

 Metro | *Memo*

Date: Friday, June 29, 2012
To: Metro
From: Pam Welch, Records and Information Analyst
Subject: Potential Missing Record – April 4, 2000 Regional Parks and Greenspaces
Advisory Committee (RPGAC) Agenda

An attempt was made to locate the missing record by consulting with staff and going through meeting records from 2000. However, a copy of the agenda could not be found.

May 18, 2000

An area of the Sandy River has been reserved for bank angling since 1949. Between 1949 and 1988 all areas above the Stark Street (Viking) Bridge were reserved for bank angling. In January of 1988 the area from the Stark Street Bridge to Big Creek, near the downstream end of Oxbow Park, was added to the area where anglers could fish from a floating device. During the winter of 1988 anglers were surveyed and asked to voice their opinions regarding that rule amendment. In our evaluation of the rule, we pointed out several reports of conflicts during the first year angling from a floating device was allowed up to Big Creek. The results of that survey and other information and observations which were compiled in a report entitled "An Evaluation of Amended Rule 635-17-110(56)" led to a compromise adjustment of the angling from a floating deadline to an alignment with the major power lines crossing the Sandy River approximately one mile below Big Creek (four miles upriver from the former deadline).

In our assessment, the current deadline has worked well. Boat anglers are allowed to fish from shore any place above the floating device deadline. No conflicts between boat and bank anglers have been reported to us since its implementation in 1990.

Another proposal to change the angling from a floating device deadline has been submitted this spring.

This time the proposal is to allow fishing from a floating device from the upper boundary of Oxbow Park downstream, an addition of slightly more than four miles of river. Guides working the Sandy River have pushed hard to open more water to angling from a floating device. They organized between twenty and thirty persons to attend the public comment meeting on May 17, 2000. Oxbow Park staff presented the only opposing opinion at that meeting (it was acknowledged that a few opposing written comments had been received before the meeting). We feel we were acting as a voice for the majority of anglers who fish the part of the river this proposal will effect.

Now it is your turn. Your voice must also be heard for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to get the message that this would be a bad idea on the Sandy. If it isn't broke, why fix it?

We are requesting you participate in the public process by doing one or more of the following:

1. Comment at a public meeting:

Your opportunity to attend and comment at a public meeting has passed. The only local public meeting on this issue was held on May 17, 2000. At that meeting, Oxbow Park staff commented opposing the new proposal.

2. Write a letter:

If you would like to share your thoughts with the Department on this issue, please write a letter. All letters are forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as part of the public record. Letters should be addressed to: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Angling Regulations, P. O. Box 59, Portland, OR 97207. A copy of the letter sent back to Oxbow Park, 3010 SE Oxbow Parkway, Gresham OR 97080 would be appreciated and would assist us in documenting public sentiment.

3. Testify at a Commission Hearing:

per Jim Lund - have few months to send etc.

The Commission hearings will be held on August 11 and September 22, 2000. The Commission places great value on information received from the public. The best time to testify to the Commission on angling regulation issues is at their September 22, 2000 hearing. A final decision will be made at that time. The meeting will be held at the Fish and Wildlife Headquarters 2501 SW First in Portland. Call them at 872-5268 for time of meeting (usually held in the evening).

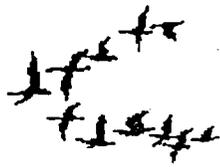
Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces, managers of Oxbow Regional Park, has gone on record recommending that no changes be made in the location of the "Angling From A Floating Device" deadline on the Sandy River. This recommendation was made for the following reasons.

1. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Guidelines for Diversity of Angling Opportunities" states: "1. ODFW will provide diversity of steelheading consistent with angler surveys, traditional methods and patterns, the biological and physical capabilities of the streams, and compatible with the primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.
The only survey conducted on this issue (Multnomah County Parks Services Division, winter 1988) showed overwhelming opposition to the idea of opening more water on the Sandy River to angling from a floating device. Seventy-nine (79) percent of all those surveyed opposed opening more water. Sixty three (63) percent of the anglers who angled predominantly from a boat opposed opening more of the Sandy River to angling from a floating device. The last time this type of proposal was aired, at the June 26, 1991 ODFW public meeting at Mt. Hood Community College, the public sentiment was overwhelmingly opposed to these proposals.
Bank angling can certainly be identified as a traditional method of angling in this area. The bank angling only rule has been in effect since 1949 through the entire section except for an unsuccessful two-year trial period on the lower one-mile referred to in this proposal. Except for the first couple hundred yards of river upstream of the powerlines, the section of the Sandy River being considered for a rule change is owned and managed entirely by Metro Regional Parks or the YMCA at Camp Collins. Metro Regional Parks and the YMCA have both gone on record opposing any changes to the current deadline.
2. All anglers whether they can afford to own a boat, hire a guide, or just get to the river bank are on equal footing when it comes to methods they may employ to catch fish. One of the objectives of the state steelhead management plan is to "provide a diversity of opportunities for consumptive and non-consumptive uses". Opening more water on the Sandy River to angling from a floating device is contrary to this objective in that the substantial number of anglers who seek out areas where there is no direct competition from boat anglers who are allowed advantageous methods to catch fish. Those who prefer bank angling will be deprived of a significant and otherwise unavailable opportunity adjacent to the states largest populated areas. The section of the Sandy River being considered, is the only river section

in the Willamette zone where novice boat anglers and bank anglers both have easy access but all anglers are required to use the same methods to fish.

