-02	11/22/2000	Independent Auditors' Report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the Year Ended June 30, 2000, in Accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, performed by Deloitte & Touche LLP	Auditor Communications
011801c-03	01/18/2001	71 st Oregon Legislative Assembly -- 2001 Regular Session, House Bill 2499	Legislative Update
011801c-04	01/11/2001	Minutes of the Metro Council Meeting	Consent Agenda
011801c-05	01/11/2001	Letter to David Bragdon from Cathy Kirchner RE: Ordinance No. 00-882C	Ord. No. 00-882C
011801c-06	01/08/2001	Letter to Karl Schulz, Oregon Convention Center Expansion, from Rick Gustafson, Oregon Garden, RE: Donation of Trees to the Oregon Garden	Councilor Communications

MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2001

Metro Council Chamber

Councilors Present: David Bragdon (Presiding Officer), Susan McLain, Rex Burkholder, Rod Park, Bill Atherton, Rod Monroe, Carl Hosticka

Councilors Absent: None

Presiding Officer Bragdon convened the regular council meeting at 2:00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor Hosticka introduced Dick Schouten, Washington County Commissioner.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

4. AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. MPAC COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer Bragdon said the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) met last night and reviewed the industrial land survey.

Councilor Atherton asked if the industrial land survey included Clark County.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said yes, he thought Clark County was included in the study.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff, said he gave the councilors a list of current legislation being tracked by Metro. He listed items of note: Senate Bill (SB) 433, the Oregon Plan; House Bill (HB) 2022, the biannual budget; HB 2499, the 20-year land supply bill; and HB 2458, the Schrader bill, which was vetoed by the Governor last session and now back in a slightly different form.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consideration of Minutes for the January 18, 2001, Metro Council Regular Meeting

Presiding Officer Bragdon removed the consent agenda from the agenda.

8. ORDINANCES

- 8.1 **Ordinance No. 00-876A**, For the Purpose of Amending the Metro Code Chapter 5.02 to Create a Disposal Charge for Compostable Organic Waste at Metro Transfer Stations and Making Related Changes to the Metro Excise Tax and Metro Code Chapter 7.01

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to adopt Ordinance No. 00-876A.

Second: **Councilor Atherton** seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain presented Ordinance No. 00-876A. An executive summary and staff report to the ordinance include information presented by Councilor McLain and are included in the meeting record.

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing. No one appeared to speak with regard to Ordinance No. 00-876A. **Presiding Officer Bragdon** closed the public hearing.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Without objection, **Presiding Officer Bragdon** moved item 9.3 forward on the agenda to allow for a time certain public hearing on Resolution No. 01-3025A at 2:30 p.m.

- 9.3 **Resolution No. 01-3027**, For the Purpose of Appointing Jim Stahly, Dale MacHaffie, and Scott Rosenlund to Three Expiring Terms on the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee

Motion: **Councilor Burkholder** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3027.

Second: **Councilor McLain** seconded the motion.

Councilor Burkholder presented the resolution. A Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report to Resolution No. 01-3027 contains information presented by Councilor Burkholder and is included in the meeting record. He introduced Mr. MacHaffie and Mr. Rosenlund, who were in the audience.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2 **Resolution No. 01-3026**, For the Purpose of Amending the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Approve Tri-Met's FY 01 Appropriations

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3026.

Second: **Councilor McLain** seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend Main Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to substitute Resolution No. 01-3026A for Resolution No. 01-3026. A copy of Resolution No. 01-3026A is included in the meeting record.

Second: **Councilor McLain** seconded the motion.

Councilor Monroe said Tri-Met requested the amended language, which read "jobs access transportation hubs" rather than "transit hubs."

Vote on Motion to Amend Main Motion: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Monroe presented Resolution No. 01-3026A. A Community Planning Committee Report to the resolution contains information presented by Councilor Monroe and is included in the meeting record.

Vote on Main Motion as Amended: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon recessed the Metro Council and convened the Metro Contract Review Board.

10. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

10.1 Resolution No. 00-3017A, For the Purpose of Approving Change Order No. 26 to the Waste Transport Services Contract, Contract No. 900848

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-3017A.

Second: **Councilor Atherton** seconded the motion.

Councilor Monroe asked John Houser, Senior Council Analyst, to present Resolution No. 00-3017A.

Mr. Houser presented the resolution. A Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report to the resolution contains information presented by Mr. Houser and is included in the meeting record.

Councilor Burkholder asked if Metro employees paid for their parking, because it was not reflected in the budget impact section of the staff report.

Mr. Houser said he believed they did, but he was not certain. He would find out and let Councilor Burkholder know.

Councilor Atherton added that the parking policy was not standard throughout the agency. Some employees paid for parking, while at some facilities employees did not.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

10.2 Resolution No. 00-3018, For the Purpose of Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing the Execution of Metro Contract 922569 for a Lease

Motion: **Councilor Atherton** moved to adopt Resolution No. 00-3018.

Second: **Councilor Burkholder** seconded the motion.

Councilor Atherton presented the resolution. A Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report to Resolution No. 00-3018 contains information presented by Councilor Atherton and is included in the meeting record.

Vote: The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon recessed the Metro Contract Review Board at 2:22 p.m. He reconvened the Metro Council at 2:30 p.m. for the time certain public hearing.

9. RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

9.1 Resolution No. 01-3025A, For the Purpose of Adopting the Procedures and Criteria for the Priorities 2002 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Update

Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-3025A.

Second: **Councilor Park** seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend Main Motion: **Councilor Monroe** moved to substitute Resolution No. 01-3025A (the ivory copy) for Resolution No. 01-3025A (the purple copy). A copy of both versions is included in the meeting record.

Councilor Monroe said Resolution No. 01-3025A, copied on purple paper, was approved by the Community Planning Committee. Resolution No. 01-3025A, copied on ivory paper, included changes recommended by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT) last week.

Second: **Councilor Hosticka** seconded the motion.

Councilor Monroe asked Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, to summarize the differences between the two versions.

Mr. Cotugno presented Resolution No. 01-3025A. A copy of the Community Planning Committee Report to the resolution contains information presented by Mr. Cotugno and is included in the meeting record.

Councilor Hosticka asked about Resolution No. 01-3025A, item seven under "be it resolved." He asked if it was necessary to state that freeway PE or minor freeway interchange improvements may be submitted. Did something previously state that they could not be submitted?

Mr. Cotugno said yes, item three in the same section said they were starting with the "Base Package." The base program referred to projects which were ranked highly two years ago, but not funded. All language concerning additions or substitutions was relative to the Base Package (Exhibit B of the resolution). He said while using the money for freeway interchanges had never been explicitly prohibited, it was a long-standing practice that this type of money was not used for freeway construction.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said he supported the motion to substitute because it clarified the link between land use and transportation planning and increased public involvement.

Councilor Hosticka said generally, he would prefer Metro's legislation to not state unnecessarily that something was acceptable because it called attention to an action that could have been done regardless. However, since JPACT had reviewed and approved the language, he would not try to change it.

Councilor Monroe said the partnership between JPACT and the council was alive and well. JPACT listened carefully to the council's recommendations, accepted the limits the council suggested in item four, and accepted that Metro would use the 2040 Growth Concept as primary criteria in determining which projects would receive funding. He noted that JPACT's recommendation was unanimous, and overturned a contentious decision by the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) to allow the money to fund construction of freeway lanes. He urged the council to support the motion to substitute.

**Vote on Motion to
Amend Main
Motion:**

The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing on Resolution No. 01-3025B.

Don Baack, Southwest Neighborhoods Incorporated (SWNI), commended the council for requiring local jurisdictions to adopt their project lists by resolution. He said requiring resolutions would force staff and elected officials to better research projects before they were proposed.

Dick Schouten, Washington County Commissioner, said he supported the criteria and process goals. He noted that he was speaking for himself, as the Washington County Commission had not discussed the resolution as a board. He noted a wording error in the sixth bullet of Exhibit A, "that complete a logical gap in the system."

Councilor McLain proposed removing the word "logical."

Presiding Officer Bragdon agreed and asked staff to correct the typographical error. He noted that a public hearing was held during committee last week, during which ten citizens testified. He closed the public hearing.

Councilor Monroe asked staff to fix a typographical error on page three of the resolution, under item five: "the list of proposed new ~~of~~ or substituted projects. . . ." He said this would be a difficult process, but he believed it would be a successful process, as the local jurisdictions submitted, winnowed, ranked, and finally decided on the projects.

Councilor Burkholder clarified that the set of criteria developed at the Community Planning Committee last week was essentially the same as JPACT's criteria, just written in different words.

Councilor Park thanked Presiding Officer Bragdon and Councilor Burkholder for working on the amendments brought forward to the Community Planning Committee and JPACT. The amendments helped focus the discussion on coordination of the land use and transportation systems. He noted that the council must comply with the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (Functional Plan), and said the success of linking transportation planning with the 2040 Growth Concept would depend on how many jurisdictions complied with Metro's Functional Plan.

Councilor Atherton asked Mr. Cotugno if regular highway funds could be used to retrofit culverts to improve fish passage in urban streams.

Mr. Cotugno said the base program list did not include any culvert blockage projects. However, Metro or any other jurisdiction could apply for funds for culvert projects on major roads, within the \$2 million application limit. He said regular highway funds could also be used to replace culverts.

Councilor McLain said it was important for staff to rate each project based on how it stood alone, how it fit into the regional system, and how it contributed to the creation of whole communities.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said he supported the motion. Councilor Burkholder was correct that the objections outlined by the council were similar to the objectives expressed by the region through JPACT. The difference was that the council was now stepping forward and directing money to be spent in support of those expressed objectives.

Councilor Monroe closed by saying this would be a very difficult process, but the process worked better under JPACT's system than it did any place else in the county. Because of the Metro and JPACT system, there was a higher level of communication, cooperation and consensus building in this region than anywhere else in the nation. He urged an aye vote.

**Vote on Main
Motion as
Amended:**

The vote was 7 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Bragdon recessed the Metro Council and reconvened the Metro Contract Review Board.

10. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD (Continued)

10.3 Deliberation on Appeal by A. Noble, Inc. of Executive Officer Rejection of Appeal of Award of Contract for Refuse Handling and Recycling Services at Oregon Zoo

Presiding Officer Bragdon reviewed the appeal process, a copy of which is included in the meeting record.

Lisa Umscheid, Senior Assistant Counsel, gave a brief procedural background of the appeal and the Office of General Counsel's recommendations. She said A. Noble, Inc. was one of three firms who submitted bids to the Oregon Zoo for a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage. The Oregon Zoo awarded the contract to Waste Management. A. Noble, Inc. appealed the decision to the Executive Officer, who rejected the appeal. A. Noble, Inc. then wrote a letter dated December 1, 2000, appealing the Executive Officer's decision to the Metro Contract Review Board. A copy of the letter is included in the meeting record. The Office of General Counsel recommended that the Contract Review Board reject the appeal. It was counsel's opinion that the legal issues raised in the appeal lacked legal merit.

Robert Noble, Vice President, A. Noble, Inc., said A. Noble, Inc. was a general contractor that had been bidding on government contracts for the past ten years. He introduced Jeff Keathley, Sales Manager for A. Noble, Inc. and asked Mr. Keathley to present the appeal.

Mr. Keathley thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. He reviewed the reasons for their appeal. First, the Oregon Zoo's Request for Proposals (RFP) #35 stated two goals: to reduce the amount of waste

going to landfills, and to reduce cost. A. Noble, Inc.'s bid quoted a savings of over \$69,000 over a three year period, without sacrificing service levels or the level of recycling. Secondly, the RFP stated that the contract would be awarded to an independent contractor. Only A. Noble, Inc. met that qualification. Thirdly, contracts could not be awarded to companies with unsatisfactory Department of Transportation (DOT) records. He brought copies of the DOT records for A. Noble, Inc. and Waste Management for the council to review. He noted that A. Noble, Inc. originally bid on the Oregon Zoo's RFP #23 and was rejected. The zoo said it would modify the bid request to get more bidders, but RFP #35 was identical to RFP #23, and the highest bidder won the contract again. He said the zoo's analysis of their bid contained mathematical errors, and he added that no one contacted A. Noble, Inc. for clarification of the tipping fees they quoted. He said the zoo failed to give consideration to the fact that A. Noble, Inc. was a women-owned, minority business, and a small, emerging company.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked Judy Munro, Oregon Zoo, to respond.

Judy Munro, Facilities Management Manager, Oregon Zoo, reviewed the selection process and explained why the contract was awarded to Waste Management. She said the zoo chose to do an RFP instead of a low bid process because of its commitment to resource conservation. RFP #23 did not yield the best outcome, and the bids were higher than the zoo had budgeted. As a result, the zoo modified its request and submitted RFP #35. The second RFP included different percentage allocations and requested more explanation on how the company would partner with the zoo to better conserve resources. The zoo received three proposals, which were reviewed by a team of three people: Ms. Munro, a representative from Metro Regional Environmental Management Department, and an outside expert. Based on the RFP criteria, they agreed that Waste Management submitted the best proposal. She said the tip fees in A. Noble, Inc.'s proposal were not explained during the proposal process. Also, A. Noble, Inc.'s new proposal did not adequately address how the zoo could achieve greater diversion from the waste stream. Waste Management's proposal included creative ideas on how to work with the zoo's Green Team to recover more recyclable materials. Also, Waste Management was able to provide seven day service with very few restrictions, and gave a good description of how they would integrate into the zoo's operations, based on a similar contract they have with Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU).

Presiding Officer Bragdon opened a public hearing. No one came forward to speak with regard to the appeal by A. Noble, Inc. **Presiding Officer Bragdon** closed the public hearing. He asked Mr. Noble and Mr. Keathley if they wished to rebut Ms. Munro's statement. Following their rebuttal, there would be a question and answer period.

Mr. Noble said he had been a general contractor for 12 years, whereas Waste Management had not been a contractor since 1992. The regulations clearly stated that only contractors could apply. He had asked for a definition of "contractor" but no one at Metro or the zoo would answer. He noted that Waste Management could not maintain its DOT safety rating, and asked why no one was concerned about that. He added that Waste Management refused to give A. Noble, Inc. a price to tip at Arlington or Troutdale. He closed by saying A. Noble, Inc. specialized in the satellite system, and passed on the savings to the generator.

Mr. Keathley closed by asking for the opportunity to grow their small, emerging business. He noted that he had 18 years of experience in solid waste, combined with Mr. Noble's 13 years of experience in transportation. He thanked the council for the opportunity to speak.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said the Contract Review Board had the option to accept the appeal and instruct the Executive Officer to bid the contract again, or deny the appeal.

Councilor Atherton asked Ms. Umscheid for a legal definition of "contractor."

Ms. Umscheid said Mr. Noble twice raised the issue of how to define "independent contractor." The appellant appeared to believe that "independent contractor" referred to independence versus prior connection to the agency. In fact, the phrase "independent contractor" was a legal phrase, and simply meant that the firm receiving the contract would not become agency employees. She said she did not understand Mr. Noble's question about having a general contractors license. The RFP required that the selected firm must have all necessary permits, and that standard would be applied to Waste Management.

Councilor Atherton asked if the material being picked up was compostable.

Ms. Munro said that was under a separate contract. RFP #35 addressed the zoo's yard debris, vegetative waste, and waxed cardboard, which yielded compostable material, recyclable material, and waste.

Councilor Atherton said if the council's expected adoption of lower fees for compostable waste would change the proposal's ranking.

Ms. Munro said no, because vegetative waste was only a small portion of the zoo's recyclable material.

Councilor Atherton asked about the savings Mr. Keathley quoted over three years.

Ms. Munro said Mr. Keathley was referring to their first proposal. In their second proposal, it was difficult to analyze the exact savings, but it appeared to be only a few thousand dollars a year. The RFP weighted that portion of the proposal 25 percent.

Councilor McLain asked in terms of process, if a person reviewing a proposal made a mathematical error, how would the one submitting the proposal seek a correction?

Ms. Munro said that the mathematical error was in the first proposal, which was rejected. It was a clerical error that did not affect the outcome. To her knowledge, the second proposal did not include mathematical errors.

Councilor McLain said safety was important to a bid process. She asked Ms. Munro if she had looked into Mr. Noble's allegation about Waste Management's safety record.

Ms. Munro said they required all parties submitting proposals to be properly licensed and permitted. She assumed that the licensing and permitting process would give due consideration to a firm's safety record. She said Mr. Noble raised this issue during the appeal process. She had never received a complaint or heard concerns about Waste Management's safety record.

Councilor Park said Councilor McLain raised an interesting point. Alleging potential safety problems was a serious issue. He asked if A. Noble, Inc. had the proper licenses and permits to handle the zoo's waste.

Mr. Noble said yes, A. Noble, Inc. was a licensed hazardous hauler. He said the company met all the criteria at the time of the bid.

Councilor Park asked if staff was satisfied that the licenses and permits outlined in the RFP were met at the time the proposals were submitted.

Ms. Umscheid said the question of permits was not part of the appeal, therefore legal counsel did not conduct an independent investigation. It was her understanding from reviewing the evaluator's responses that the decision was made on several factors, of which permitting was only one.

Scott Moss, Assistant Administrative Services Department Director, said Lee Barrett, Commercial Program Coordinator, City of Portland, did contact his office and indicated that A. Noble, Inc. did not have a license to haul refuse in the City of Portland. Mr. Moss spoke with Mr. Keathley, who said they would resolve that issue. It was not part of the appeal process.

Councilor Park said it may not have been a part of the appeal process, but was it not a part of the RFP process? He said based on Mr. Moss's comments, it sounded like A. Noble, Inc. had not completed all the necessary steps before submitting its application. He asked for a correction if he was wrong.

Councilor McLain said on the question of safety, she felt any criteria should include safety.

Ms. Munro said the zoo valued safety highly, and it would be a strong criteria if they thought there were any potential problems. The hauler did not come on zoo grounds, with the exception of dropping off one dumpster before the zoo opened. The zoo had no safety or service concerns with Waste Management.

