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**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. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2009  
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**AGENDA**

Welcome and introductions	(Larry Devroy)	5:30 pm
Approve previous meeting's notes	(Larry Devroy)	5:30 – 5:40 pm
2008 environmental education program recap	(James Davis)	5:40 – 6:10pm
2009 Smith & Bybee operations and management and restoration plans; trust fund update	(Dan Kromer, Kathleen Brennan Hunter, Mike Brown)	6:10 – 6:50 pm
General updates & next agenda topics		6:50 – 7:00 pm
Adjourn		7:00 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes  
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee  
January 27, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Larry Devroy (Chair) *	Port of Portland
Troy Clark (Vice Chair) *	Audubon Society of Portland
Susan Barnes*	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Lynn Barlow*	Portland Parks & Recreation
Dave Helzer*	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Frank Opila*	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Pam Arden*	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Dan Kromer* (Recorder)	Metro Parks and Environmental Services
Kathleen Brennan Hunter	Metro Sustainability Center
Mike Brown	Metro Parks and Environmental Services
James Davis	Metro Sustainability Center
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Parks and Environmental Services

\* Denotes voting SBWMC member

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

**Consideration of October 28, 2008 meeting notes**

The Committee approved the October 28, 2008 meeting notes.

**2008 Smith & Bybee Environmental Education Program Recap**

James Davis presented the following recap to the Committee on the environmental education program for 2008.

- A handout was passed out showing environmental education program numbers and attendance from 2002-2008 along with the types of programs offered.
- A total number of 62 programs were given in 2008, slightly lower than previous years.
- Total attendance for 2008 programs was 1,477 down from a high of 1,908 in 2006 and a little less than past years.
- James has been doing programs for Metro at Smith & Bybee for the past 11 years and now has a volunteer naturalist, Patty Newman, assisting with birding programs.
- No particular family/adult program is the most popular.
- Portland Audubon sponsored two youth groups (N. Portland-Ants, Hillsboro-Explorador) who came out for special kids programs.
- New program for 2009 will be 3 paddle trips with a naturalist for people who do not own or have access to paddle boats.
- Turtle turn-out on the Interlakes Trail is best place to see turtles on logs in the water basking in the sun during the months of April and May. Also, good place to see two active muskrat dens.
- Two largest user groups at the site are paddlers and birders.

- Have not hit over use limits on Smith & Bybee trails yet.
- Smith & Bybee does have a large number of nutria. Public questions on how to control them should be addressed by ODFW.

Troy let the Committee know that James will be awarded this year's Columbia Slough Watershed Council's Leadership Award to be presented to him at the Council's February 6<sup>th</sup> annual awards celebration dinner.

### **2009 Smith & Bybee Operations And Management And Restoration Plans; Trust Fund Update**

Kathleen passed out information sheets on the 2009 anticipated monitoring and treatment activities, operations and management schedule and FY 08-09 Trust Fund budget. Kathleen and Mike explained how the Trust Fund is set up and FY 08-09 revenues and expenditures. The Committee would like to see:

- A more thorough breakdown on the expenditures.
- The past two year history (revenues and expenditures) of the Fund.
- Percent of Fund's interest and principle being spent annually.

The Committee also would like to discuss spending/drawdown limits on the Fund's principle along with developing a strategy for annual interest and principle use.

Dan briefly discussed the 2009 operations and management schedule and how tasks/projects were set up (e.g. weekly and seasonal). Kathleen asked the Committee to take their time reviewing the monitoring and treatment activities and operations and management schedule and Metro staff would be willing to meet with the Committee, at their convenience, to discuss these in more detail. The Committee discussed possible dates for a special meeting and decided on February 17, 2009 at 5:30 PM.