
**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. - 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., **Room 370**
Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions	(Devroy)	5:30 pm
Approve previous meeting's notes	(Devroy)	5:30 – 5:35 pm
Terra Fuels Rivergate location	(Carl Luhnnow)	5:35 – 6:05 pm
Update 2001 invasive plant mapping	(Clark)	6:05 – 6:35 pm
Nomination & election of new chair and vice chair		6:35 – 6:45 pm
General updates & next agenda topics		6:45 – 7:00 pm
Adjourn		7:00 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee
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In Attendance:

Larry Devroy (Chair) *	Port of Portland
Troy Clark (Vice Chair) *	Audubon Society of Portland
Pam Arden*	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Patt Opdyke *	N. Portland Neighborhood Assn.
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Dan Kromer *	Metro Parks and Greenspaces
Astrid Dragoy *	Portland Parks & Recreation
Dale Svart*	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Susan Barnes*	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling
Frank Opila	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Joe Mollusky	Port of Portland
Carl Luhnnow	TerraFuels
Tracy Livingston	TerraFuels
Dan Parker	PMA

* Denotes voting SBWMC member

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

TerraFuels Rivergate Location

Joe Mollusky from the Port of Portland, Carl Luhnnow and Tracy Livingston from TerraFuels and Dan Parker from Parker Messana and Associates (PMA), engineering firm for the project, came to the meeting to discuss TerraFuels purchase of Port property adjacent Bybee Lake in the Rivergate area to develop a biodiesel manufacturing facility.

Joe started the discussion off by passing out a map of property ownership and availability in the Rivergate area. He focused on the 5.4 acre triangle parcel directly north of Bybee Lake, which has 4.8 developable acres. This is the lot TerraFuels purchased for their new facility.

Carl and Tracy discussed TerraFuels' history and what kind of facility they plan to build on the site. TerraFuels considers themselves an environmental friendly company and the new facility will reflect this view. The facility will produce 18 million gallons of "methyl ester B100" biodiesel fuel annually. The mix of feedstock for processing will come directly to the facility from sources throughout the local region. The feedstock will include recycled waste oil and tallow as well as canola and camelina oils produced by local growers. The new facility is designed to operate 24 hours a day, 350 days per year. Rail tankers will be used to move the biodiesel in and out of the site.

Committee members raised several concerns relating to potential impacts of the facility on the habitat (vegetation, wildlife) and water quality in and around Bybee Lake. These included

the possibility of pollution from spills, noise levels, light shining into natural area, odor emissions and visual appearance of tankers next to the site.

Dan P. explained how the facility would be constructed and how materials would be contained if spills occurred. PMA believes that by pouring a concrete epoxy base under the tanks and installing an outside plastic perimeter liner 4" below the ground spill containment will not be an issue. Also, soil profiles will be done on the existing site to determine seismic construction requirements. Dan P. went on to explain that noise from fans and pumps would be at industry safe levels, lighting could be screened so light would not penetrate into the natural area, odors would be minimal as all tanks/containers are sealed and not open to the air, and landscape screening for tanks and rail tankers would be in place per City of Portland requirements. The refinement process would produce no waste products. The facility will be completed by the end of 2008 and subject to all permitting requirements.

The Committee asked to be kept abreast on the development and wanted to be notified during the permitting notification period so they or Metro staff could submit comments if necessary. Dan P. said he would do this.

Invasive Plant Mapping Update

Troy told the Committee that the Friends were looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant to update the 2002 Tina Merrels Invasive Plant Management Plan. They asked Jennifer Goodrich, BES, to come to the Friends November meeting and talk about invasive plants and control measures, which she did.

The primary goal of the update would be to map current upland invasive plants as well as aquatic ones. The secondary goal would be to continue control methods on existing invasives. Several questions by Committee members were asked such as: could money from the S&B Trust Fund be used for grant match; is Elaine Stewart available to assist on the update; what's the process that would be needed to do the update; are current control measures adequate to control invasives or at least keep them at bay; what happened with the past use of beetles (are they still out there?); what are the 2008 habitat management objectives; and what is the FY 08-09 S&B budget being used on.

Dan K. said it made sense to invite Elaine and Jim Morgan to attend a meeting devoted entirely to the update and the above questions. The Committee decided to schedule a special February 26th meeting for this purpose.

Updates

Due to the length of the meeting, time was not available for updates or nomination/selection of chair and vice chair. Nomination/selection will be held at the April 22 quarterly meeting.