Councilor McLain said the Metro Council has supported women and minority businesses over the years. She asked legal counsel if all of the Metro Code requirements for encouraging women and minority owned businesses were followed.

Ms. Umscheid said there were certain types of contracts in which there were preferences for women owned businesses and emerging business enterprises. This was not one of those contracts.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked Mr. Keathley to elaborate on the \$69,000 savings he quoted.

Mr. Keathley said the \$69,000 savings was on RFP #23, and covered three years (the potential life of the contract). It was a one-year contract, with two renewals.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked Ms. Munro if her analysis of their bid corroborated that savings.

Ms. Munro said the savings were in the first RFP, which was rejected because of the zoo's budget. Based on rough calculations, it appeared that Waste Management's bid came to \$85,498 for one year, compared to Mr. Noble's bid of \$84,465. The calculations took into consideration the rebates that were offered, based on unit pricing and an estimate of how many drop boxes the zoo would use.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked Mr. Keathley to explain.

Mr. Keathley said the \$69,000 savings was in the first process. He felt it was a significant savings, but Executive Officer Burton disagreed. He said they raised their rate in the second proposal for two reasons: 1) they knew who would win the bid again, and 2) they were working on a program for composting, and they wanted to make sure there was enough funding available to successfully pursue the program. They believed Metro and the Oregon Zoo would be excited about an opportunity like that.

Presiding Officer Bragdon clarified that for the bid that currently under appeal, the difference in savings was \$1,000 a year.

Mr. Keathley said that was correct.

Presiding Officer Bragdon asked what Ms. Munro meant in the contract when she used the term "independent contractor." Did she mean licensed building contractor, someone with a particular type of certificate, or simply that they were not an employee of Metro?

Ms. Munro said the term "independent contractor" was included in the public contract, not the scope of work. It was standard language and meant the firm would be a contractor, separate from Metro.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said in using that definition, Ms. Munro meant that a party that contracted with Metro. By that definition, would Waste Management be an independent contractor?

Ms. Munro said that was correct.

Mr. Keathley said the actual proposal document did state, "contractors submitting proposals clarify that they are, or are not, an Oregon resident contractor under ORS 279.029."

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Councilor Park said Ms. Munro earlier mentioned opportunities for recycling. While cost was important, the citizens of the region and state had also stated that recycling was important. He asked Ms. Munro to elaborate on the recycling opportunities presented by Waste Management.

Ms. Munro said the zoo recycled a lot of glass. Waste Management recognized that the zoo could change its procedures and recycle its white glass through a local market, rather than ship it to California. Also, Waste Management offered an opportunity to be part of a trial program for vegetative waste, and suggested ways for the zoo to accomplish that successfully. They also offered to participate in the zoo's Green Team, bringing new ideas for recycling, helping with education, and participating in the zoo's annual Smash, Trash and Recycle Day. These ideas were not articulated in Mr. Noble's proposal.

Councilor McLain said when a bid was appealed, it was important to review the bid process and proposal process. Based on what she heard today, the processes could be improved, particularly with regard to safety. She said an appeal meant that part of the process was not clear and did not seem equitable, even if it was. She asked Mr. Moss and Ms. Munro to review the processes and report to council on how they could be improved. She said at this time, the criteria was very flexible, and she believed the zoo had fulfilled the process. She could not go against the Executive Officer's decision that the process was completed and that the award was appropriate. She thanked Mr. Noble and Mr. Keathley for appearing before the council.

Councilor Atherton asked Mr. Noble about his statement that Waste Management would not accept his hauling to their facilities in Arlington.

Mr. Noble said that was correct, and had happened numerous times.

Councilor Atherton asked legal counsel if this was a legal issue Metro should address.

Marvin Fjordbeck, Senior Assistant Counsel, said he had not heard about this before today, but he was not aware of any legal issue. He did not know to which facility A. Noble, Inc. sought to dispose of its items, but Waste Management was free, as a general rule, to contract with whom it pleased.

Councilor Atherton said if Waste Management was operating facilities licensed by Metro, they were required to accept all haulers bringing legitimate loads.

Mr. Fjordbeck said that was true, but Metro did not license the Arlington facility. One of the items before the council later that month would be the regional transfer stations, and one of the requirements of those regional transfer stations would be that they accept all comers. However, that had not been the requirement thus far for the local transfer stations.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said it was also beyond the scope of the appeal before the Contract Review Board. Any dispute between Waste Management and A. Noble, Inc. vis-a-vis hauling and access to facilities did not directly relate to the contract between Metro and whoever hauls from the zoo. It was a valid issue that may be worth pursuing in another venue, but it was not germane to the case before them.

Mr. Fjordbeck said that was correct.

Councilor Burkholder said the zoo was looking for more than a hauling contract; they were looking for help reducing in-house waste. A. Noble, Inc. submitted a good hauling contract at a good price, but the zoo wanted something different. He agreed with Councilor McLain that the process should be reviewed to make sure that the zoo's goals are clearly presented, so that this type of confusion does not happen in the future. He said he would support the Executive Officer's denial of the appeal.

Motion: **Councilor McLain** moved to reject the appeal.

Seconded: **Councilor Park** seconded the motion.

Councilor McLain asked A. Noble, Inc. to provide a list of suggestions on how to improve Metro's requests for proposals.

Presiding Officer Bragdon clarified that the motion was to reject the appeal and would uphold the Executive Officer's action.

Councilor Atherton asked how long it would take the zoo to restructure and reissue the RFP to address the issues raised today, such as safety and the issue of "independent contractor."

Ms. Munro said this was the second time the zoo had requested proposals; the first time was in June 2000. With regard to the term "contractor," unless the Office of General Counsel was willing to change the public contract, the zoo could not accommodate Mr. Keathley's concern. She understood that the permitting process through the transport addressed the safety concerns.

Vote: The vote was 6 aye/ 0 nay/ 0 abstain. Councilor Hosticka was absent.
The motion passed.

Presiding Officer Bragdon said the appeal was rejected, but they appreciated Mr. Noble and Mr. Keathley's time. He hoped the council's discussions would help the process work better next time. He asked Mr. Noble to follow up with Ms. Munro or Ms. Umscheid about his concerns over Waste Management's safety record after council adjourned.

Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the Metro Council Review Board and reconvened the Metro Council.

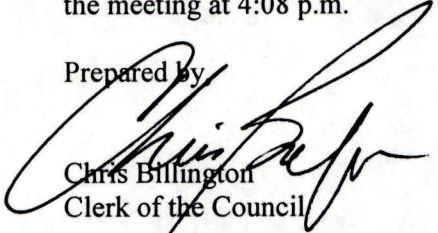
11. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor McLain said she and John Donovan, Council Public Outreach Coordinator, drafted an outline for committee reports, as requested by Presiding Officer Bragdon. She would give each councilor a copy.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Metro Council, Presiding Officer Bragdon adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Prepared by


Chris Billington
Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2001

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	AGENDA ITEM
012501c-01	1/24/2001	Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report, Resolution No. 01-3027	Res. No. 01-3027
012501c-02	1/25/2001	Resolution No. 01-3026A	Res. No. 01-3026A
012501c-03	1/24/2001	Community Planning Committee Report, Resolution No. 01-3026A	Res. No. 01-3026A
012501c-04	1/24/2001	Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report, Resolution No. 00-3017A	Res. No. 00-3017A
012501c-05	1/24/2001	Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Report, Resolution No. 00-3018	Res. No. 00-3018
012501c-06	1/25/2001	Resolution No. 01-3025A (ivory copy)	Res. No. 01-3025B
012501c-07	1/12/2001	Resolution No. 01-3025A (purple copy)	Res. No. 01-3025B
012501c-08	1/24/2001	Community Planning Committee Report, Resolution No. 00-3025A	Res. No. 01-3025B
012501c-09	1/23/2001	A. Noble, Inc. Appeal Process	Appeal by A. Noble, Inc.
012501c-10	1/23/2001	Memo to David Bragdon, et al. From John Houser RE: Contract Appeal by A. Noble, Inc.	Appeal by A. Noble, Inc.
012501c-11	12/1/2000	Letter to Mike Burton from Robert Noble, A. Noble, Inc. RE: Appeal by A. Noble Incorporated of Contract Award RFP# OOP-35-ZOO Re: Appeal response to Metro letter dated November 27, 2000	Appeal by A. Noble, Inc.

Ordinance No. 01-888, For the Purpose of Amending Provisions of Metro Code Chapter 6.01 Relating to the Metropolitan-Exposition Recreation Commission Regarding Powers, Budgets and Terms of Members.

First Reading

Metro Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2001
Metro Council Chamber

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) ORDINANCE NO. 01-888
PROVISIONS OF METRO CODE)
CHAPTER 6.01 RELATING TO THE)
METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-)
RECREATION COMMISSION)
REGARDING POWERS, BUDGETS AND)
TERMS OF MEMBERS) Introduced by Councilor Susan McLain

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 6.01 establishes the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission (MERC); and

WHEREAS, Metro Council desires to amend the provisions relating to MERC in order to provide for a more orderly budget process, to clarify the length of terms of members, and to make related changes; now, therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Metro Code Chapter 6.01, Sections 6.01.020, 6.01.030, 6.01.040, 6.01.50, 6.01.060 and 6.01.100 are hereby amended, as follows:

6.01.020 Definitions

As used herein:

- (a) "Commission" means the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission established hereunder;
- (b) "Council" means the Metro council;
- (c) "Councilor" means a member of the council;
- (d) "District" means Metro;
- (e) "Council President" means the Council President of Metro, however until January 6, 2003, Council President means the Executive Officer of Metro. "Executive" means the executive officer of Metro.
- ~~(f) "Final action" means an action taken by resolution of the commission that is not a ministerial action and that is not a tentative or preliminary action that;~~

~~_____ (1) Precedes final action; or~~

~~_____ (2) Does not preclude further consideration of the action.~~

~~_____ (g) "Just cause" means habitual absence from meetings of the commission, physical or mental disability that prevents meaningful participation as a commission member, failure to remain a resident of the district, the commission of substantive violation of ORS chapter 244 (Government Ethics) or substantive regulations adopted pursuant thereto, conviction of any felony, or the commission of any action or failure to act of a similar nature that brings into serious question the ethical or legal integrity of the commission member's official actions.~~

~~(f)(h)~~ "Metro auditor" means the Office of Metro Auditor created pursuant to the 1992 Metro Charter.

6.01.030 Commission Created

There is hereby created a metropolitan exposition-recreation commission consisting of seven members. All members shall be residents of the district. ~~The commission members shall be appointed as follows:~~

~~_____ (a) The Council President will make all appointments.~~

~~_____ (b) The Council President may reject a nomination.~~
Appointments of all members are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council.

~~_____ (c) All members shall serve four (4) year-terms. Members may be re-appointed. Prior to December 31, 2001, a member may serve until the successor is confirmed, thereafter, upon the expiration of a term the position shall be considered vacant until a member is appointed or re-appointed and confirmed.~~

~~_____ (a) Members of the commission shall be appointed by the executive officer and confirmed by a majority of the members of the council in accordance with the following procedures:~~

~~_____ (d)(1) Nomination Process. The Council President executive officer~~ will accept nominations to the commission as follows:

(1)——(A) The County Commissions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties each shall nominate one candidate. The candidates must be residents of the district and nominating county.

(2)——(B) The City Council of the City of Portland shall nominate one candidate for each of two positions. The candidates must be residents of the district and the City of Portland.

(3)——(C) Two nominees shall be at the sole discretion of the Council President ~~executive officer~~. The candidates must be residents of the district.

~~(2) Appointment Process. The executive officer shall, upon concurring in the nominations received from the County Commissions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties or the City Council of the City of Portland, transmit the names of the persons so nominated to the Metro council as appointments for confirmation. In addition, the executive officer shall transmit two additional names as appointments for confirmation.~~

(e) Appointment Process: _____

(1) For those positions on the commission which are subject to nomination by a local governmental body, the Council President ~~executive officer~~ will receive the nominations from the relevant governing body and review the nomination prior to submitting the nomination to the Metro council for confirmation. If the Council President ~~executive officer~~ fails to concur with any candidate so nominated by a local government, the Council President ~~executive officer~~ shall so notify the jurisdiction, which shall then nominate another candidate. This process shall continue until such time as the Council President ~~executive officer~~ agrees to transmit the name of the individual nominated by the local government. If an appointment submitted to the council for confirmation as a result of this process is rejected by the council, the Council President ~~executive officer~~ shall so notify the local government which shall nominate another candidate and the process shall continue until such time as a candidate nominated by a local government has been forwarded by the Council President ~~executive officer~~ to the council for confirmation and has been confirmed.

(2) If the council fails to confirm an appointment made at the sole discretion of the Council President ~~executive officer~~, the Council President ~~executive officer~~ may submit the name of another person for confirmation by the council.

~~(f)(b)~~ A vacancy shall occur from the death, resignation, failure to continue residency within the district and in the case of members nominated by a local government residency within the boundaries of the nominating government, or inability to serve of any member or from the removal of a member by the executive ~~for just cause~~, subject to approval of the removal by a majority of the members of the council.

~~(g)(c)~~ Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to the procedure governing the initial appointment of members. A vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled only until the end of the term. -
~~Vacancies in a position originally filled by a member nominated by a local government pursuant to this section shall be filled by the nomination, appointment and confirmation process provided for in this section so that five members of the commission shall be the nominees of the four local government bodies as specified herein.~~

~~(h)(d)~~ No person who is elected to a public office, or appointed to fill a vacancy in a public office, shall be eligible to serve.

~~(i)(e)~~ The commission may adopt its own rules of organization and procedure and may elect its own officers for such terms and with such duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the commission determines appropriate.

6.01.040 Powers

The commission shall have the following power and authority:

(a) To renovate, equip, maintain and repair any convention, trade, and spectator buildings and facilities for which the commission is responsible, and to advise the public owners of these facilities on financial measures which may be necessary or desirable with respect to initial construction or major capital projects;

(b) To manage, operate and market the use of the convention, trade, and spectator buildings and facilities for which the commission is responsible;

(c) To acquire in the name of the district by purchase, devise, gift, or grant real and personal property or any interest therein as the commission may find necessary for its purposes. The commission may recommend to the council the condemnation of property for use by the commission but may not itself exercise the condemnation power;

(d) To lease and dispose of property in accordance with ORS 271.300 to 271.360;

(e) To maintain and repair any real and personal property acquired for the purposes of the commission;

(f) To lease, rent, and otherwise authorize the use of its buildings, structures and facilities; to fix fees and charges relating to the use of said buildings, structures and facilities; to establish any other terms and conditions governing use of its buildings and facilities; and to adopt any regulations deemed necessary or appropriate for the protection of users and for the protection and public use and enjoyment of its buildings and facilities;

(g) To perform planning and feasibility studies for convention, trade, and spectator facilities within the district;

(h) To employ, manage, and terminate such personnel as the commission may find necessary, appropriate, or convenient for its purposes under personnel rules adopted by the commission;

(i) To employ professional, technical, and other assistance as the commission may find necessary, appropriate, or convenient for its purposes;

(j) To enter into contracts of such types and in such amounts, including intergovernmental agreements, as the commission may deem necessary, appropriate, or convenient for the renovation, equipment, maintenance, repair, operation, and marketing of the use of buildings and facilities for which it is responsible, and for professional and other services, under contracting rules adopted by the commission;

(k) To enter into intergovernmental agreements for the transfer of convention, trade, or spectator buildings and facilities to the district, or for the transfer of operating and administrative responsibilities for such buildings and facilities to the commission, provided that the council has approved such acquisition or transfer;

(l) To accept gifts and donations and to contract for and receive federal and other aid and assistance;

(m) To determine the type, quality, and scope of services required by the commission in order to conduct its business in a cost effective, entrepreneurial, and independent manner, as required by this

chapter. Services of the district including accounting, personnel, risk management, public affairs, and other services ~~shall~~ may be provided by the district subject to compensation being provided by the commission to the district ~~as the district and the commission may agree upon~~. The commission may acquire such services by other means, provided that the ~~Council~~ ~~commission~~ determines by duly adopted resolution that the provision of such services by other means is cost effective, and results in a net benefit to the residents of the district and the regional facilities managed by the commission. The commission's legal services shall be provided to the commission by Metro's Office of General Counsel; ~~fees for such services shall be as agreed to by the commission and Metro~~. The commission may purchase legal services outside of Metro only with the permission of the Metro General Counsel; ~~The commission shall provide Metro with 90 days written notice of its intent to purchase any service outside of Metro which was previously provided by Metro;~~

(n) To recommend to the council and to the other public owners of buildings and facilities managed by the commission such long-term revenue and general obligation measures and other revenue-raising measures for the benefit of the commission's purposes as the commission may deem appropriate for consideration by the council, by the other public owners of buildings or facilities managed by the commission, or the electors of the district, but the commission may not adopt such measures itself;

(o) To recommend to the council the adoption of ordinances carrying criminal and civil penalties for their violation, but the commission may not adopt such ordinances itself;

(p) To do all other acts and things necessary, appropriate, or convenient to the exercise of the powers of the commission.

6.01.050 Budget and Accounts

(a) General Requirements. The commission accounts shall be kept in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices and in accordance with the local budget law, provided that the local budget law shall control in the event of a conflict with generally accepted accounting practices, and the accounts shall be audited yearly at the same time and by the same auditor as are the district's accounts.

(b) Procedure for Commission Approval of Proposed Budget. The commission annually shall prepare a proposed budget and shall

approve the proposed budget by duly adopted resolution. The commission's deliberations and actions on its budget, including any work sessions or subcommittee sessions, shall be conducted as public meetings as required by the Oregon statutes governing public meetings. Prior to approving any proposed budget, the commission shall provide a reasonable opportunity for interested persons to testify and make their views known with respect to the proposed budget. The Commission shall include in its budget necessary cost allocations for services provided by the district as recommended by the Executive Officer.

