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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area  
Management Committee**

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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 1998

Metro Regional Center, Room 270

600 N E Grand Ave.

Portland, Oregon 97232

**AGENDA**

<i>✓Ken Kaufman - Oregon Dept of Human Resources/ Health Division</i>	5:30 - 6:00 pm
<i>✓Discussion - Access to the Lakes - (Process)</i>	6:00 - 6:30 pm
<i>Updates</i>	6:30 - 7:00 pm
<i>Adjourn</i>	7:00 pm

Minutes from June 23, 1998 meeting to follow.

## Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Metro Regional Center  
Room 270  
Tuesday, July 28, 1998  
5:30 PM

### In Attendance:

Gerald H. Wright *	Fuel Processors/ Merit Oil
Ken Kauffman	Oregon Health Division
Troy Clark *	Audubon
Paul Vandenberg	Metro - REM
Holly Michael *	ODFW
Emily Roth	Metro - RP&G
Pat Sullivan	Metro - RP&G
Chris Prescott *-1	City of Portland, BES
Susan Oman *	Port of Portland
Jim Morgan *	Metro - RP&G
Mikey Jones	Concerned citizen
Frank Opila *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes

\* voting member

\*-1 representing City of Portland, BES, substituting for Nancy Hendrickson

**PRESENTATION – Health Advisories** Ken Kauffman, Oregon Health Division, discussed issues of toxicology and the examination of fish tissue data in determining the necessity for health advisories. There are currently nine advisories that OHD has issued regarding public consumption of fish from Oregon waters. Two are relative to the concerns of this committee; one is for PCBs in the Columbia Slough (Willamette Zone) and a second is for organics in the Lower Columbia River. Ken distributed a summary of the advisories as well as the analytical reports. OHD concluded an advisory for Smith & Bybee Lakes is not warranted and there is no problem with consumption of fish caught from there. He added that the assessment prepared by Parametrix in 1995 noted moderate concern for a high consumption of fish over a lifetime. According to Ken, one reason for the OHD conclusion was a large amount of evidence that all "marine market fish" contain some or greater levels of PCB. In addition the risks versus benefits of fish as a food source must also be considered.

A discussion followed which questioned issuing an advisory for the slough but not the lakes even though there are periods when they become virtually one body of water and fish from each are indistinguishable. In answer to a question Paul Vandenberg reported that there were two locations for fish samples used in the Screening Level Risk Assessment (SLRA) – the North Slough and the channel between the two lakes. Emily Roth added that the Management Committee on its own authority could issue an advisory for the lakes without mention of OHD or BES.

When questioned about the frequency of OHD's sampling procedures, Ken advised the committee that it does not perform sampling; there is no budget for it. It relies on data from previous studies and from DEQ. Emily suggested that if the committee sees a need for

additional sampling and tissue analyses, this could be a budget item to be considered as FY 1999-2000 budget discussions are to begin soon.

**DISCUSSION – Access to Lakes** Emily introduced the topic of changing the main access point to the lakes and having this occur concurrently with the North Marine Drive Project. She passed along Charlie Ciecko's urging for broad-based public involvement to be an integral part of this process. He is also looking for one point with controllable access to address the issues of security and maintenance. The spot chosen must provide: (1) a place to park for general wildlife area users, (2) access for education groups and (3) boating access. Emily reported there is funding in this year's budget to hire a consultant for the access process.

There was a consensus to go ahead, to examine the process required to change the access point. It would necessitate appearing before the Portland Planning Commission where it was thought a Type 2 Land Use Review would be required if the recreation area remains at Smith Lake, or a Type 3 if it changes to Bybee Lake. The Committee will need to refer again to the *Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith & Bybee Lakes (1990)* and the *Smith & Bybee Lakes Recreation Plan (1992)*. Emily offered to bring some ideas to the next meeting as to what the process would entail.

The **minutes from June 23, 1998** were brought up for approval. Susan Oman asked that more detail be added to the report of the Port of Portland's presentation. She will provide Patricia Sullivan with the material for inclusion with those minutes and they will be re-considered at the August meeting.

#### UPDATES

- Emily reported on the **presentation made to Portland City Council on the North Marine Drive expansion project** and the amended IGA. Among some very noteworthy remarks made by citizens were those of Tom Braden, president of Rodda Paint. His perception of the value of the lakes area has taken a 180-degree turn. From seeing the area essentially for its commercial and economic value, he now appreciates its worth as a natural and wildlife area and the enormous benefits this provides residents.
- **Historical vegetation maps** were displayed of the lakes area created from data of a period between approximately 1850 to 1860. BES provided funding to obtain the data. The maps were the remarkable handiwork of Dave Drescher of Metro's Growth Management Dept.
- A thirty-three thousand dollar Request for Proposal (**RFP**) has been put out for the **turtle monitoring project**. All aspects of the project will be contracted out, including the hiring of a consultant and field technician. Metro will provide the necessary equipment.
- Concerning the **PGE property**, (approximately 350 acres of the Smith Lake area), which has been of great interest to Metro, Wayne Lei from PGE declined an invitation to attend this meeting. The Wetlands Conservancy is now working with PGE to acquire the property.
- Frank Opila distributed a handout of **upcoming events sponsored by Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes**.
- Troy Clark reported **Columbia Steel Casting**, a property owner within the Management Area, is responsible for an **illegal fill**. He requested the head of enforcement from the Corps of Engineers send them appropriate notification.

- There was a brief discussion on the **Wapato Wetlands**, which continue to be of concern to the Management Committee. There may be interest in their addition to the Management Area.
- A tour of the **Peninsula Crossing Trail** is upcoming on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

The next Management Committee will be August 25<sup>th</sup> at Metro Regional Center.