2. Angling from a floating device is recognized as a more effective method to catch fish. The opportunity for this method to be used will decrease the number of fish available for those employing bank-angling methods. Areas currently utilized for bank angling will be used by anglers in boats, eliminating areas for bank anglers to fish. The increased harvest by boat anglers will likely lead to decreased harvest opportunity for bank anglers.
3. Boat anglers have a multitude of opportunities to employ their methods, most notably the nearby Clackamas. Quite remarkably, only eleven river sections (including one 111 foot long and one 400 foot long closure) in the entire state are officially designated as closed to angling from a floating device.
4. A change in the current rule will greatly diminish bank angler's ability to effectively fish in these waters and most certainly will result in conflicts between bank and boat anglers. Social conflicts were a primary reason for closing the stretch of river between the lower boundary of Oxbow Park and the power line below YMCA Camp Collins in 1990. Conflicts are sure to arise if the Boat Ramp to power lines section is opened because there is easier bank access, more pressure and the areas are already heavily fished by bank anglers.
5. Opening more water to competing and generally conflicting methods will increase pressure, decrease the quality of the bank anglers experience and quite possibly negatively affect bank anglers success rates. Any of these could provide the spark for social conflict. It would provide very little, if any water that couldn't be fished from shore.
6. On the subject of access, boats are already allowed on this stretch. Anglers are required to fish from the shore so as to prevent conflict between different user groups. The current bank angling area is now, and always has been, open to bank angling despite private ownership along the river in some areas. We have knowledge of not a single "no trespassing" sign along the river in the bank angling area being proposed for opening. Some landowners do object to visitors venturing beyond the high water mark but, in general, landowners along this section of the Sandy are extremely generous to the recreating public, especially the angling public.

We are supplying you with our reasons for opposing this proposal. Please feel free to expand on any of these points in your letters or testimony. Relating your personal experiences on the river is a great way to get the idea across. The Commission will not know how you feel unless you write and/or testify.



Quarterly Report

Winter 1999-2000 - December, January & February

Environmental Education Program

A remarkable new program with a focus on the language of birds was launched at Oxbow this winter. The "bird language society" was initiated by several volunteer naturalists and meets every Sunday morning. Using techniques taught by Jon Young's Wilderness Awareness School, we have observed, mapped and interpreted the park's bird life. Young has commended the participants for creating the first ever group of its kind and is encouraging naturalists in other regions to follow our example.

The "Hawks for the Holidays" and "Breakfast with Birds of Prey" programs at Howell were a great success. The promise of lots of birds of prey, coffee, and the Sauvie Island location—all at a good price—was a winning combination. After the newspaper article, we were swamped with phone calls and immediately filled the "Breakfast" program, added an extra program, filled it, and then filled all our other winter bird walks and added 85 new people to the GreenScene mailing list.

Winter bird watching classes and field trips at Smith and Bybee Lakes continue to be popular. The Wildlife Checklist has been very helpful and popular and the flyer promoting school field trips to the lakes has had immediate positive results.

Environmental Education Program Statistics

| | oxbow | smith & bybee | howell | totals |
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| number of trips | 28 | 8 | 3 | 39 |
| number of adults | 222 | 88 | 97 | 407 |
| number of youth | 139 | 83 | 20 | 242 |
| total number of people | 361 | 171 | 117 | 649 |
| number of contact hours | 2494 | 586 | 855 | 3935 |
| revenue | \$180 | \$230 | \$536 | \$946 |

Volunteer Program

Winter brought many new faces to Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces. A partnership with Portland Waldorf School brought a class of kids out for a 6-week session (once a week) on restoration and pioneer history at Beggars-tick and Lone Fir Cemetery. Buckman elementary also

joined Metro again at Lone Fir for a family workday. The Oxbow restoration program is taking off with it's Americorps leader, Josh D'Ancona, bringing many new volunteers and partners to the park. Another Americorps member, Sarah Anderson, has been brought on for an 11-month internship to assist with community outreach and restoration on Cooper Mountain and a few other target areas. Our office volunteers are long-timers and continue to plug away, giving one day a week (each volunteer) to help keep our office and databases in order. The first volunteer crew leader training sessions were held for the spring season, bringing 12 new leaders on board, including some Beaverton HS and James Madison HS students. The first Year End Report for the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Volunteer Program was presented to the Metro Council and staff in January. Touting over 1200 volunteers and 15,000 hours, the 1999 program results got a great response and so did the goal of "2000 volunteers in 2000".

