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

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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave.

Room 270

(Note: Back in usual meeting room)

Portland, Oregon 97232

AGENDA

Welcome, introductions and review of previous meeting notes	(Opdyke)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Update on St. Johns Landfill RI/FS	(Paul Vandenberg)	5:35 - 5:45 pm
Updates	(All)	5:45 - 5:55 pm
NRMP review – management objectives and strategies	(Opdyke, Stewart)	5:55 - 6:25 pm
Next meeting agenda	(All)	6:25 -6:30 pm

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

Patt Opdyke, Chair *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Troy Clark, Vice Chair *	Portland Audubon Society
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Land Trust
Bill Briggs *	Merit USA
Brenda Hanke *	St. Johns Neighborhood Assn
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Ray Piltz	St. Johns Neighborhood Assn
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation
Dale Svart *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Bill Egan	Oregon Bass & Panfish Club
Dan Kromer	Metro Parks – Willamette District Manager
Elaine Stewart	Metro Parks – Natural Resource Scientist
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling

* denotes voting SBLMC member

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Consideration of April 26 meeting notes

The April meeting notes were approved as submitted (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions [Arden, Handke and Sjulín not yet in attendance]).

St. Johns Landfill update

Paul Vandenberg reported that the Solid Waste and Recycling Dept. has completed the first phase of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. CH2M Hill is the consultant that has been hired to carry out the first phase review and they will attend the management committee meeting in either September or October to discuss the review process. Paul reviewed a handout of the stages of site restoration at the landfill. It included an outline of the process and remedial actions that may have to be carried out.

Bill Egan inquired as to whether there are currently any leaks at the landfill. Paul responded that the landfill staff does ongoing methane monitoring and has found no leakage in the membrane. The question was then expanded to include any leakage in the slough. The response was there has been some leakage in two spots in the past in the North Slough but none recently.

Updates

- Troy Clark reported that Jay Heidenrich, Commander of the Wapato Facility for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, was invited to the last Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes meeting. He discussed the "Good Neighbor" Agreement that Multnomah County signed with the neighborhood. He also emphasized the county's intent to honor the agreement. The State of Oregon, it was reported, is no longer interested in the site as a

jail because of provisions within the agreement (e.g., lights and the direction of lights). They may be interested in it as a methamphetamine treatment center, however.

- Also related to the Friends of S & B, they will be holding a fund raising barbeque at New Seasons Market in the Concordia area on July 16th and 17th. Proceeds from the outdoor barbeque will go to the Friends group.
- Elaine Stewart reported that the annual draw-down process at the water control structure has started and the wetlands should be back to a tidal marsh by late July or early August.
- Nancy Hendrickson discussed the Ramsey Lake Refugia Project which entails creating a tiny finger inlet where small salmon can take refuge, using the inlet as a hiding place from predators and also as a place for rejuvenation. Construction will begin this summer.
- A question was raised by Jim Sjulín about spraying for mosquitoes at Smith & Bybee Wetlands by Multnomah County Vector Control. Elaine's response was that aerial spraying of BTA larvaecide is occurring around the perimeter. Several sprayings have occurred, with the most recent a couple of weeks ago.
- Elaine gave a brief update on the Trail Feasibility Study.
- Patt Opdyke notified the committee she is stepping down as chair of the management committee effective after the August meeting. If no one steps forward to fill that position, she will discontinue attending after the August meeting until someone does.

Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) Review

Elaine described the work she has done on the NRMP review. She distributed a 2-page outline of things to consider during the review process. The first page described ecosystem management and the second described adaptive management. Also referred to was an aerial map of Smith & Bybee wetlands depicting seven different habitat types within the Natural Area. Elaine briefly discussed possible environmental projects that could be done within the area. An "Outline of Habitat Restoration Plans at SBLWA" dated 9/23/01 from a previous meeting was re-distributed and discussed. Members expressed agreement with Elaine's approach regarding revising environmental projects as part of the NRMP review.

The next meeting will focus on water quality.