(c) Procedure for Submission of Commission Budget to Metro. Thirty days prior to the date set by the council for the executive officer's budget submission to the council, the commission shall transmit its proposed budget to the Metro executive, ~~and shall simultaneously provide a copy of the proposed budget to the council.~~ The executive shall review the submitted budget and submit the commission's proposed budget to the council with the executive's general budget submission to the council, together with any recommendations the executive may have for changes in the commission's proposed budget. The executive shall include in the submitted budget the necessary cost allocation for providing services to the commission. The commission's budget shall be subject to review and approval by the council. The Council shall make the final determination of cost allocations for services provided by the district.

(d) Content of Commission's Budget. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the commission's budget shall consist of one commission-wide series of appropriations in those categories which are required by local budget law, applicable to all buildings, facilities, and programs managed by the commission. Once the commission's budget has been adopted by the council, any changes in the adopted appropriations not previously approved by the council must be ratified in advance by the council.

6.01.060 Commission Meetings and Form of Action

~~(a) Commission Meetings.~~ All meetings of the commission shall be conducted as public meetings as required by Oregon law, except where executive sessions are permitted by law. The commission shall provide adequate notice of its meetings as required by law to the media and all interested persons who have requested in writing that they be provided with notice of commission meetings. In addition to these requirements, five working days prior to each regular meeting, the commission shall send a copy of its agenda for such meeting to all elected

Metro officials, and to each city and county in the Metro region. In the event of a special meeting, in addition to complying with any and all requirements applicable to special meetings under Oregon law, the commission shall provide each Metro elected official with:

- (1) a copy of the proposed agenda for the special meeting, to be hand delivered or transmitted by facsimile device to the Metro elected official at least 24 hours in advance of the special meeting; and
- (2) at least 24 hours prior notice by telephone of the time, date, place, and proposed agenda for the special meeting.

~~(b) Commission Actions. All final actions of the commission shall be by resolution.~~

6.01.100 Council Regional Facilities Committee/Commission Business Plans

(a) The commission shall prepare business plans for each of its facilities, and shall update those plans as needed. The commission shall provide all Metro elected officials with copies of its business plans.

(b) The commission regularly shall report to the council. ~~regional facilities committee for purposes of review and recommendation on general policy, commission business plans, and budget matters.~~ Such reports shall occur as directed by the Council committee, but in no event less than quarterly.

(c) The commission shall, on an annual basis, set goals and benchmarks for the performance of the buildings, facilities and services managed by the commission. Such goals and benchmarks shall be discussed in public meetings with reasonable opportunity for public input, and shall be adopted by duly adopted resolutions of the commission. Copies of proposed goals and benchmarks shall be provided to all Metro elected officials no later than ten working days prior to formal adoption by the commission. The commission shall include in its quarterly reports to the council ~~regional facilities committee~~ progress reports on the commission's progress towards meeting its adopted goals and benchmarks.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____ 2001.

David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

Recording Secretary

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-888 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING PROVISIONS OF METRO CODE CHAPTER 6.01 RELATING TO THE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING POWERS, BUDGETS, AND TERMS OF MEMBERS

Date: February 1, 2001

Prepared by: Peggy Coats

BACKGROUND

During the fiscal year 2000-01 budget review process, Council approved budget amendment MERC#3, subsequently incorporated into the adopted budget, which specified that a procedure be initiated to eliminate both the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission's (MERC) ability to negotiate an annual support services contract with Metro, and the corresponding 90-day opt-out clause currently established under Metro Code Chapter 6.01.040(m). It was expected that the changes to Metro Code necessary to effect these changes would be completed prior to adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2001-02.

In addition, on November 7, 2000, voters approved an amendment to Metro's Charter which will, among other things, consolidate the Executive and Council offices and reduce the number of Council districts from seven to six with a Council President elected region-wide, effective January 2003. This amendment requires clarifying amendments to Metro Code Chapter 6.01 relating to definitions, appointment procedures, and terms.

The proposed ordinance, if adopted, produces the following key changes to the existing code:

- Changes nomenclature to reflect the passage of the Charter Amendment (e.g., clarifying transitional and long-term roles of the Executive Officer and Council President)
- Redefines the appointment process to reflect the elimination of the Executive Officer position and the creation of the Council President position
- Clarifies the terms of existing commissioners
- Eliminates MERC's ability to negotiate for Metro support services
- Eliminates MERC's 90-day option to purchase support services outside of those provided by Metro
- Ensures that cost allocations for services provided by Metro be included in MERC's budget, with final approval by Council
- Ensures that MERC follows the same public meeting requirements as Metro

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** – MERC initially expressed opposition to the proposed changes relating to budgeting and support services during the fiscal year 2000-01 budget review process, but no further opposition is anticipated at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** – Metro Code chapter 6.01, governing the activities of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, was last updated via ordinance in April 1997.
3. **Anticipated Effects** – This action is aimed at providing for a more orderly and predictable budget process for both Metro and MERC, and for clarifying language, roles, definitions, and procedures relative to the passage of the Charter Amendment.
4. **Budget Impacts** – There are no anticipated budget impacts in regards to clarifying language changes in the code. The code changes regarding budgeting and powers will allow Metro to forecast costs more methodically, and to ensure, as a matter of policy, that MERC comply with Metro's standard operating procedure of each department or program area meeting their financial obligations in full for services provided through the cost allocation plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council conduct public hearings and subsequently approve Ordinance 01-888, For the Purpose of Amending Provisions of Metro Code Chapter 6.01 relating to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Regarding Powers, Budgets, and Terms of Members.

Resolution No. 01-3024A, For the Purpose of Adding a New Advisory Committee to the Oregon Convention Center.

**Metro Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2001
Metro Council Chamber**

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW
ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

) RESOLUTION NO. 01-3024A
) Introduced by Presiding Officer,
) David Bragdon

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to affirm its partnership with the Tri-County Lodging Association, Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA), Multnomah County Car Rental Industry, Multnomah County and the City of Portland concerning the expansion and continued operation of the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council is supportive of the Oregon Convention Center and its economic benefit to the region; and

WHEREAS, Metro owns and operates, through the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC), the Oregon Convention Center and has a fiduciary responsibility for all aspects and issues that are related to the building; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires a dialogue on meaningful issues surrounding the envisioned management and marketing of the Oregon Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to work on several issues raised by our regional partners during the approval process of the Intergovernmental Agreement approved on December 14, 2,000; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council intends that the advisory committee created by this resolution can serve multiple purposes including an early identification and forum for discussion of issues that could result in the use of the formal dispute resolution process created under the Intergovernmental Agreement and Visitor Development Services Agreement with VDF, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to provide clarification and consistency for all of our regional partners by creating an advisory committee relating to the Oregon Convention Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that an Oregon Convention Center Advisory Committee is created with the purpose, authority and membership as set forth in exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____, 2001.

David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Recording Secretary

Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

Exhibit A
Oregon Convention Center Advisory Committee

1) Purpose. The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide a forum for the discussion of policy matters regarding operation and marketing and future expansion of the Oregon Convention Center. This advisory committee is not to take the place of MERC, rather it will serve as an advisory committee to MERC and the Metro Council.

2) Membership. The members of the Oregon Convention Center Advisory Committee include:

Tri-County Lodging Association	3
Portland Oregon Visitors Association	2
Multnomah County Car Rental Industry	2
Multnomah County Commission	1
City of Portland	1
MERC	1
Citizens	3
Total	13

- a) The three representatives of the Tri-County Lodging Association shall include one representative from East Multnomah County, outside the City of Portland.
- b) The three citizen appointments shall include persons who represent groups or interests that are affected by the Oregon Convention Center. Citizen appointments will be made pursuant to Metro Code 2.19.
- c) The MERC appointment may be staff or a commission member.
- d) The chair of the advisory committee shall be elected by the membership, with the approval of the Metro Presiding Officer, in consultation with Metro Council.

3) Scope: After consultation with our partners the following issues could be addressed by the Oregon Convention Center Advisory Committee:

- 1. Operational support
- 2. Marketing allocation and strategy
- 3. Providing advanced notice to stakeholders regarding OCC operational needs
- 4. Performance measures for service by Metro and MERC
- 5. Revenue and reinvestment issues at MERC
- 6. Alternative funding mechanisms
- 7. Additional issues may be considered at the request to Metro Council was raised by the committee with the approval of the suitable Metro Council Committee and the Presiding Officer.

4) Reporting structure: The OCC Advisory Committee shall report directly to the Metro Council and provide timely reports to the MERC Commission. It shall submit a written report to the Metro Council and MERC no later than December 31, 2002.

5) Duration: The OCC Advisory Committee shall exist until December 31, 2004. The Metro Council, through budget allocations and directions, must approve extensions.

6) Staffing: Metro Council resources shall staff the OCC Advisory Committee.

REGIONAL FACILITIES/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3024A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

Date: 25 January 2001

Presented by: Councilor Burkholder

Committee Recommendation: At its January 25, 2001, meeting, the Regional Facilities/Operations Committee voted 2-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 01-3024A. Voting in favor: Councilors Burkholder and Park. Voting against: None. Absent: Councilor Hosticka.

Background: Jeff Stone, Council Chief of Staff, presented the staff report. Mr. Stone discussed the intergovernmental agreement regarding expansion of the Oregon Convention Center which was approved by Council on December 14, 2000, and which included the instruction to approve the formation of this committee by resolution before February 14, 2001. He reiterated that the committee is intended to be advisory to Council, and to help provide a forum for addressing management issues at OCC for both Metro and its involved partners in the lodging industry, car rental industry, and the Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA).

Committee Issues/Discussion: Councilor Park asked that one of the three representatives on the committee from the Tri-County Lodging Association be not only from East Multnomah County, but from outside the City of Portland. Mr. Stone responded that section 2A of Exhibit A of the resolution would be amended to add this language.

Councilor Burkholder questioned whether the scope of the committee, outlined in section 3 of Exhibit A of the resolution, should contain prioritized issues, rather than a bulleted list. After some discussion, the priority of issues to be considered by the committee was agreed upon as follows: operational support, marketing allocation and strategy, providing advanced notice to stakeholders regarding OCC operational needs, performance measures for service by Metro and MERC, revenue and reinvestment issues at MERC, alternative funding mechanisms, and additional issues. Mr. Stone indicated that the resolution would be amended to reflect these suggested changes.

There was no further discussion.

Key Public Testimony: Mike Burton, Metro Executive Officer, spoke to the benefit of this committee, and to the need to address long-term funding issues and allocation of Visitor Development Funds in a systematic and defined manner.

Recommendation: That Council approve Resolution 01-3024A (as amended).

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-3024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

Date: January 15, 2000

Prepared by: Peggy Coats

BACKGROUND

On December 14, 2000, Metro Council adopted Resolution 00-3011, *For the Purpose of Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County and the City of Portland Regarding Expansion of the Oregon Convention Center*. One of Metro's obligations under this Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is to establish an Oregon Convention Center (OCC) Advisory Committee, as outlined in Resolution 01-3024, within sixty (60) days of approval of the IGA. In addition to the functions listed in the Resolution, the OCC Advisory Committee is expected to consult with Metro on all matters relating to the construction of the OCC and its expansion.

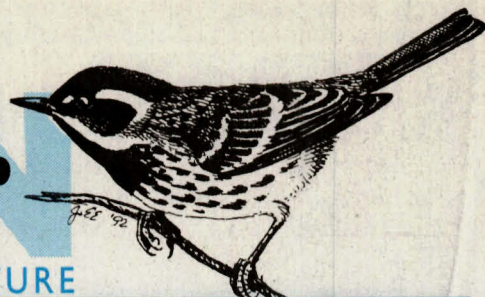
ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** – None. The formation of this committee was agreed to by signers of the IGA (Metro, City of Portland, and Multnomah County), and associated parties of interest (including the Tri-County Lodging Association, Portland Oregon Visitors Association, and the Multnomah County Car Rental Industry).
2. **Legal Antecedents** – The formation of this committee is explicit in section IV (J) of the IGA approved by Council on December 14, 2000. Citizen appointments to the advisory committee will be made pursuant to Metro Code 2.19 relating to advisory committees, which was approved through Ordinance No. 00-860A on November 9, 2000.
3. **Anticipated Effects** – The OCC Advisory Committee is intended to function as a forum for discussion of policy issues relating to the effective management and marketing of the OCC, and/or which could potentially impact the expansion of the OCC or result in a dispute resolution process as outlined in the IGA. In addition the Committee is intended to foster and affirm Metro's partnership with other signers of the IGA, and with associated parties of interest. The Committee will not replace the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC), but will serve in a specialized advisory capacity to both MERC and the Metro Council on matters relating to OCC.
4. **Budget Impacts** – Council resources will staff the OCC Advisory Committee, and it is probable that key MERC staff will attend meetings. The impact upon the budget of required staffing is unknown at this time. In addition, Section IV (H) of the IGA specifies that a study of Metro's support services charges will be conducted by an independent financial consultant. The cost and source of funding of this consultant is unknown at this time, and will be brought to Council at a later date by the OCC Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council approve Resolution No. 01-3024, For the Purpose of Adding a New Advisory Committee to the Oregon Convention Center.

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Audubon Society of Portland Committee Meetings

Meetings take place at Audubon Society of Portland, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.
All members are welcome to attend.

Committee meeting times, dates, and place are accurate as of the newsletter publication date. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the time, date, and place of committee meetings are occasionally changed. If you are planning to attend a committee meeting, please contact the person listed for each committee in advance, so that you can be notified if there is a change and provided with a meeting agenda.

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Vacant, (503) 292-6855
1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Membership & Development

Kirsten Lee, (503) 292-6855 ext 117
3rd Thursday, 5:45 pm

Education Committee

Steve Robertson, (503) 292-6855 ext 118
2nd Friday, 9:15 am

Executive Committee

Dave Eshbaugh, (503) 292-6855 ext 103
1st Thursday, 5:45 pm

Field Trip Committee

Vacant, (503) 292-6855
1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Sanctuary Committee

Mitch Luckett, (503) 292-6855 ext 106
3rd Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Wildlife Care Center

Bob Sallinger, (503) 292-6855 ext 122
1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Hours

Administration Office:

9am to 5pm, Mon. - Fri.

Wildlife Care Center:

10am to 5pm (Summer)

10am to 4pm (Winter)

WCC phone lines:

11am to 4pm (year-round)

Sanctuary:

Dawn to dusk everyday

Nature Store:

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10am to 5pm on Sunday

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February 2001 Calendar

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<div>Mark your calendar! May 5 and 6 Birdathon 2001!</div>				1 Thursday Morning Powell Butte Bird Walks (see below)	2 Fledglings visit Tualatin Hills Nature Park (see page 5)	3 Groundhog Day Columbia River Field Trip (see p. 4) Sea Kayak Trip (see page 15)
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11	12	13 Nature Night Caribou Commons 7pm (see back cover)	14 Valentine's Day	15 Board Meeting 7pm Traveling Program Training (see page 4)	16 February 16 - 18 21st Annual Klamath Basin Bald Eagle Conference 800-445-6728	17 Sauvie Island with Backyard Bird Shop (see page 4) OFO Birding Tualatin Valley (see page 4) Sea Kayak Trip (see page 15)
18	19	20 Fledglings Brown's Ferry Park (see page 5)	<div>Wild in the City field trips for February are listed on page 23.</div>			24 Bayocean Peninsula (see page 4) Sea Kayak Trip (see page 15)
25	26	27 Wildlife Conservation Lecture Series (see page 9)	28	<div>Powell Butte Thursday Morning Bird Walks Larry Gohl invites Audubon Society of Portland members to join him on regular Thursday morning (7:30 am) bird walks at 600-acre Powell Butte Nature Park. Expect to identify 15 to 45 different species by sight and/or sound. Please call Larry Gohl 503-762- 0939 or email: Birds@AdventureCruises.com to confirm meeting time and place.</div>		

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Field Trips Open to All

Audubon Society of Portland members and the general public are invited to attend our field trips. People with all levels of natural history experience, from beginning to expert, (unless otherwise indicated) are welcome. While there is no fee for our field trips, we expect participants to carpool and share costs with the driver. Carpooling is encouraged for conservation of energy resources and enhanced sociability. Wear your binoculars so people can identify you, especially when the leader will not be present.

Field trip sites are keyed to Joe Evanich's *Birder's Guide to Oregon*; e.g., Oaks Bottom (C-5).

We advise checking road conditions before any winter trip: <http://www.opb.org/nwnews/index.asp> or 1-800-977-6368 or 1-503-976-7277.

For more information or comments call Audubon Society of Portland (503-292-6855).

February 3, Saturday Columbia River Estuary (A-I)

February should offer some interesting winter birds at the mouth of the Columbia River and adjacent areas. Join members of the Lower Columbia Bird Club at 8 am at the Columbia Maritime Museum parking lot in downtown Astoria, across from 18th St. on Hwy. 30. Bring a scope if you have one. If you are coming from Portland, and would like to carpool, you'll need to make your own arrangements. Carpoolers can organize at Audubon Society of Portland at 5:30 am. Due to parking constraints please drive all cars to Tanasbourne Mall or other such lot.

February 4, Sunday Bluegrass Jam, 12:30-4:30pm

Join our Bluegrass Jam in Heron Hall. Bring your instruments and/or good cheer! Pickers and listeners welcome. Call **Mitch Luckett**, 503-292-6855 x106.

February 6, Tuesday Field Trip Com. Meeting 6:30pm

Birders Night 7:30pm, Heron Hall
Slides and the latest birding news.

February 7, Wednesday Sanctuary Tour Volunteer Training

Contact **Michelle Barnier**, 503-292-6855 x105. 12-2pm. Bring a sack lunch!

February 8, Thursday Book Club Meeting, 7 pm

A Language Older Than Words, by Derrick Jensen. See p. 5 for details.

MAGPIES visit Sauvie Island

Join us as we look for Bald Eagles. We will meet at the Sauvie Island Bridge parking lot at 9 am. Call **Al Miller** or **Beth Parmenter**, 503-223-1485.

