
**Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area
Management Committee**

Larry Devroy, Chair



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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2006
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions	(Devroy)	5:30 – 5:35 pm
Approve previous meeting's notes	(Devroy)	5:35 – 5:40 pm
NRMP review – Recreation	(All)	5:40-6:20 pm
Updates		6:20-6:30 pm
Adjourn		6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
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In Attendance:

Troy Clark (Vice Chair)*	Audubon Society of Portland
Patt Opdyke *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Dale Svart*	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Elaine Stewart	Metro Parks – Natural Resources Scientist
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste and Recycling – Solid Waste Planner
Vickie Eldredge	Metro Parks – Committee Recorder

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

Troy Clark called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. *Larry Devroy was unable to attend.

Consideration of May 23, 2006 meeting notes

The notes were approved as written by the members of the committee.

Updates:

- ❑ Patt Opdyke requested from Elaine Stewart an update on Smith and Bybee Wetlands. Elaine informed the committee that this Thurs. or Fri. (June 29 or 30), the Vector Control group would be out spraying. This is a response to the presence of larvae. This will be the 3rd spray this year. Elaine also updated the conditions of the lake at the wetlands. There were a lot of high water events this spring, including multiple occasions when the high water went over the water control structure. This has made it very difficult to determine movements of juvenile salmon. They can travel over the structure and over the slough banks during high water (when most movement is believed to occur); thus, the salmon are not caught in the fish traps in the water control structure. Adult carp have entered the wetlands during these high water events; they are conspicuous because of their size and spawning activity close to shore. There are multiple couples of wood ducks nesting in the ash forest this year, presumably because it is sufficiently flooded for the first time in many years.
- ❑ Paul Vandenberg said that the RI/FS is proceeding. He will give an update in the future.
- ❑ Dale Svart requested that in a future meeting that the use of recycled asphalt on the water control structure be put on the agenda for discussion.

- ❑ Nancy Hendrickson reported that sampling at the Ramsey Refugia Project has detected considerable use by juvenile salmon. Also, BES has begun sediment sampling in the slough. It has been 10 years since sampling was done last. The testing is being conducted every 0.5 mile. Nancy also brought up the question of where are we going for our yearly field trip? She suggested that we tour the Ramsey Refugia Project for our July or August meeting.

NRMP REVIEW (continuation)

- ❑ Troy Clark began the discussion by asking the committee to take a look at the matrix done by Larry Devroy and decide on general principles and guidelines. The committee began by taking the different types of possible activities on the matrix and grouping them by common characteristics and whether they were compatible with the site. The possibility of using a numerical rating system for the matrix was discussed and rejected. The committee used the matrix columns listing various considerations to discuss whether an activity was compatible or not. Existing rules or ordinances were additional considerations. The committee was able to go thru the entire list of activities and determine whether the activity was compatible for the natural area. (See attached matrix chart).
- ❑ The intent of this exercise is to identify guidelines for evaluating the compatibility of various recreational activities by reviewing a number of examples. These guidelines would update the recreational assessment and project list in the NRMP.
- ❑ All of the activities that were included on the matrix were discussed at great length and there is still some additional discussion needed. Elaine Stewart will research applicable rules and ordinances for the potential activities where compatibility was unclear. Elaine will also reorganize the matrix for distribution prior to the next meeting.

Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.