Volunteer Program Statistics

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| number of volunteers | 194 |
| number of interns | 3 |
| number of volunteer hours | 1,880 |
| dollar value* | \$26,784.00 |
| number of partners | 12 |
| number of fieldwork days | 30 |
| number of sites worked | 7 |

*figured at national volunteer rate of \$14.30/hour

Community Outreach and Events

It was a busy winter season for our planning team as they kicked off the public involvement program for the Greenspaces Protection Plan. With presentations to nearly 20 local civic and business organizations and five Open Houses (held around the region together with Growth Management Services) we directly contacted more than 600 citizens and received nearly 100 responses to our questionnaire about priorities for greenspaces protection.

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| December | Wildlife Checklist to Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area |
| December 10 | Buy Recycled Holiday Gift and Info Fair @ Metro |
| December 16 | Lloyd Kiwanis Club Metro Parks presentation |
| January | Greenspaces Protection Plan fact sheet |
| January | Living with Wildlife brochure completed, a partnership with REM |
| January | Region-wide park inventory available on Metro's FTP site |
| January 4 | Presented Mt. Talbert master planning process to the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Council |
| January 4 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Columbia Slough Council |

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| January 10 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Gresham Neighborhood Coalition |
| January 19 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Westside Economic Alliance |
| January 19 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, MCCI |
| January 24 | Parks Forum, Gresham |
| January 25 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Johnson Creek Watershed Council |
| January 25 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Friends of Trees |
| January 26 | Provided written testimony to Oregon Marine Board on motorized boat use on the Tualatin River |
| February 8 | Greenspaces Protection Plan Workshop @ Metro |
| February 10 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Columbia Corridor Association |
| February 10 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Homebuilders Association |
| February 10 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Portland Neighborhood Association |
| February 10 | Greenspaces Protection Plan Workshop, Beaverton |
| February 14 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce |
| February 15 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Metro Council informal meeting |
| February 15 | Greenspaces Protection Plan Workshop @ Gresham City Hall |
| February 16 | Greenspaces Protection Plan Workshop @ Powellhurst Elementary |
| February 17 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Clackamas River Watershed Council |
| February 18 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Columbia Corridor Association |
| February 18 | Metro GreenScene released, Spring 2000 |
| February 19 | East Buttes Tour, Wild in the City |
| February 23 | Greenspaces Protection Plan Workshop @ Oregon City |
| February 23 | Greenspaces Protection Plan presentation, Beaverton CCI |
| February 25-27 | Yard, Garden and Patio Show, Natural Gardening/Living with Wildlife, Metro booth |

Press Releases

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| December | December Happenings at Metro (Hawks for the Holidays) |
| December 22 | Metro seeks ideas for plan to protect region's parks and greenspaces |
| February 18 | Volunteer naturalists needed for education programs |
| February 23 | Spring Metro GreenScene features ways to explore the nature of the region |

GreenScene

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| street date | November 29 |
| number mailed | 43,000 |
| total print run | 60,000 |

Media Coverage

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| December | Portland Family | Holiday nature parties are really wild |
| December | Portland Family | Hawks for the Holidays |
| December | Earth Matters | Yellow Jackets in Winter |
| December 9 | KINK Radio | Hawks for the Holidays PSA |
| December 15 | Willamette Week | Hawks for the Holiday on Sauvie Island |
| December 31 | Oregonian A&E | Metro Parks Volunteer Orientation |
| January | Portland Family | Got cabin fever? Get your GreenScene |
| January | Portland Family | Breakfast with Birds of Prey; Winter Birds and Smith and Bybee; Volunteer Orientation; Birds of Prey Class; Dirt Time |
| January 5 | Daily Journal of Commerce | Metro seeks citizen advisors |
| January 13 | KPTV-12 | Metro GreenScene PSA |
| January 13 | Oregonian | Eyes will feast on raptors at Sauvie Island outing Sunday |
| January 14 | Oregonian A&E | Y2K at Canemah Bluff (work party) |
| January 18 | Daily Journal of Commerce | Metro seeks input on new parks plan |
| January 21 | KATU-2 | Grant's Getaway to Smith and Bybee Lakes |
| January 22 | KGW-8 | Burial delayed at Lone Fir Cemetery |
| January 30 | Oregonian | A sad line of errors makes woman's funeral even sadder |
| February | Audubon Warbler | Goal 5 and greenspaces open houses hosted by Metro |
| February 3 | Beaverton Valley Times | Metro hosts greenspaces forum tonight |
| February 10 | Beaverton Valley Times | Meeting tonight solicits public input on greenspaces |
| February 18 | Oregonian A&E | Winter birdwatching |
| February 29 | Oregonian | Volunteers reclaim former hog farm on Tualatin Refuge |

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