February 10, Saturday Fernhill Wetlands

Meet leader **David Bailey** for a morning of birding at this extensive and productive wetland. We'll look for a variety of overwintering waterfowl and possibly the first returning swallows of the spring season. Driving west on Hwy 8 as you enter Forest Grove look for the left turn onto the Hwy 47 bypass (landmarks are McMenamins and Ace Hardware), after a few blocks turn left onto Fernhill Rd., cross the railroad tracks and turn left into the marked parking lot. Meet at 8 am.

February 13, Tuesday Nature Night 7pm

Caribou Commons Award-winning photographer and author **Ken Madsen** See back cover for details.

February 15, Thursday Volunteer Traveling Program Training

Contact **Michelle Barnier**, 503-292-6855 x105. Owls program, 12-1:30 pm.

Saturday, February 17 Sauvie Island Birding

This field trip is co-sponsored by Audubon Society of Portland and the Backyard Bird Shop. Join leader **Laura Whittemore** for some wintertime birding. Birders will need a Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit, available at the Sauvie Island store the morning

of the field trip. Call the Backyard Bird Shop 503-230-9557 for meeting time and place and to reserve a spot.

February 17-18, Sat. - Sun. OFO Birding Weekend Tualatin Valley Waterfowl

We will look for raptors, waterfowl and wintering passerines in the Tualatin Valley: Hagg Lake, Fernhill wetlands, Jackson Bottom, Tualatin River NWR. Base: Hillsboro. Arrange your own transportation, meals, and lodging. To Register send \$15 check, made out to OFO, to **Paul Sullivan**, 4470 SW Murray Blvd. #26, Beaverton, OR 97005. Call 503-646-7889 or email paul.t.sullivan@OPBU.XEROX.COM with questions prior to 2/13/01.

February 20-23, Tue. - Fri. MAGPIES go to Klamath Falls

Join us for this 4-day Bald Eagle trip for a leisurely-paced birding adventure with our guide **Bob Fields**. All are welcome, from novice to expert. Pre-trip planning meeting on February 12 to discuss carpooling and hotel accommodations. Call **Al Miller** or **Beth Parmenter**, 503-223-1485, for more information.

February 24, Saturday Bayocean Peninsula Hike

Join leader **Dan van den Broek** for a day hike from the base of Bayocean Spit to the south jetty of Tillamook Bay and back. We'll visit both the Tillamook Bay side and ocean sides of this excellent coastal birding locale. Possible birds include Snowy Plover, Peregrine Falcon, Long-tailed Duck, Brant and a variety of grebes. Meet at 8 am behind the Tillamook County Hospital (1000 3rd St; meet behind the hospital).

Tuesday, February 27 Wildlife Conservation Series: Dr. Russell Mittermeier

Biodiversity: Hot Spots of the Planet Earth. 503-525-4281. See page 9 for details.

Upcoming March Events:

Wednesday Morning Birdsong Walks
Spring Break Classes for Kids
3/26 to 3/30 (see pages 17-19)

Audubon Society of Portland Book Group Meeting Thursday, February 8 at 7pm

We will be discussing
A Language Older Than Words,
by Derrick Jensen

This is an important book, ultimately uplifting, but also difficult to read at times. It goes beyond the environment, to look at personal relationships and cultural values. I am sure it will provide for a lively discussion.

At once a beautifully poetic memoir and an exploration of the various ways we live in the world, *A Language Older Than Words* explains violence as a pathology that touches every aspect of our lives, and indeed affects all aspects of life on Earth.

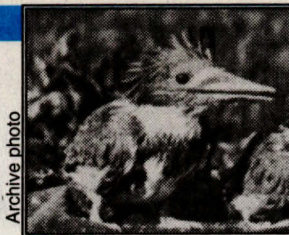
Derrick Jensen writes for *The New York Times Magazine*, *Audubon*, *The Sun* among others. Jensen's previous book, *Listening to the Land* (Sierra), received a USA Today Critic's Choice Award for best nature book of 1995.

Publishers Weekly, starred review: "Singular, compelling and courageously honest, Jensen's book accomplishes the rare feat of both breaking and mending the reader's heart."

You can check what Amazon.com reader reviewers had to say about this book; there were 14 reviews and they averaged 5 stars. From reviewer W.A. Frankonis from Delmar, NY, "...I promise you, nobody comes out of this book the same. It's a painful, wondrous, moving experience. It confirms your worst fears but at the same time leaves you understanding you are not alone in your feelings about our destructive culture. Knowing that in itself makes the read worthwhile. Thank you, Derrick Jensen."

You don't have to be a member to attend, but we hope you are! We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Audubon House, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland.

The Audubon Society of Portland Nature Store offers chosen books at a 15% discount for the month prior to the meeting. Members receive a 10% discount on all selections (but not in addition to the 15%!). For more information call Candice Guth at 503-222-0282. Please call to check on road conditions if the weather is bad. Hope to see you there!



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HEY KIDS (AND PARENTS) JOIN THE FLEDGLINGS FUN!

Do you have young children "in the nest" and some daytime availability? Would you like some free or inexpensive nature-oriented

adventures with other kids and their parents? Come to Audubon Society of Portland Fledglings events that bring together parents and young children to experience nature and build community! Current activities are easy nature walks in the Portland metro area, and indoor nature-oriented educational activities, crafts and entertainment. For more information about the Fledglings, or to offer suggestions or help in arranging future events, please contact Lori Faha (503-493-3619).

Coming Events:

Friday, February 2, 2001, 10:30 a.m.

Tualatin Hills Nature Park, 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton.

We will view some of the kid-oriented nature displays in the interpretive center, and then walk some of the paved trails in this nature park that is located on Cedar Mill and Beaverton Creeks in Washington County. We will wind our way on trails through the lush native trees and plants and try to catch a glimpse of birds and critters in the woods and along the water. This is stroller accessible. Weather permitting, we can brown-bag lunch together afterward at the site's picnic tables.

Directions: Turn west onto Millikan from Murray Road, just north of Tualatin Valley Hwy (Hwy 8), or turn north onto Millikan directly from T-V Hwy, west of Murray, OR you can take MAX to the Merlo Station and walk about 1/2 mile south through the park on paved trail to the Nature Park Interpretive Center. Meet in the Interpretive Center.

Tuesday, February 20, 2001, 10:30 a.m.

Brown's Ferry Park, Tualatin (just 10 minutes south of Portland)

We will have the opportunity to peek at ducks, geese, and other waterfowl in a pond area from behind a nearby bird blind provided by the park. We will also explore the trails in the park through the forest, across bridges and along the edge of the Tualatin River. Bring bird ID books and binoculars if you have them. Bring a lunch to eat after the walk.

Directions: From Portland, take I-5 South to Tualatin-Sherwood Exit #289. Take left at light and follow Nyberg Street back across interstate. Get in left lane and travel about 0.5 miles and take left on Nyberg Lane (at bend in road just past 7-11 store). Look for sign for Brown's Ferry Park on left. Take left past sign and we will meet in parking lot.

Friday, March 9, 2001, 10:30 a.m.

(NOTE: THIS IS THE 2nd Friday, NOT THE 1st Friday)

Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, Sellwood neighborhood in SE Portland

Join us to enjoy the great birding and views of wetlands and river and the downtown Portland skyline in the distance, at this wonderful City of Portland wildlife refuge. We are likely to see many Great Blue Herons (as many nest on nearby Ross Island) and many other waterfowl. More than 100 species of birds have been seen in the bottoms. We will hike down a somewhat steep, but manageable, trail for young kids, from the parking lot down to the meadow area near Oaks Park, then follow the easy, flat trail north to and part way around the large open-water area. Come dressed for the weather, including boots, as the trail can get muddy in places, packs for any little ones who can't walk, and don't forget binoculars and bird ID books if you have them. We can brown-bag lunch afterward at picnic tables back near the parking lot (there's also a play structure nearby), and/or snack along the way!

Directions: Meet in the north parking lot of Sellwood Park, off SE 7th Ave (just before it turns into SE Sellwood Blvd.).

Volunteering at Audubon Society of Portland

By Darlene Philpott, Volunteer Coordinator & Special Events Manager

Welcome to our newest volunteers: Kimberly Augenfeld, Erin Barnholdt, Patricia Blake, Sarah Cohoon, Chere DeForest, Lynn Fox, Rob Groenendaal, Lyle Horwath, Debbie Host, Candace Kendall, Ania Kipiniak, Diana Lee, Cita Oudijk, Sharon Stoesser, and Martin Stoesser. We are glad to have your help in inspiring others to love and protect nature.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help! Below is a sampling of our volunteer opportunities. If you are not sure that volunteering will work for you, why not attend one of our new volunteer orientations to help you decide. The next orientation is scheduled for **Monday evening February 19th at 6 pm**. To RSVP contact Darlene Philpott at 503-292-6855 ext 104 or send email to dphilpot@audubonportland.org.

Sanctuary Tour and Traveling Program Naturalists

Enjoy working with youth? Enthused about Nature and want to learn more? Become a Sanctuary Tour or Traveling Program Naturalist. Commitment involves two weekday programs per month (morning and early afternoon hours). No experience required, training provided. No experience required—we will train you! We have two trainings scheduled this month (see below). To RSVP, call Michelle at (503) 292-6855 ext 105.

Sanctuary Tour Training: Wednesday, February 7th, 12-2 pm (bring a lunch)

Traveling Program Training: Thursday, February 15th, 12-2 pm (bring lunch)

Birdathon Committee Volunteers

Requires: 1) good sense of humor; 2) experience in browsing outdoorsy catalogs for "must have" field gear; 3) passionate about birds; and 4) ability to boldly go where no one else has gone before, OR to eagerly go where someone else has paved the way! Committee meets approximately twice a month on Monday evenings from February to April and less often thereafter. For more information contact Darlene at 503-292-6855 ext 104.

Phonathoners

Help make our programs possible in 2001 and beyond. We need 20 enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to ask for support from others for Audubon Society of Portland. Involves great camaraderie, creative treats, and NO cold calling.

Nature Store Assistant

One opening: Wednesday Afternoons (2 pm to 6 pm)

Basic computer experience required. Knowing backyard birds a plus!

Receptionists

Openings for Tuesday and Friday Mornings (9 am to 1 pm) and Substitute/Float Opportunities

Look! Just what you have been hoping for – News Clippers

A chance to volunteer from home during the hours that work best for you. Are you one of *those* who must read your daily paper to make your day right? We need 2-3 volunteers who will scan newspapers to find and clip articles and mentions of Audubon Society of Portland in daily and weekend newspapers. Early callers get first choice of newspapers and days so call soon!

Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project is looking for volunteers to monitor Western Bluebird trails! No experience necessary, training provided. Requires volunteering one half-day per week during May through August. Training: scheduled for March 3rd, 9am-Noon, Champoege State Heritage Center. For more information call Pat 503-246-1337 or Brenda 503-246-1337.

The "Albino" Junco

By Mitch Luckett, Sanctuary Director

Well, here it is February and I knew you would want to know all about the calico junco that's been hanging around the Audubon Nature Sanctuary this winter. When I first saw it in November, I tried to make it into something else; a white-backed, dark-morphed sparrow maybe. But why was it hanging out with juncos? Imitating Juncos? Hmm, no such sparrow, of course. That's when I realized it was time to buy some new binoculars. I did the math. If I spent as much money on new binoculars as I used to buy duct tape to patch my old Navy-issue binoculars, I could get a pretty high-class pair. And so, sublimating an age-old addiction to duct tape, I did. Two things happened immediately: I was delighted at how light the new binocs were, and my case of what my doctor calls 'binocular back' (from lugging around heavy military binocs coated with duct tape for so many years) went away.

My first sighting with my new high-powered binocs was the calico junco. I took that as an omen. Call it post-duct tape guilt syndrome. I began to feel responsible for that calico junco. And with responsibility comes worry. With worry comes obsession. Wasn't the colorful bird a prime target for the resident Cooper's Hawk cruising the thermals above the Nature Sanctuary? The junco's brilliant white back and partially white wing stood out like a bulls-eye birthmark on a deer's breast. There was nothing legal I could do to protect her. And so I contented myself with becoming a stalker. I watched for her morning, noon and night. Work breaks, too. Hardly a day goes by I don't spot her, usually off in the willow thickets around Bones Creek.

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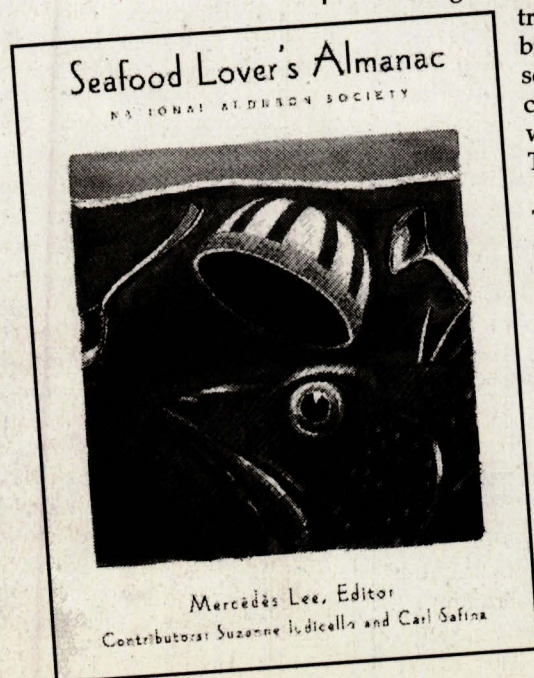


Photographer Monte Rumgay found this partially albino robin in 1998.

I did some research. Alas, the prognosis for a long and fruitful life for the calico junco was not good. *The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds* calls it partial albinism. Besides danger from predators, there is often same species harassment. It has been observed that birds with some form of albinism are not as readily accepted by their own species. Although the encyclopedia doesn't mention it, one can only assume that species rejection affects mating, family life, etc. The partial albinism may not be a genetic change but a physical or psychological injury (i. e., bullet wound, fright). Or, it may be due to aging.

My calico junco doesn't seem to be injured, harassed, rejected or aged. Maybe she will live a long life. Longer probably than my new binocs. Already I detected a scrob on the chassis. Nothing, however, a little duct tape won't cover.

I missed some thank yous in a previous *Warbler* to folks who helped us build the pond board-walk and education structure. Many thanks to **David Horn** and **Doug Gannett** of **C.J. Conlee Engineers**. Thanks also to **Robert Leeb**, **Scott Palmer** and **Jim Fitzpatrick** of **Robert Leeb Architects and Planners**. Bob and Scott, we couldn't have done it without you. ▲

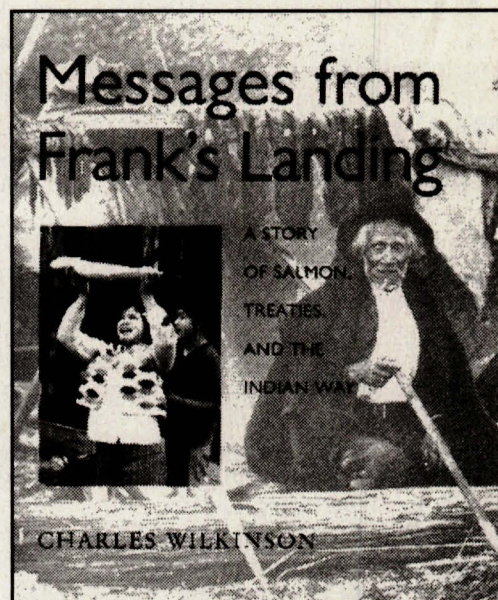


Nature Store Features Upcoming Author Appearances

By Bob Wilson

Messages from Frank's Landing **Billy Frank and Charles Wilkinson** **Provide an Indian Perspective** **on Northwest Salmon**

Audubon Society of Portland is focusing this year on northwest rivers and how they link us to the Pacific. In an exciting new program called "City to the Sea" we will look at the riparian links between Portland and the other ecosystems of northwest Oregon, all the way to the ocean. Given the growing concerns over power, salmon, timber harvest, urban conservation and the links between them, it is a timely topic indeed.



On Thursday, March 1st, join us for a Native American perspective on salmon, rivers and the Pacific Northwest. Attorney Charles Wilkinson and Nisqually tribal leader Billy Frank, Jr. collaborated on *Messages from Frank's Landing* (\$22.50). Subtitled "A Story of Salmon, Treaties and the Indian Way" this book tells the story of Washington State fishing disputes—centered on Frank's Landing on the Nisqually River—that have taken place over the last 30 years. As Wilkinson explores the history of the northwest native fishery, he and Frank also explore an indigenous northwest way of looking at salmon and the rivers that sustain them. The issue of sovereignty looms large, but not just for Frank and his people. It is something he wants to extend to the stars. "We talk about state sovereignty and tribal sovereignty, but [plant and animal] communities under the big firs are sovereign, too. We've got to find a way to protect their sovereignty ... [And] it used to be, when I was a little boy, that we could see the stars at night. Now it's much harder to see them, with all the lights from all the cities and towns... That's wrong. Those stars are sovereign. They have a right to be seen."

To learn more about "salmon, treaties and the Indian way," come to **Charles Wilkinson and Billy Frank's** talk on **Thursday, March 1st in Heron Hall**. The talk will begin at 7pm, and afterward they will be available to sign copies of *Messages from Frank's Landing*.

Another "City to the Sea" Upcoming Event

Is eating seafood one of your guilty pleasures? On **Thursday evening, March 22nd**, **Mercedes Lee**, editor of *The National Audubon Society Seafood Lover's Almanac* will appear to talk and give recommendations on seafood to eat and to avoid. Following her program she will sign copies of her new book. For more information, watch the *March Warbler*.

Wildlife Care Volunteers

By Bob Sallinger

The Wildlife Care Center has undergone many changes through the years. Staff have come and gone, buildings have been replaced and then been replaced again. Seventy thousand animals have passed through our revolving doors. The one constant has always been our outstanding volunteers. More than anything else, it takes a tremendous amount of energy to keep the Care Center operational, as taking care of animals is labor intensive and relentless. Since the current Care Center was constructed in 1987, it has never once been completely empty of animals; it has never once shut down even for a single day.

Of the 120+ people it takes to keep the Care Center running, only three are paid. Odds are that when you contact the Care Center, the person helping you is donating his/her time. This is all the more remarkable when you consider that the minimum volunteer commitment at the Care Center is four hours per week (208 hours/year). This is the equivalent of 10% of a normal American work-year!

Holidays times particularly drive home just how deep the volunteer commitment runs. Christmas Eve found the Care Center loaded with two Bald Eagles, two Spotted Owls, a Peregrine Falcon, five Mallards, six gulls, two Crows, one Flicker, one Tundra Swan, an assortment of songbirds and a wintering Yellow-bellied Marmot. An additional injured Peregrine and an injured Red-tailed Hawk arrived Christmas Eve and a new Crow greeted us first thing Christmas morning. Although Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are always optional shifts for Care Center volunteers, we have never found ourselves lacking for help on the holidays.

Bill Helsley, a man who has been donating his time to the Care Center since the late 1980s (and who first dragged me up to Audubon Society of Portland back when I thought it was some sort of weird bird cult – I was right), worked from opening to closing on both days. Liza Burney, in just her first month at the Care Center matched Bill's hours. Jill Cunningham, Tammi Miller and Ken Barron each contributed a day. Cheryl Castles and Kelli Hoffman came up, as they do almost everyday, to work with our non-releasable educational birds of prey and to make sure that they got some time away from their cages and out in our sanctuary.

Much of the longevity that we enjoy and depend upon in our volunteer corps stems not only from their commitment and concern for wildlife, but also from the sense of community that has evolved over the years. The critters were not the only ones who found themselves well fed over Christmas. Julia Harris-Gibson, who first started in the Care Center back in the early 1980s when it was housed in a rat-infested shack and who, to this day, continues to run our raccoon program, provided us with homemade cookies. Abby Crouch, who first began volunteering at the Care Center in the early 1990s, and her husband Ken stopped by with homemade pizza. Our longtime volunteer beaver rehabbers, who wish to remain anonymous, provided us with a giant box of chocolates!

What makes the effort put forth on Christmas so extraordinary is that it is so ordinary in the general scheme of things at the Wildlife Care Center. We can never predict what wildlife will pass through our doors each day, but we have never had to worry about whether there would be dedicated volunteers there to take care of them. *Thank you all!*

Tune In!

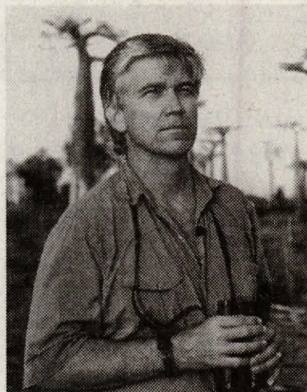
**Channel 10, PBS/OPB's Oregon Field Guide Program
will feature the work of the Wildlife Care Center
on Thursday, February 8th at 8:30 pm.**



Marmot Update: WCC Acquires New "MarmotCam!"

Two months ago, I commented in this column that it would be wonderful to have a video monitor to view a secretive yellow-bellied marmot that we are wintering over in the Wildlife Care Center. The young marmot spends a vast majority of his time submerged beneath a heap of alfalfa that he has piled up in the corner of his cage, emerging to consume an occasional walnut or berry only when no one is around. Mr. Ed Bullard at Limited Energy Northwest has generously provided and installed a video camera in the marmot's cage! Merit Electrical Company has generously donated a 23-inch video monitor so that staff, volunteers and the public can now view his activities from our Care Center lobby. Beyond the infrequent, but highly entertaining, opportunities to view the marmot's stealth ramblings, this set-up will provide us with a very valuable tool to assess the progress of recovering wildlife without necessitating the stress and disruption of entering their cages. *Thanks to Ed Bullard, Limited Energy Northwest and Merit Electric Company for their generous contributions.* Come visit the Care Center and enjoy the new "MarmotCam!"

Russell Mittermeier Kicks Off 2001 Wildlife Conservation Lecture Series Tuesday, February 27



RUSSELL MITTERMEIER
Biodiversity: Hot Spots of the Planet

The 2001 Wildlife Conservation Lecture Series features a stellar list of speakers. On **Tuesday evening, February 27th at 7:30pm, Dr. Russell Mittermeier**, one of our best-known primatologists, will kick off the current season. His talk, held at the **Oregon**

Zoo's Cascade Crest Banquet Room, will be titled "Biodiversity: Hot Spots of the Planet" and will focus on the earth's richest and most threatened reservoirs of plant and animal life.

Dr. Mittermeier is the President of Conservation International. He has also served as Vice-President for Science at World Wildlife Fund, and as Chairman of the Primate Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Survival Commission. He has written eight books and over 225 papers and popular articles on primates, reptiles, tropical forest and biodiversity, including his most recent book, *Hotspots: Earth's Biologically Richest and Most Endangered Terrestrial Ecoregions*. His most recent fieldwork has been on primates, protected areas and other conservation issues.

The Wildlife Conservation Lecture Series is presented by Audubon Society of Portland, the Oregon Zoo and The Nature Conservancy, and is sponsored in part by Southwest Airlines. Lectures will begin at 7:30pm the fourth Tuesday of the month from February through May. All lectures will be held at the Oregon Zoo's Cascade Crest Banquet Room. Tickets to individual lectures are \$8 (\$6 for members of Audubon Society of Portland and other sponsoring members, students and seniors). Series tickets are available for \$25 (\$20 for members of Audubon Society of Portland and other sponsoring organizations). They can be ordered by calling 503-525-4281.

Other speakers (and topics) in the series will include:

Dr. Robert Michael Pyle on March 27th,
"Of Monarchs, Blues and Silverspots: Conserving Butterflies in Risky Times"

Dr. Maurice Hornocker on April 24th,
"Conserving Big Carnivores"

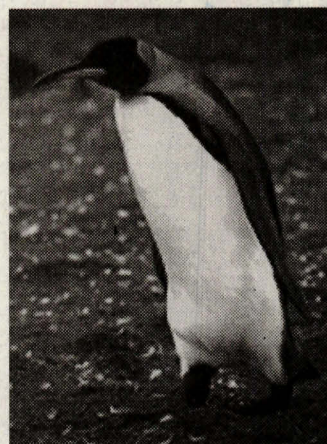
Donald and Lillian Stokes on May 22nd,
"From Chickadees to Bald Eagles: Attracting, Enjoying and Conserving Birds From Your Backyard to the Wild"

Join us for an Extraordinary Tour: Antarctica and the Falkland Islands, November 17 to December 3, 2001

By Dave Eshbaugh, Executive Director

Iwould like to invite you to join me in visiting and learning about one of the world's most magnificent and remote places: Antarctica.

This is your opportunity to see this wondrous land of ice and snow, a very special place that only a handful of people has ever visited. You'll see huge colonies (up to a million birds) of nesting penguins. Massive three- and four-story high tabular icebergs, colored vivid blues and greens by the reflected sunlight, will astound you. You'll marvel at the grace of albatrosses—including some with 10-12' wingspans—that fly for days without a single flap of their wings. In addition, you'll have close-up views of massive humpback and killer whales, penguins and predatory leopard seals swimming in chilly South Polar waters.



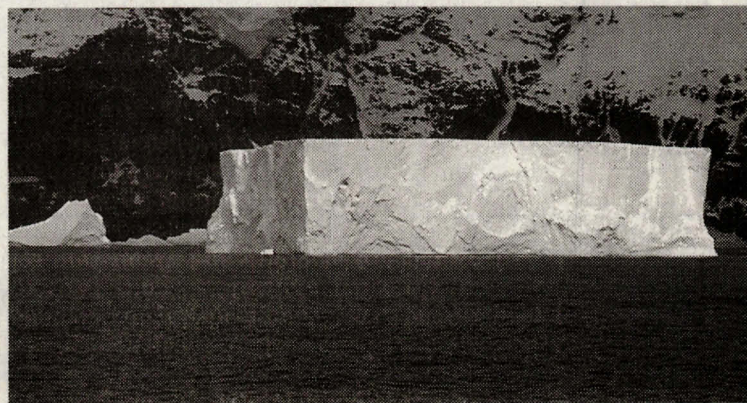
King Penguin on Falkland Islands. Photo: Dave Eshbaugh.

Our trip will be from November 17 to December 3, 2001. Our base from which to explore Antarctica will be the 122-passenger Clipper *Adventurer*. This ice-rated ship is fully staffed, including on-board naturalists, and offers comfortable rooms with outside views, private baths and a range of guest amenities.

International airfare, from Miami to Buenos Aires, Argentina and from Santiago, Chile to Miami, is included. Our itinerary includes crossing the notorious Drake's Passage and the fog-shrouded Antarctic convergence, thoroughly exploring the Antarctica Peninsula and its outlying islands, and visiting the windswept Falkland Islands.

Trip cost, including airfare from Miami to and from South America, is \$7,670 per person, double occupancy (a portion of which is a tax-deductible donation to Audubon Society of Portland).

If you are interested in joining me on this once-in-a-lifetime experience to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands, please contact me at 503-292-6855 x103 or deshbaug@audubonportland.org. I will be happy to answer questions and provide more information.



Tabular Iceberg near Elephant Island. Photo by Dave Eshbaugh.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Audubon Society of Portland offers you a wide variety of Educational Programs throughout the year. School children experience the natural world through our Nature Sanctuary, trips to local Greenspaces like Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, day trips to the Oregon Coast, and overnight programs at our own Marmot Cabin near Mt. Hood. We also bring nature into the schools with fun, hands-on classroom presentations. Summer Camp and School Break Classes provide exciting programs in our sanctuary and farther afield. Adult education offerings range from evening classes and local field trips to week-long programs and international tours. For information on our education programs contact Dave Helzer, 503-292-6855 ext.119.

REGISTRATION FOR ADULT PROGRAMS

Register by mail:

Send your name, address, phone number and payment (credit cards OK), and the classes you wish to take. Programs meet at Audubon Society of Portland, 5151 NW Cornell Rd. unless stated otherwise.

Register by phone:

Call 503-292-6855 ext.119.

Checks should be made to Audubon Society of Portland and mailed to:

Adult Classes
Audubon Society of Portland
5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR 97210

CLASSES PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Full payment is expected for a class upon registration. If a participant needs to cancel a registration, cancellation must be received 14 days prior to the class in order to receive a full refund. Audubon Society of Portland reserves the right to cancel classes due to inclement weather or instructor illness up to the date of the class, in which case a full refund will be given.

TOURS PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A deposit is due at the time of registration for our trips. Trip deposits are 50% the cost of the tour. Unless indicated otherwise, payment in full is required 30 days prior to departure. In the event a participant needs to cancel a trip reservation, a full refund of their deposit is available up to 45 days prior to departure. If a reservation is cancelled with fewer than 45 days before departure, but more than 30 days before departure, 50% of the deposit will be refunded. For cancellations within 30 days of departure date, the deposit may not be refunded. If for any reason Audubon Society of Portland cancels a trip prior to its start, full refunds will be given to all participants.



Greetings from our New Environmental Educator

Hi! I am **Michelle Barnier**, the new Environmental Educator at Audubon Society of Portland. Previously, I was the AmeriCorps Volunteer in the Education Department working primarily with students in our sanctuary, school classrooms and summer camp. I enjoyed working with children and opening their eyes to the wonders of nature. I am excited about continuing this work in my new role as a full-time staff member. I also look forward to working with all the education volunteers. Please give me a call (at 292-6855 ext. 105) if you are interested in volunteering with our dynamic education team.

Winter Break Classes 2000: A Snow Flurry of Fun!

By Emily Thomas



"The first person who finds a Snowshoe Hare track gets a prize!" With our noses to the wet snow, we followed what appeared to be some kind of uneven depressions. Down into the tree well, up the hill, around the rhodie, over the log, clumsily we hopped on our snowshoes through the brush until the kids finally gave up the search, begging for an answer (or did they just want a prize?). The tracks, I confessed, were probably ...well, wait! "Did you notice that there are two big tracks in front of two little ones? What might that tell us?..."

Every moment a mystery, every class a ton of fun! With full-day field trips, overnights and half-day adventures, we packed in two weeks full of new and adventurous Winter Break Classes for Kids (grades K-8th). We took our first-ever tracking class on snowshoes. We lead an art-based field trip and broadened our focus on animals to include dinosaurs. The "Corps of Discovery" traveled out west to the coast, retracing the steps of Lewis and Clark, for two days of exploration. Junior birders learned techniques of waterfowl identification at Crystal Springs and found flocks of Green-Winged Teal at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. Back at the Bat Roost, we learned how to survive in the wild, create a cartoon critter and "intense our senses."



Stay tuned and join us for the next flurry of springtime fun, during our Spring Break Classes for Kids (See class listing and registration on pages 17-19).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Our Belizean Adventure

By Steve Robertson, Education Director

If you happened to be at the Portland Airport last November 28th, at 4:30 in the morning, you might have noticed a rather rag-tag, red-tag, red-eyed group of people gathered near the American Airlines counter. You might have also noticed, if you looked closely, that though they may have been pretty tired, there was a gleam of excitement in every eye. That's because they were on their way to Belize!

Last November, Audubon Society of Portland worked with the Belize Audubon Society to lead a trip for 14 of our members to show them the wonders of this amazing country. And what an incredible trip it was!

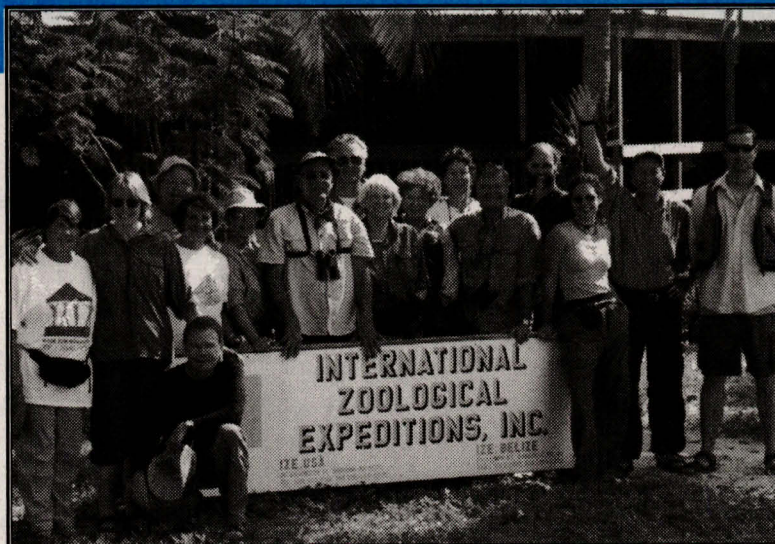
In size Belize is tiny, but its natural treasures seem infinite. This Central American country is less than 1/10 the size of Oregon and yet it has more species of birds than our entire state (about 545 species in Belize compared to ~485 in Oregon). Of course, high species diversity is often a function of habitat diversity, and as one would suspect, Belize has a wide variety of habitats to explore.

With Rudi Burgos from the Belize Audubon Society as our local guide, we started out birding the wetlands of Crooked Tree National Park by boat, along with another top-notch Belizean birder, Glen Crawford. Great Black Hawks, Amazon Kingfishers and Bare-throated Tiger Herons were just a few of the avian beauties to grace the day.

Our next big adventure took us to the rainforests of the Cockscomb Jaguar Preserve, where we got to run Stann Creek and bird it by kayak. What a timeless experience it was, floating the dense jungle, alive with iguanas, bats and birds, the air filled with the calls of unseen species.

Next, we were off for the islands as we headed 38 miles out to sea to Glovers Atoll, where we spent two days birding the small caye, investigating the awesome array of marine life in its shallow inlets (we found representatives of eight phylla on one morning tide-walk!) and learning the basics of snorkeling. We then headed to the comparatively luxurious accommodations at International Zoological Expeditions on South Water Caye, where the cabins were like tree houses amongst the mangroves. On the way back to the mainland, we perused the Man-of-War Caye where we saw hundreds of male Magnificent Frigatebirds proudly displaying their famous bright red gular pouches.

We ended the trip in the little village of Placencia, where the main "drag" is a three-foot wide sidewalk, and, as this town is on the way to nowhere, no one is in a hurry. On our last day, many of us cruised up the Monkey River at dawn where we saw four species of parrots, four species of kingfishers and a lot of Black Howler Monkeys. This was my favorite day, blessed with beautiful birds and a group of wonderful people who had become good friends. To each of them, and to Dave Helzer who was my co-leader on the trip, my heartfelt thanks for the part each of you played towards making this a truly unforgettable experience.



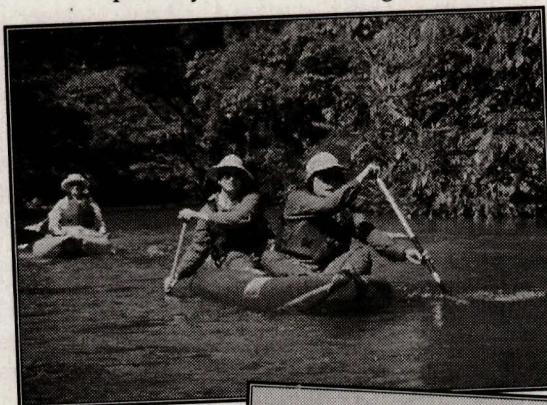
Audubon Society of Portland members on South Water Caye

A few quotes from the gang:

"Rudi and Glen were so gracious. I was so pleasantly amazed at the wealth of knowledge they had." —Nicola DeBolt

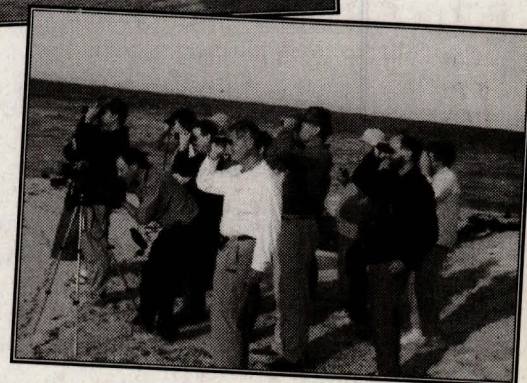
"The trip was most excellent. There are not enough words to praise it." —Inge Lothian

"The trip could not have been better! The Audubon leaders were knowledgeable and willing to share and explore. They also kept everyone safe and in good health." —Loren Smith



Belize Adventurers Marcia and Jeff Cross kayaking Stann Creek at Cockscomb Jaguar Preserve. photo by Craig Markham

Birding on South Water Caye



**A few spaces still available for our next adventure!
The Big Island of Hawaii and Midway Atoll (see page 13).**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Adult Classes and Programs

Beginning Field Birding and Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays: Feb. 3, March 3, and April 7, 8 am - Noon

This field class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills. Explore different habitats on the island and learn the local birdlife. Waterfowl, songbirds and raptors will be covered. Required text: *The Golden Guide to Birds of North America* (available at the Nature Store). Class is limited to 15 people. Class meets with **Greg Baker**, rain or shine, 8 am at the gravel parking lot on the east side of the Sauvie Island Bridge. Pre-registration required; see page 10 for details. Call Dave Helzer 503-292-6855 x119. **Fee: \$50 members/\$60 non-members**

Waterfowl

Tuesday, March 20, 7 - 9 pm

Local expert and author **Harry Nehls** shares his knowledge on the variety of waterfowl in the Pacific Northwest. Learn about identification and distribution of Barrows and Common Goldeneyes, Tundra and Trumpeter Swans, Ross' Geese, mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks and many more. Class includes lecture, slides and handouts. See page 10 for registration instructions and details. **Fee: \$10 members/\$15 non-members**

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Spring Birding 101

Evening Class: Wed., March 21, 6:30 - 8 pm
Field Trips on Fridays: March 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20, 8 am - 12 noon

Introduce yourself to the world of birding with this workshop for novices and beginners lead by **Dave Helzer**. The **evening session on March 21** covers all the basics of birding: field guides, optics and identifying birds. The **Friday morning field trips** constitute the core of this class and will take you to five different Portland birding areas. On the field trips we'll delve into different aspects of birding: bird songs, tips and techniques of identification, migration seasons, recognizing behavior, habitats and how to look for birds. The required field guide is *Birds of North America* by Kenn Kaufman, available at the Nature Store for \$20 (members receive a 10% discount). This workshop is limited to 12 participants, so sign up soon. See page 10 for registration instructions and details.

Fee: \$120 per person for members/\$140 non-members

PCC Class with Audubon Society of Portland

We offer this class in partnership with the Portland Community College's Community Education Program. Classes are taught by experienced Audubon Naturalists, evening sessions are held at Audubon Society of Portland. **Registration is through PCC at 503-614-7308, ask for Linda Timmins.**

Hawks, Eagles and Owls

Wed., March 14, 6:30 pm - 8 pm; Sat., March 17, 9 am - noon

What makes a raptor a raptor? The evening session (held at Audubon Society of Portland) introduces you to the birds of prey found in this part of Oregon. Topics include adaptations, habitat, behavior, identification and tips on where to find raptors in the wild. On Saturday's field trip we'll visit a local birding area to observe these magnificent hunters in their natural habitats. Bring binoculars and bird field guide. **Fee: \$40**

Elderhostel Programs

Elderhostel is a non-profit organization with 25 years of experience providing high-quality, affordable, educational adventures for adults who are 55 and older. These short-term educational programs are a fun and exciting way for you to explore new places and make new friends. The focus of our programs is birding, wildlife and natural history. To register or for more information call Elderhostel toll-free at 877-426-8056 or visit their home page at www.elderhostel.org. Please have the program number ready.

Birds of Malheur with Audubon Society of Portland

May 20 - 25, 2001

Audubon Society of Portland offers this program at the Malheur Field Station, an environmental learning center located on the beautiful Malheur National Wildlife Refuge 30 miles south of Burns, Oregon, in the remote high desert of southeast Oregon. The Malheur Refuge is a national premier birding destination and offers a plethora of wildlife and bird viewing opportunities. Field birding and natural history is the focus of this exciting week-long program. Cinnamon Teal, Black-necked Stilts, White-faced Ibis and Golden Eagles are a few of the birds we can expect to see during the week. A variety of habitats, including rim rocks, sagebrush flats, riparian thickets and extensive marshes support a diversity of wildlife. Daily field trips explore the refuge and evening programs at the Field Station review the local wildlife to complement our days spent in the field. We'll hike up to two miles some days over uneven terrain.

Program Charge: \$435 per person

Program # 37050 - 0520 - 01

Wildflowers and Birds of Mt. Adams

June 10 - 15, 2001

Audubon Society of Portland welcomes you to the sunny slopes of Mt. Adams. Spend five days at spectacular Mt. Adams searching for wildflowers and wildlife with naturalists from Audubon Society of Portland. Explore the wetlands and dry forests of the Glenwood Valley and the foothills of Mt Adams. Walk the beautiful ranch grounds to see warblers, flycatchers, swallows, woodpeckers, hawks and Mountain lady's slipper orchids. We'll also visit the majestic Columbia River Gorge's breathtaking vistas and diverse habitats. Field birding and botany are the focus of this program. Evening programs back at the ranch will review wildflowers and wildlife of the region to complement our days spent in the field. Stay at a beautiful guest ranch; enjoy the stone fireplace, library, hot tub and stunning view of the mountain.

Program Charge: \$490 per person

Program # 47010 - 0610 - 01

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Educational Trips & Tours with Audubon Society of Portland

Your travel dollar supports our education programs and, while going on an awesome adventure, you will learn about nature as you do some excellent bird watching and wildlife viewing. These trips, varying in geographic destinations, will provide you with an opportunity to get close to nature and explore and learn about new habitats. Trip leaders may change due to their availability. **Call Dave Helzer 503-292-6855 ext. 119 for more information and registration details.**



Laysan Albatross © Bob Fields

HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND

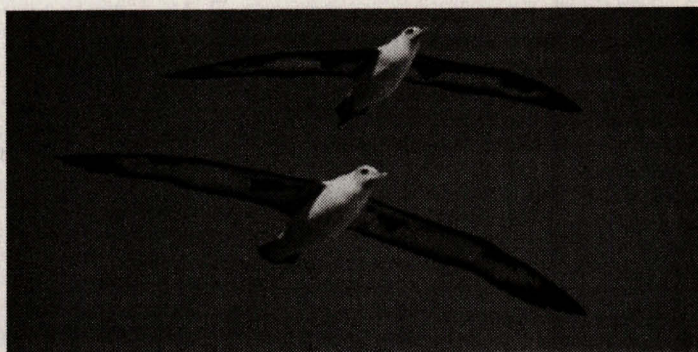
March 30 - April 7, 2001

Back by popular demand! This incredible trip is offered again this spring! Experience the magnificence of Hawaii's Big Island with Audubon Society of Portland Board Member **Bob Fields** and **June Fields** to guide the way. This seven-day adventure will expose you to the many natural wonders of Hawaii. Stay at a unique B&B near the small village of Volcano. Hike in Kilauea Crater in Volcanoes National Park. Learn about the most recent and active lava flows in Hawaii (and see them up close if timing is right). Enjoy Hawaii's natural beauty while discovering its unique natural history - dynamic geology, botany, diverse bird life, waterfalls and more! See White-tailed Tropicbirds in Kiluaea Crater, native

Laysan Albatross © Bob Fields

Hawaiian 'Iiwi, 'Apapane, 'Amakihi and other forest birds in Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge. We'll have a chance to observe the gentle Nene or Hawaiian Goose, 'Io or Hawaiian Hawk (possibly the most endangered raptor in the world), and Hawaiian Owl or Pueo. We will also take in an orchid farm, visit the stunning shoreline in several places, visit the southernmost point in the U.S., and learn about native culture and traditions. You are promised not only a great learning experience, but a fun one, as well. The fee includes all transportation from Portland, double occupancy lodging, all meals except dinners, and guide services of the leaders. Group size is limited to 14. Trip fills on first come, first serve basis.

Fee: \$1850 members / \$1975 non-members (Deposit: \$925)



MIDWAY ATOLL WILDLIFE REFUGE

April 7 - 15, 2001

Here is your once in a lifetime opportunity to visit one of the most remote and fascinating wildlife refuges in the world. This trip can be an extension of the Big Island tour in Hawaii or a separate excursion altogether. Midway is 1100 nautical miles from Honolulu at the northwest end of the Hawaiian Island chain. The atoll is famous for its nesting colonies of Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses (over 1 million nesting birds!). Other species include Red-tailed Tropicbirds, White Terns, Great Frigatebirds, Bonin Petrel, Blue-footed Boobies and many more. The joy of Midway is that these species can be viewed at close range. Bring your photography equipment as leader **Bob Fields**, an experienced wildlife photographer, will assist you in getting pictures you can only dream of in other locations! Spend time strolling the beautiful white beaches, looking for green sea turtles, visiting the historic Battle of Midway site. Accommodations are in the historic Officers Quarters converted to comfortable guest rooms. The trip includes double occupancy lodging and airfare from

Honolulu. Meals can be purchased at the Galley for reasonable rates or enjoy the exquisite Clipper House with fresh local seafood and other delights. This can be a trip of a lifetime. Take advantage of the special rates offered to Audubon Society of Portland and experience this unique natural and historic wonder. You will need a valid passport to re-enter Hawaii.

Fee: \$1275 per person for members / \$1400 non-members (Deposit: \$650.)

White Tern
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

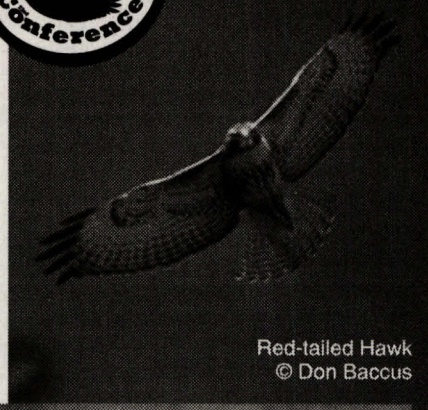
Educational Trips & Tours continued

Klamath Basin Bald Eagle Conference Trip

Thursday, February 15 to Monday, February 19

Join us for a guided trip to southern Oregon's annual Bald Eagle Conference hosted by the Klamath Basin Audubon Society. We'll have two full days in the field birding with the leaders and two days at the conference. Experience the conference banquet, workshops, speakers, and enjoy guided birding in the Klamath Basin with experienced leader and birder **Dave Helzer**. The Klamath Basin supports one of the largest concentrations of birds in North America, including the biggest concentration of Bald Eagles in the 48 states! We'll visit the local wildlife areas looking for Snow Geese, Rough-legged Hawks and of course, Bald and Golden Eagles. At the early morning eagle flights at Bear Valley, we'll have a chance to see 50 to 100 Bald Eagles; our group tallied 82 last year.

The trip fee includes van transportation from Portland, four nights double-occupancy lodging and birding instruction by the leaders. Meals and conference registration are not included. Trip is limited to eight people. For more information on this trip, call Dave Helzer 503-292-6855 ext 119. For more information on the conference visit <http://www.eaglecon.org/index.html>.
Fee: \$320 per person for members/\$345 non-members



Red-tailed Hawk
© Don Baccus



Mixed flock of geese at Miller
Island in the Klamath Basin
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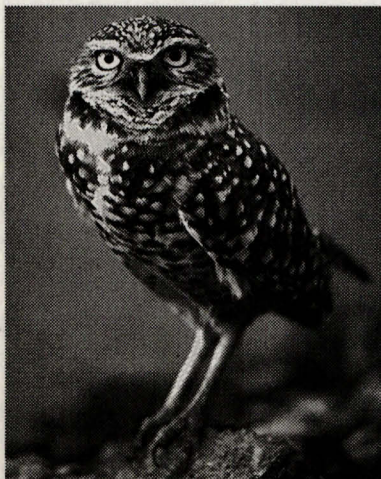
Bald Eagles in the Klamath
Basin © Don Baccus

Birds of Southeast Arizona with James Davis

March 24 - April 1, 2001

Let's go to Arizona for some warm weather, wildflowers and some of the best birding in North America! This spring **James Davis** repeats his popular birding and natural history tour of Arizona south and east of Tucson, his childhood home. Included are visits to some of the most famous birding hotspots in the USA — Madera Canyon, Patagonia, the San Pedro River and the Chiricahua Mountains. This tour is during our school spring break and late March in Arizona has some of the best weather and diversity of birds. A small group of 10 participants will travel by van, staying in motels for seven full days of birding. The tour begins and ends in Tucson and the tour fee includes all lodging, ground transportation, breakfasts and lunches, and James' expert leadership. Participants pay for their own dinners and their transportation to Tucson. For more information, itinerary and registration information, call Dave Helzer at 503-292-6855 ext. 119.

**Fee: \$1185 per person for members/
 \$1315 non-members
 (Deposit: \$600)**



Burrowing Owl © Don Baccus

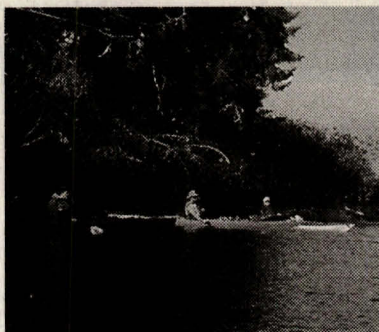


Vermillion
Flycatcher
© ASOP



Black-chinned
Hummingbird
© Don Baccus

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS



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Sea Kayaking on the Lower Columbia

Each kayak tour includes rental of a kayak, all necessary equipment and instruction. Each of the trips listed below is a two-day tour which includes a night at a historic waterfront B&B, a naturalist guide, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. Your guide will be knowledgeable in the cultural history, natural history, and geology of the Lower Columbia and certified in wilderness medicine (WFR). DO NOT mail payment to Audubon Society of Portland. Call Jan Miller at 1-888-920-2777 for registration instructions.

Fee: \$178 per person double occupancy of B&B room (\$191.35 with WA sales tax), \$223 single occupancy of B&B room (\$239.73 with WA sales tax). Includes: Kayak and related equipment, instruction, guide, lunch and dinner (day 1), and breakfast and lunch (day 2).

Refuge & Lower Gorge Tour

Saturday 9am to Sunday 4pm

February 3-4, 17-18 and March 17-18

This tour combines our popular Julia Butler Hansen Refuge day tour with a trip into the Lower Gorge. The first day is an ideal introduction to kayaking. The route begins in Elochoman Slough, retracing Lewis and Clark's route to the former site of a Wahkiakum village. Entering the refuge, which bears the second-largest Sitka spruce swamp on the Columbia, we'll wind through the waterways in search of otters and eagles. Traveling with the current, we will maintain an easy pace with time for exploration and photography. On Sunday we'll use eddies that form along the steep riverside cliffs to paddle upriver into the Lower Gorge where 80-foot waterfalls cascade in to the river after the winter and spring rains.

Skill level: Beginner, **Distance:** 6 miles Day 1; 9 miles Day 2

Historical Tour

Saturday 9 am to Sunday 4 pm

February 10-11, March 10-11

Brookfield, Bayview, Bradwood, Glenella - the shores of the Columbia were once lined with river towns that are no longer. The shore through here is now wild, with cobble-covered coves tucked among forested hillsides dropping

steeply to the water's edge. Lines of old pilings are often the only visible vestiges of the existence of whole communities bearing canneries, mills, farms and homes. On our tour we will try to imagine this place as it was, and note how nature has reclaimed this spectacular area. We will visit the abandoned town site of Brookfield, and on Sunday the old fishing village of Clifton. Both days will follow parts of Lewis and Clark's trail.

Skill level: Intermediate **Distance:** 11 mi. Day 1; 9 mi. Day 2

Wildlife Weekend

Saturday 9 am to Sunday 4pm

February 24-25 and March 24-25

This tour offers a chance to learn kayaking while enjoying some of the best wildlife habitats the area has to offer, including protected spruce swamp and tidal marsh islands on the main river. We will begin in the quiet waters of historic Steamboat Slough and travel to a scenic beach on the main channel of the Columbia for lunch. On Sunday an optional early morning walk is a great way to encounter songbirds, deer, elk or other wildlife in the Julia Butler Hansen Refuge. Then we will visit a few of the remote islands of the Lewis & Clark and Julia Butler Hansen Refuges.

Skill level: Beginner **Distance:** 6 miles Day 1; 9 miles Day 2

Wilderness Volunteers

These trips are a great way to enjoy our beautiful wild lands and help to preserve them. A non-profit organization, Wilderness Volunteers' mission is stewardship of America's wild lands through volunteer service. We work cooperatively with National Parks, National Forests and the BLM to preserve our wilderness treasures. Trip fees include meals and accommodations. For more information or to register call toll free: 1 (888) 737-2888 or visit the web site: www.WildernessVolunteers.org or you can write us at: Wilderness Volunteers, P.O. Box 22292, Flagstaff, AZ 86002-2292. *Be sure to tell them that you got the information from the Warbler!*

Big Bend National Park, Texas April 1 to April 7

The rugged mountains, harsh desert and lush riparian habitats of Big Bend are home to a wide variety of wildlife, including road runners, mule deer, white tail deer, black bear and mountain lion. More than 400 species of birds have been seen in this birders' paradise, including the Colima Warbler - found nowhere else in the United States. The northern Chihuahuan desert also supports over 1,000 species of plants and cacti. With luck we should catch beautiful spring blooms. Our service

project will be installing and repairing erosion control structures plus brush trimming and removal on Laguna Meadow Trail. Leaders are Bill Sheppard & Carleton Montgomery.

Fee: \$198

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon

April 8 to April 14, 2001

Malheur Wildlife Refuge is a birders' paradise. Migrating cranes, waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds and birds of prey fill the sky. We'll have daily birding excursions - including several with the biologists who manage the Field Station. Additionally, we will also have a pre-dawn drive to an active Sage Grouse lek to observe their ritual mating display. Our work project is restoration work on the old Malheur Field Station. On a free day, ecologist Alice Elshoff will show us Diamond Craters Geologic Area. We'll see Peter French's historic round barn, the town of Frenchglen, and have a delicious family style dinner at the historic Frenchglen Hotel. Your leaders are Dick Shook and Laney Bardeen.

Fee: \$198 (fee includes dinner at Frenchglen Hotel)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Pelagic Birding Adventures

Audubon Society of Portland has teamed up with a local operator to offer a variety of oceanic boat-based adventures. Focused on learning about the pelagic birds and other ocean-going birds, we'll search out about 25 species of seabirds rarely glimpsed from land. See murrelets, auklets, terns, kittiwakes, phalaropes, and jaegers as we make our way offshore. Then we stop and "chum" the sea, bringing shearwaters, petrels, gulls and other seabirds right up to the boat. An information packet will fully prepare you to enjoy your trip. All trips and prices are subject to change. Early sign-up for these trips is recommended, as they tend to fill weeks or months in advance. Contact **Greg Gillson** for more information at guide@teleport.com or 503-844-6876.

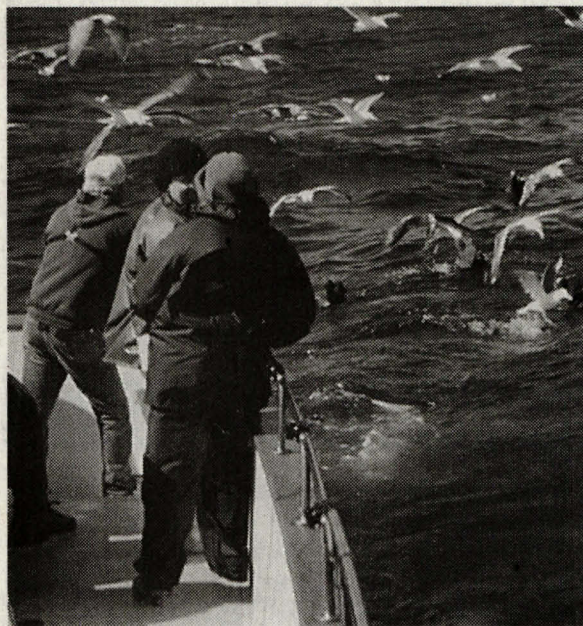
Deep Water - PB

Saturday, March 24, 2001, 6 am – 6 pm (12-hour trip)

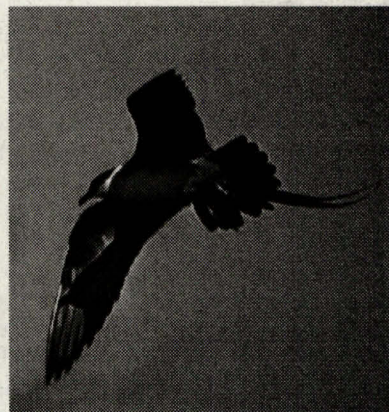
Search for North America's rarest seabirds! We first travel to Perpetua Bank for fantastic concentrations of seabirds. Then we head out to deep water to search for rarities. Spring deep water trips might include Laysan Albatrosses, Mottled Petrels, Murphy's Petrels, Leach's Storm-Petrels, Parakeet Auklets, or Horned Puffins. This trip is 12 hours in duration and spends three hours in deep water up to 60 miles offshore. These trips depart at dawn and are "all daylight" trips, returning at sunset.

Fee: \$110 per person from Newport, OR

Black-footed Albatrosses getting a close-up look at our pelagic trip birders. © Tim Shelmerdine



Long-tailed Jaeger
© Steven Shunk,
Paradise Birding



Perpetua Bank - PB Albatross Hotspot

Saturday May 5, 8 am – 4 pm (8-hour trip)

This exciting 8-hour trip heads to a prime seabird location known for high concentrations of albatrosses: Black-footed Albatross (year round, most April-October), Laysan Albatross (rare, October-May), Shy Albatross (October 1996), and Short-tailed Albatross (October 2000). We will chum twice, bringing seabirds right up to the boat. You can expect all the birds seen on the Summer Seabirds trip, plus Arctic Terns, Sabine's Gulls, Cassin's Auklets, Red Phalaropes, and others. Marine mammals may include Humpback or Killer Whales. Blue Sharks and Ocean Sunfish are observed in calm seas. Dall's Porpoises ride the bow waves! We'll watch especially for numerous Rhinoceros and Cassin's Auklets, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, Laysan Albatrosses, Short-tailed Shearwaters, and Ancient Murrelets.

Fee: \$85 per person from Newport, OR

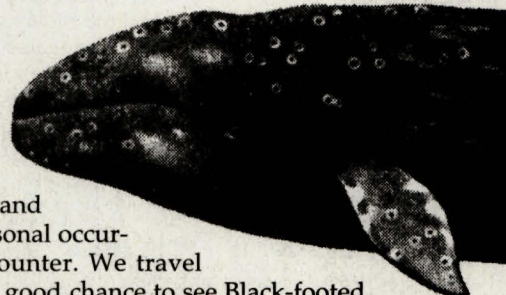
Summer Seabirds - PB

**Sunday, May 6; Saturdays, July 7 and August 11
8 am – 12 noon (4-hour trip)**

These shorter trips of four hours are designed specifically with student groups and beginning seabird watchers in mind. Tour guides explain the natural history, seasonal occurrence and identification of the common seabirds and other marine life we encounter. We travel about 12-15 miles offshore. This is the shortest pelagic trip where you still have a good chance to see Black-footed Albatrosses. Other early summer seabirds offshore include Northern Fulmars, Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwaters, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels, Rhinoceros Auklets, Red-necked Phalaropes, Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers, and Common Terns. On our return we visit the Yaquina Head seabird colony.

Here we often spot Gray Whales and Marbled Murrelets, Harbor Porpoises, California Sea Lions, and Harbor Seals.

Fee: \$40 per person from Newport, OR



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Spring Break Classes for Kids at Audubon Society of Portland

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. Itineraries may vary based on the weather. Bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. A supervised lunch is available for morning half-day classes. Registration form on page 19. For more information, call **Emily Thomas** at 292-6855 x120.

Monday, March 26, 2001

Birdzilla!

9am-4pm

Grades: 5th-8th

Fees: \$45 members/
\$55 non-members

Instructor: **Dave Helzer**

Spring into the wild world of waterfowl! Become a junior ornithologist for the day. Travel to Jackson Bottom Wetlands and scope out a deluge of amazing birds... maybe even a Bald Eagle! Binoculars and bird guides are provided for the day.

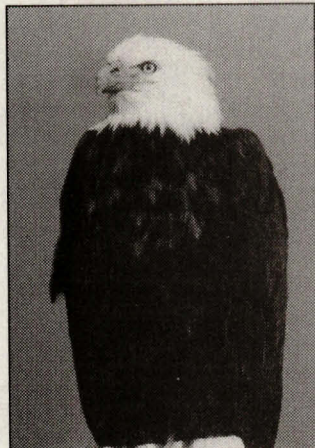


Photo by Monte Rumgay

All About Bats

9am-4pm

Grades: 2nd-4th

Fees: \$55 members/\$70 non-members

Instructors: **Wolfgang Dempke** and **Susan Leeb**

What can eat over 700 mosquitoes in an hour? Bingo! It's bats! Handle bat skins and skeletons and investigate bat habitat as if you were a bat scientist discovering these mammals for your very first time. In the afternoon, create your own imaginative artwork inspired by bat observations. Design and build a bat cave, construct an inventive bat mask, and create bold drawings of bats in motion. Go batty making art and learning about these incredible flying mammals!



Enjoying creative activities at
Audubon Society of Portland
Classes for Kids.

Photo by Emily Thomas

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Beacon-bound!

9am-4pm

Grades: 3rd -5th

Fees: \$45 members/\$55 non-members

Instructor: **Michelle Barnier**

Climb up Beacon Rock, the second largest monolith in the world! Explore the Columbia River Gorge to discover how this incredible area was formed. Wander up waterfalls and ancient rocks, and meet gigantic Sturgeon.

Slimy Critters

9am-noon

Grades: K-2nd

Fees: \$25 members/
\$35 non-members

Instructor: **Emily Thomas**

Search for salamanders, slugs and snails in and around the pond. Learn all about the incredible differences between slimy amphibians and scaly reptiles. Look under leaves and logs in our ancient forest. Take home a slimy sculpture of your own creation!



Forest Wonders

1pm-4pm

Grades: K-2nd

Fees: \$30 members/\$40 non-members

Instructor: **Susan Leeb**

Wander through the forest searching high and low for spring residents—birds, mammals, and amphibians! Use your imagination and awesome observations to create exciting, boldly beautiful drawings and sculptures of some furry, feathered and slimy creatures that we'll meet along the trail.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS

Spring Break Classes for Kids, continued

Wednesday, March 28

Track & Ski

9-4pm

Grades: 5th -8th

Fees: \$45 members/\$55 non-members
(+ \$15 ski rental)

Instructor: **Emily Thomas**

Learn how to cross-country ski as you search for Snowshoe Hare tracks, listen to Ravens and relish the last wild days of winter on the foothills of Mt. Hood. Previous ski experience (downhill or cross-country) is recommended.



Baby Barn Owls. © Bennett

Animal Hospital

9am-noon

Grades: 2nd-4th

Fees: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

Instructor: **Alise Rubin**

Go behind the scenes at our Wildlife Care Center, view baby birds and learn how to care for our wild bird friends. Learn about all the tools birds use in order to survive. Make and take home a bird feeder and other "birdy" crafts.

Wilderness Awareness

1pm-4pm

Grades: 2nd-4th

Fees: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

Instructor: **Michelle Barnier**

Experience how Native peoples knew which animals were with them in the woods without ever seeing them. Learn to blend into the forest during camouflage games. Decode bird language while you begin to use all your senses, interpreting the stories animals tell in the ancient forest.

Thursday, March 29

Sasquatch Search

9am, Thursday to 4pm, Friday

Grades: 4th-8th

Fees: \$75 members/\$90 non-members

Instructor: **Steve Robertson**

Head to Marmot Cabin for an **overnight** mini-search for Sasquatch. Investigate the science for and against this mega-legend, then venture to the foothills of Mt. Hood on a search for Sasquatch! Decide for yourself if this creature really roams our misty forests.

Tracks & Traces

9am-noon

Grades: 1st-3rd

Fees: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

Instructor: **Michelle Barnier**

Build your detective skills as you find traces of animals. Examine tracks, pelts and skulls to launch you into the art of tracking. Learn how to read the stories mammals, birds and even insects can tell. Create a plaster track cast of your own to take home!

Wild Wear

1pm-4pm

Grades: 1st-3rd

Fees: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

Instructor: **Emily Thomas**

Bring a t-shirt to create your own Wild Wear! Take a walk on the wild side and make a print using natural items. Examine animal study skins, what wildlife truly "wear."



Muskrat
Tracks by
Steve Engel

Friday, March 30

Wild in the City

9am-4pm

Grades: 3rd-5th

Fees: \$45 members/\$55 non-members

Instructor: **Michelle Barnier**

Travel to Oaks Bottom, Crystal Springs and Sauvie Island to discover the wilderness within Portland using "Wild in the City," the new Portland guide-book. Use binoculars on a bird hunt and look for animal tracks. Become the next tour guide for your family!

Stream Scientists

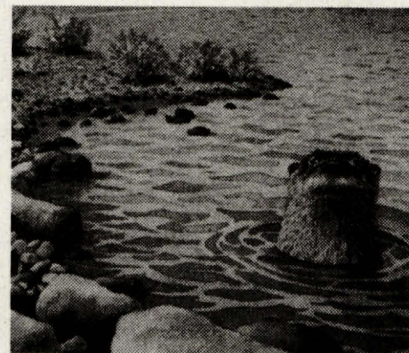
9am-4pm

Grades: 2nd-4th

Fees: \$45 members/\$55 non-members

Instructor: **Beverly Drottter**

Search out strange stream-life and discover the secret world in the water. Become a water scientist, using testing materials to determine the differences between the pond and Balch Creek. Use microscopes to examine tiny critters that live in the stream.



Book jacket detail.

SPRING BREAK CLASSES FOR KIDS

Registration Form

- ◆ Register by mail or phone (checks preferred).
Send completed registration form to: **Audubon Society of Portland**
Spring Break Classes, 5151 NW Cornell Rd. Portland, OR. 97210
or call 292-6855 x120 to register by phone.
- ◆ Fees include transportation and/or art supplies. Half scholarships are available, call for information.
- ◆ Confirmation letters will be sent after registration is received.
- ◆ Calls will be made if a class is full or cancelled.
- ◆ Cancellation policy: Refunds (minus \$10 processing fee) are available if notification is more than one week before class. We reserve the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment.

Child's name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Your Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Class Name _____ Fee _____ Class Name _____ Fee _____

Class Name _____ Fee _____ Class Name _____ Fee _____

Total Fee \$ _____

I wish to pay by: ☐ check (Audubon Society of Portland) ☐ credit card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Friends of Audubon Society of Portland Membership registration: (Please write a separate check.)

- ☐ \$28 Individual ☐ \$38 Family ☐ \$60 Wren ☐ \$100 Goldfinch ☐ \$250 Warbler
☐ \$500 Owl ☐ \$1000 Great Blue Heron Council

Health Form

Date of tetanus immunization _____

Are there any **health concerns** we should consider when planning your child's class?

(Casts, Asthma, Allergies, etc...) List medications, when taken, and purpose: Attach separate page if necessary.

Describe any **behavior concerns** that should be considered for group learning (ADD, Hyperactive, etc.)

Emergency Numbers (if parents can't be reached):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS

Conservation Involvement Opportunities

By Sybil Ackerman

Urgent Action Needed for Forest Protection

Urgency requires Audubon Society of Portland to act quickly to ensure strong protection for the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests because a plan will be approved this year that will impact management on these lands for the next 50 years. The impetus to this concern is the fact that on January 3rd the Board of Forestry approved a state level management plan which will seriously impact imperiled fish and wildlife that depend on our public state forests for survival. This state level management plan will be used as a negotiating tool by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to receive a 50-year permit under the Endangered Species Act called a habitat conservation plan (HCP) from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. If the HCP is approved it will allow for an actively managed forest with no long-term reserves or old growth. For the past five years, ODF was thwarted in any attempt to finalize its state level management plan and HCP due to opposition by the National Marine

Fisheries Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Unfortunately, however, the political climate has now changed and it appears that a long-term habitat conservation plan (HCP) will be approved over the next year.

Audubon Society of Portland has reviewed all proposed logging activities that impact fish, wildlife, clean water and recreation in the state forests. Our research has been fruitful and we are using this information to prove that active logging is not the answer for imperiled fish and wildlife. For example, we found 15 sales proposed in Northern Spotted Owl circles, approximately 20 sales within 25 feet of fish bearing streams, three sales in and around a popular hiking trail, and one sale at the headwaters of the Tualatin River (an important river that leads into the heart of Washington County). In conjunction with this research, we also discovered an important four-year study which took place in the Clatsop State Forest (ODF did not release it publicly but we have disseminated it widely) which clearly shows that logging in a second growth forest directly harms the Northern Spotted Owl.



Join us for Environmental Lobby Day, March 13, 2001.

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The Oregon Conservation Network Gears up for Legislative Session

The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is kicking off the 2001 Legislative Session and there are three key things everyone can do to take an active role in protecting Oregon's quality of life:

- Sign up for SalemWatch;
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- Attend a Regional Legislative Training Session.

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SalemWatch

SalemWatch is an email newsletter that tracks environmental legislation in Salem during the session and state agency actions when out of session. The goal of SalemWatch is to keep citizens informed about moving legislation and to generate action on key issues. SalemWatch is published weekly when the legislature is in session and monthly during the interim.

The Email Action Network

The OCN Email Action Network is a service that allows you to receive action alerts on key conservation issues via email, approximately once every two weeks during the legislative session. These alerts inform you about a critical issue, and provide a sample letter that you can then edit and personalize. Once edited, you just hit send and your letter is immediately converted into a fax and sent directly to your legislator. Taking only a couple of minutes of your time, decision makers receive immediate feedback about a breaking issue. Register at www.actionnetwork.org (select Oregon Conservation Network as the organization) or send email to ocn@olcv.org.

Regional Legislative Training Sessions

In addition to SalemWatch and the Email Action Network, OCN also conducts free regional legislative training sessions in late January and early February. These sessions are designed to give you the skills to confidently and effectively represent issues that concern you during the 2001 legislative session and beyond.

These sessions will include discussions with, or presentations by, a local legislator or conservation lobbyists and staff covering:

- Background on the top statewide and regional conservation issues and where your legislators stand on these issues.
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Metro Council Swears In With Panache

By Mike Houck

I had just returned from a month sojourn to Costa Rica and decided the perfect way to ease back into the hurly-burly of the regional political scene would be to attend Metro's swearing-in ceremony. That, I figured, was much preferable to perusing several hundred emails, voicemails and a mountain of unopened mail.

Neither I nor many of the standing-room-only crowd had a clue that we were about to witness a simultaneously humorous and inspirational ceremony. Metro Presiding Officer David Bragdon set the tone by declaring, "What we would normally do is tell you all what a wonderful job Metro is doing. We're not going to do that today."

Instead, he asked Elisabeth Neely, naturalist at Oxbow Regional Park, to read a description of an outing she had this past year with a group of elementary school students at Oxbow. By the time she had finished there were more than a few moist eyes in the room. Elisabeth, who recounted their encounters with a flock of crows and wove their presence throughout her presentation, captured both the importance of having Greenspaces like Oxbow and demonstrated how powerful environmental education is as a tool to connect kids with nature. Her presentation was a clear message from Metro Council and staff that natural resources will be a major focus for Metro in the coming year.

Then, a weird, wiggly worm and three wacky and colorful penguins and a wizened old man and crone took over the Council chambers. Again, Bragdon, wanting to demonstrate Metro will combine serious growth management planning with humor and a humane approach, had invited Imago Theater, to inject a bit of levity into the installation of new Councilors Rex Burkholder and Carl Hosticka. It provided the perfect melding of solemnity and tom-foolery that points to a productive and creative 2001 at Metro.

Why do I share this event with Audubon members? For the first time we have seven Metro Councilors (and Executive Mike Burton), who share a reverence, love and passion for the environment and who have made a public commitment to work to ensure environmental issues are on an equal footing with transportation and development agendas of the only directly elected regional government in the United States.

Bragdon finished by summing up his priorities and commitments for 2001 by stating the following: "Several years ago the people of this region made ourselves a promise...that we would live surrounded by beauty—beautiful architecture, beautiful nature—rather than by the ugliness that blights most of America. Now we stand on the brink of determining whether we fulfill (that promise). Tom McCall is not going to come back and save Oregon now—but his genius was to leave us the tools we need to save it ourselves."



Old woman (performer Graydon Kouri) from Imago Theater troupe brings a bit of levity to Metro Council swearing-in ceremony. From left to right: new Metro Councilor representing Northwest and North Portland, Rex Burkholder; Metro Presiding Officer David Bragdon, and newly elected Metro Councilor Carl Hosticka (representing Clackamas County) who will chair Metro's new Natural Resources Committee. (Photo, courtesy Metro Council)

He then announced that Councilor Hosticka will chair a newly established Metro Council Natural Resources Committee. Hosticka will have both regional parks and greenspaces and natural resources in his portfolio. Other Councilors serving on the Natural Resources Committee are Susan McLain and Bill Atherton.

I encourage you to become more familiar with Metro and with your Councilor representative. Each Metro Councilor represents one of seven districts throughout the 24-city, three county region. They need to hear from you, especially to hear your support for their collective commitment to address environmental issues in a more comprehensive manner.

Here's how to contact your representatives (all can be reached by letter at 600 NE Grand, Portland, OR 97232):

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For more information about Metro check out their website: www.multnomah.lib.or.us/metro/.

Wild In The City Field Trips for Spring

Spring Is Here!

Those of you who already have a copy of *Wild In The City* will know from looking at the calendar, or your own field experience, that spring (the Celtic Imbolc) arrives in the Portland region in February. The pussy willows are bulging, Indian plums leafing out and Great Blue Herons are setting up home. Wild In The City field trips from February to late spring will explore these and other natural history phenomena in the Tualatin River basin.

There is a modest \$8 fee that helps support Portland Parks and Recreation's outdoor program and the Audubon Society of Portland's Urban Naturalist program. **Pre-registration is required for all trips through Portland Parks and Recreation.** Call 503-823-5132. Directions and other information will be mailed to registrants. Trip leaders will include Urban Naturalist **Mike Houck**, local stream and watershed advocates, park planners and agency personnel.

Saturday, February 3

Tualatin Hills Nature Park, 9 am to noon. Tualatin Hills Nature Park is an extraordinarily diverse urban Greenspace. Its nearly 200 acres of marshes, meadows, ponds, creeks, forested wetlands and uplands are home to hundreds of species of birds, amphibians and mammals. Numerous trails, paved and unpaved, provide overviews of streams, ponds and wet-

lands as we ramble through second growth forest and shrub-scrub habitats. Recently Metro acquired a significant private in-holding to make the park "whole." Leaders: **Mike Houck** and Nature Park naturalists.

Wednesday, February 7

Tualatin Greenspaces: Apache Bluff, Tualatin Community Park and Browns Ferry, 9 am to noon. Apache Bluff, owned by The Wetlands Conservancy, has a wetland that holds water all winter. Waterfowl include Canada Geese, Mallards, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Bufflehead and wigeon. Other birds recorded at this site are Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, American Bittern, snipe, killdeer, Bewick's Wren and Red-winged Blackbirds. Browns Ferry and Tualatin Community Park are City of Tualatin Parks, also in the Tualatin River floodplain. Leader: **Mike Houck**.

Saturday, February 17

Creekside Marsh Herons and Wetlands, 9 am to 11:30 am. Workers from nearby offices enjoy noontime bird walks around this 20-acre wetland. We will bird the wetlands, adjacent Fanno Creek riparian area and check out the nesting herons near Creekside VI. Leaders: **Mike Houck**, and **Ralph Cook**, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District.

Saturday, February 24

Oregon Episcopal School Marsh and Vista Brook Park, 9 am to noon. Oregon Episcopal School purchased this Fanno Creek floodplain wetland in

the late 1980s and has since utilized the wetland as an outdoor laboratory. We will explore both the wetlands and adjacent upland habitats between OES and Montclair School and then travel to Vista Brook Park to walk the newly constructed trail. Leaders: **Ralph Cook**, THPRD and **Mike Houck**.

Thursday, March 1

Rock Creek Herons and Norm Thompson Campus, 8 am to 10:30 am. We will visit the new Great Blue Heron colony along Rock Creek to see what the herons are up to as well as explore the wetlands and riparian habitat along Rock Creek at the Norm Thomson headquarters. We will also tour the building, one of Oregon's first "green buildings" which owners John and Jane Emrick created. Leaders: **Mike Houck**, and **Derek Smith**, Norm Thompson.

Saturday, March 10

Fernhill Wetlands, 9 am to 11 am. Fernhill Wetlands was originally the site of three wastewater effluent ponds which coincidentally attracted waterfowl. In several phases, between 1991 and 1996, a 60-acre parcel of land adjacent to the effluent ponds was excavated and enhanced to create more diverse wetland habitats. It is now one of the hottest birding spots in the metropolitan region. Leader: **Mike Houck**.

For a description of other March and April *Wild In The City* trips see the March Warbler or call Portland Parks and Recreation (503-823-5132) to receive their winter/spring outdoor catalogue that describes the entire series.



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Wild In The City, A Sellout!

Our new book, *Wild In The City*, which was published by the Oregon Historical Society, sold more than 300 copies in about one and one-half hours at the Wild Arts Festival and has sold more copies than any other title at our own nature store and the Oregon History Center's bookstore. We may be out of all 5,000 copies of the first printing before summer hits, so pick one up soon at the Audubon Society of Portland Nature Store before you start planning your spring and summer outings!

Wish List Thank You's

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Winter Foragers

By Harry Nehls

As in all living things, among birds the secret of success is food. Food is the great regulator; it controls population levels, distribution, and general well being. It also is one of the main reasons birds migrate.

Generally birds do not carry much fat so they must eat regularly. This could cause problems in times of shortages. Food shortages are found most often during the winter months and birds have ways to offset this problem to a certain degree. As winter approaches, bird metabolism is slowed, all nonessential functions are closed down, and birds spend more time doing nothing when not foraging for food. They are also much less fussy about what they eat.

Because small-bodied birds cannot retain as much heat as larger-bodied birds, they must forage almost constantly for food. The larger birds, like hawks and owls, need to eat only every four or five days but when they do eat they take much larger portions.

Prior to migration, birds build very large fat reserves but burn it off rapidly and need to refuel several times before reaching their destination. If they can not find enough food prior to departure it greatly decreases their chance of arriving in good condition, if at all.

Several years ago WHITE PELICANS wintering in Mexico migrated to Malheur NWR with very little reserves. They arrived in poor condition and large numbers soon died. The survivors were in such poor condition they did not breed that year.

SNOWY OWLS have a similar problem. When food becomes scarce in the north large numbers of SNOWY OWLS move south. They make this movement with very little reserve fat and usually arrive in poor condition. They are then prone to having more parasites, are subject to disease, or are so weak they cannot capture prey. Many die, but those that survive quickly regain their health and live to return north — if not shot or hit by cars.



Snowy Owl. Photo by J. Hudson

The SNOWY OWL is a good example of how many large birds survive the winter. Most just sit on an elevated perch overlooking a large expanse of open land. Few are seen capturing food or doing any great amount of flying. The birds expend very little energy. They forage mainly in the evening and early morning capturing rodents or small to medium sized birds. One SNOWY OWL wintering on Sauvie Island several years ago dined solely on MEW GULLS. Once a meal is eaten they again sit quietly until hunger returns.

One wonders how small insect-eating birds, like BUSHTITS and the kinglets, can obtain enough food to survive during the winter. During cold nights many of the smaller species gather in tight groups and share their body heat. During the day it's a continuous search for food. Many of the wintering warblers forage for berries and small bits of grain. All will eat suet when provided at feeding stations or foraged from dead mammals.

Hummingbirds use torpor to survive the night and spend most of the day foraging for insects. Hummingbird feeders maintained during the winter give additional nourishment and probably save many hummingbirds during cold spells. It is interesting to note that the larger bodied ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD winters in western Oregon but the smaller bodied RUFOUS HUMMER migrates to warmer climates.

Undoubtedly, the insect eating birds suffer a high mortality during cold winters but they have the capacity to quickly regain normal populations.

The birds that suffer the most from starvation are the sea birds, but we seldom see to what extent except in reduced populations at the nesting sites. Most seabirds rely on the ocean currents for food and the currents often change. On the ocean, food supplies are not reliable so most birds wander considerably when not nesting. Unfortunately, coastal birds can only move north or south and quite often the lack of food covers a large area and many starve or cannot find enough food to successfully nest. Fortunately, they are long-lived and bounce back rather quickly when food returns.

WESTERN OREGON

Every year a few migrant birds decide to attempt to overwinter. Sometimes they are lucky, most often they are not. This winter so far they have been lucky but in other winters very few make it through February. A BULLOCK'S ORIOLE is wintering at a feeder in Brookings; a male BLACK-HEADED GROSBEL is wintering at Anne Shalas' feeder in NE Portland; a BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER is wintering on Siletz Bay and one or more are in Curry County. On December 21 Sam Replin spotted a male GNATCATCHER among a flock of BUSHTITS moving through his neighborhood near Gabriel Park in SW Portland.

David Mandell noted a WILSON'S WARBLER near the Sauvie Island Bridge December 10; Dennis Vroman found one at Grants Pass December 18; and Maggie Meikle saw one in Monmouth January 4. There is a NASHVILLE WARBLER wintering at a feeder in Astoria and another was found on the Coquille Valley Christmas Count. A HERMIT WARBLER was visiting Todd Thornton's feeders in Astoria and Bucky Barnett had a subadult RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD visiting his Astoria feeders in early January.

Nathaniel Wander found two ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOWS at Ankeny NWR December 10. Darrel Faxon watched a BARN SWALLOW over the Lincoln City Sewage Ponds December 15 and Roy Gerig saw one at Baskett Slough NWR December 21. Another was in Curry County January 7. A

ROCK WREN is wintering in Newport. A late GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was south of Grants Pass December 23. Marcia Cutler and Paula Vanderheul found a LARK SPARROW along Elkins Road south of Monmouth December 26. When Paul Sullivan and Roy Gerig looked for it the next day they found two TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS. At least two TRICOLOREDS are wintering at Ridgefield NWR.

Then there is the WHITE IBIS that doesn't belong here. On November 15 and 16 it was at Newport. On December 30 apparently the same bird was seen on Willapa Bay near Bay Center, Washington. The next day Victoria Stoppiello found it at the Ilwaco Boat Basin on the Columbia River.

On December 18 Phil Pickering spotted a KING EIDER flying south off the Sea Lion Caves to add to the Florence Count. Large numbers of FULMARS and SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATERS have been seen from coastal viewpoints this winter. On January 8 Colin Dillingham and Terry Wahl found a BULLER'S SHEARWATER and a SABINE'S GULL off northern Curry County. Two PINK-FOOTED SHEARWATERS were off Bandon December 31.

Five SNOW BUNTINGS are wintering at the mouth of the Siuslaw River west of Florence and another is at the South Jetty of the Columbia River along with two LAPLAND LONGSPURS.

A YELLOW-BILLED LOON was found December 16 on Netarts Bay and it has remained into January. On December 19 Trent Bray spotted a brownish GYRFALCON near Peoria, south of Corvallis. Paula Vanderheul and Marcia Cutler saw apparently the same bird at Finley NWR January 6. Two SNOWY OWLS were found at the South Jetty of the Columbia River December 17; one has remained apparently to winter. A possible SNOWY OWL flew into the Eugene Airport control tower December 17 but could not be found later.

FERRUGINOUS HAWKS and TURKEY VULTURES are more regular than usual this winter with several counts being noted. Both were at the Fernhill Wetlands January 5. On



December 26 Mike Patterson saw a PRAIRIE FALCON near Clatskanie. Joe Engler found one at Ridgefield NWR December 28, and Steve Nemitz saw one at St. Helens December 31. Wintering PRAIRIE FALCONS are being seen around the EE Wilson Wildlife Area north of Corvallis and another in the Peoria area south of Corvallis. Steve Dowlan found one near Salem December 18.

The number of SANDHILL CRANES in the Sauvie Island / Ridgefield area is much higher than usual with over 1000 on the Washington side and several hundred on Sauvie Island during late December. At least five TRUMPETER SWANS have been in the Forest Grove area and Joel Geier has seen as many as 43 in the Airlie / EE Wilson area. More are in the Ridgefield NWR area. Cindy Lawes saw an EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL at the Fernhill Wetlands December 10 and an EMPEROR GOOSE is being seen in the Sauvie Island / Ridgefield NWR area.

EASTERN OREGON

It has been cold and icy east of the Cascades but with very little snow. Many semi-hardy birds have been found wintering with apparently little problems – so far. A good indication of the mild weather, the December 16 Klamath Falls Christmas Count recorded 400 MOURNING DOVES. As usual the Klamath Basin has attracted a large number of wintering birds including a GYRFALCON and a BLUE JAY south of Klamath Falls.

A GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE has been wintering at Tule Lake and a family of three WHOOPER SWANS are in the White Lake Unit of Lower Klamath NWR, but so far both species have remained south of Stateline Road. The Miller Island Wildlife Area south

of Klamath Falls has hosted up to two TREE SPARROWS and a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK. Another RED-SHOULDERED has been at the south end of Upper Klamath Lake along with a WESTERN GULL and a GREATER SCAUP.

On December 8 Frank Mayer found a RED-BREASTED MERGANSER near Moore Park in Klamath Falls. David Tracy found one in Bend two days later. Among the 4000 GREATER SCAUP and COMMON GOLDENEYES gathered at the Biggs grain elevator in the Columbia Gorge December 30 was a LONG-TAILED DUCK. Another LONG-TAILED is wintering at Detroit Reservoir east of Salem.

On December 20 Chuck Gates found a huge flock of blackbirds northeast of Redmond that contained at least 80 TRICOLORED BLACKBIRDS. TRICOLOREDS have been known to winter in the Prineville area for years, usually at a large farm just south of town, so their presence is not all that unusual. A similar flock was seen in the same area last spring.

Paul Sullivan found a SCRUB-JAY coming to a Burns feeder December 16. Burns is north of the range of the Woodhouse's race but with the ongoing range expansion it may have been one of the races from the west. WOODHOUSE'S WESTERN SCRUB-JAY may become a full species in the near future.

Large numbers of BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS are wintering in the Wallowa Valley but none of the other northeast Oregon exotics have been reported. Steve Shunk found a lone BOHEMIAN in a flock of CEDAR WAXWINGS near Sisters December 19. A FERRUGINOUS HAWK is wintering in Enterprise again this winter and an out of place HERRING GULL was on Wallowa Lake December 9.

For the second year in a row a YELLOW-BILLED LOON has been seen on Wallowa Lake. On December 17 Craig and Judy Corder found the bird and several days later others verified it. Seems like an odd place to attract this species but Wallowa Lake is large and deep and probably full of fish.

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Madsen is the author of *Paddling in the Yukon*, *Tatshenshini Wilderness Quest* and *Wild Rivers Wild Lands*. His articles and photographs have appeared in numerous books and magazines.



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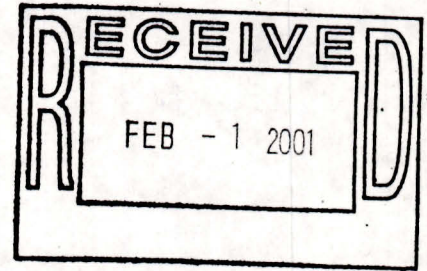
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METRO



DATE: January 31, 2001
TO: Jeff Stone, Chief of Staff
FROM: Terry Petersen, Regional Environmental Management Director
RE: Release of Wiencken report to Oregonian reporter

The Regional Environmental Management Department recently released to Oregonian reporter Greg Nokes a report by John G. Wiencken regarding Specialty Transportation Services.

During its consideration of STS's request for approval of its change of ownership, REM contracted with Wiencken to provide Metro with a financial and operational evaluation of Specialty Transportation Services, Inc., as well as to provide information about Churchill Environmental. We instructed Wiencken to provide a critical and frank examination of both companies, and to offer "worst case" scenarios Metro might consider in the event that STS should become unable to perform its contract.

The consultant's report formed the basis of the guarantees that Metro required of STS as conditions of approval of its change of ownership. On January 11, STS and Churchill met Metro's conditions.

Executive Officer Mike Burton informed the Metro Council of the consultant's primary conclusion: that STS was financially unstable, and that Metro should seek financial and operational protections for itself and for the region's ratepayers. In addition, substantive portions of the Wiencken report were shared with Presiding Officer David Bragdon several months ago. Because of our commitment to STS that we would keep confidential all of the financial information provided to Wiencken for his report, we did not share the report widely. The copy of the report given to The Oregonian had been redacted to exclude all the financial information provided to the consultant by STS.

STS continues to perform its contract without any problems. The trucking company's safety record is better than the industry standard, and the price-per-load we have negotiated is excellent. Regarding any questions about the condition of STS's equipment, our annual reports of STS's performance, routine ODOT inspections, and regular

inspections done at Metro's transfer stations all demonstrate that STS continues to provide service in a safe and efficient manner.

I have attached one copy of the redacted report that was provided to Greg Nokes, and one unedited copy. We ask that you keep the financial information contained in the original report confidential, since we have committed to STS that we could do so.

In the future, I will make sure you and the Council public relations staff are notified when we have received a public information request.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me.

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cc: Metro Councilors (w/o attachment)

