

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

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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Metro Regional Center, Room 270

600 N E Grand Ave.

Portland, Oregon 97232

***Call to order; Introductions*** 5:30 - 5:40 pm  
***Review and approve minutes of March meeting***

***Updates*** 5:40 - 6:00 pm  
Turtle Monitoring Project  
Jail Siting  
Smith & Bybee Lakes Days  
Work Day  
Others

***Action Item – Facility Plan – Site Selection Decision*** 6:00 - 6:30 pm

***Discussion/ Direction – North Marine Drive Project*** 6:30 - 6:55 pm

***Discussion/ Agenda Items for May Meeting*** 6:55 - 7:00 pm

***Adjournment*** 7:00 pm

*next mtg. - Dennis - erosion control along landfill*

Enclosures:

March 30, 1999 Meeting Notes

*sub-co for Landfill Review*

*- Holly*

*Troy*

*Peter*

*Jim*

*copy to St. Johns*

## Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Metro Regional Center  
Room 270  
April 27, 1999  
5:30 PM

### In Attendance:

Emily Roth	Metro – S & B Wildlife Area Manager
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Gerald Wright *	Fuel Processors, Inc.
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Peter Teneau *	Friends of S & B
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Exec Officer
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Parks & Rec
Pam Arden *	40-Mile Loop Trail
Susan Oman *	Port of Portland
Bill Bach	Port of Portland
Kevin O'Sullivan	N. Portland citizen –(St. Johns N. A.)
Dennis O'Neil	Metro - REM
Gary Wright	Ash Grove Cement Co
Dean Apostol	Consultant

\* voting member

**March Meeting Notes** – The meeting notes were approved with the following amendment: An asterisk will follow Pam Arden's name on the list of those in attendance indicating she is a voting committee member (representing the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust).

### Updates

The Turtle Monitoring Project is proceeding with over 100 volunteers involved. One problem that has arisen is the apparent curiosity or misguided intentions of kayakers and canoeists who have pulled out or tampered with traps that were set for the turtles. The plan is to expand the public education effort, including the enlargement of the tags or signs which indicate that a Metro/Smith & Bybee Lakes turtle project is being conducted and ask that visitors "please do not disturb". The original contract for the monitoring project was for one year only. A resolution to extend the contract with Northwest Ecological Research Institute (NERI) through December 31, 2003 will be put before Metro Council in about six weeks. The overall budget for the project is estimated at approximately \$155,000.

Additional field notes: the first sighting of a Western pond turtle occurred near the landfill and a new boat trailer, capable of transporting two john boats and three canoes, now belongs to the wildlife area.

Jail Siting - The Multnomah County Commissioners will be voting on the Ledbetter Peninsula site on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Smith & Bybee Lakes Days - will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be interactive, hands-on activities – including a variety of stations to visit to learn about turtles, waterbugs, beavers and birds – adults and families are welcome. Other enticements include walking the Interlakes Trail and a canoe trip each of the two days led by a member(s) of the Friends group.

A work day at S & B Lakes Wildlife Area took place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately seventeen people turned out in a very cold hard rain to cut blackberries and spread mulch.

The St. Johns Neighborhood Association put forward Kevin O'Sullivan's name to represent them on the Management Committee effective March 29, 1999. Background information from *The Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith & Bybee Lakes* adopted in 1990 lists as a designee member the President of Peninsula Neighbors (or his/her appointee). That group was dissolved in or around 1992, however, and efforts to recruit a replacement were unsuccessful. Appreciation was expressed to O'Sullivan and the St. Johns Neighborhood Association for their interest, however, they were requested to follow the process set up by the neighborhood associations. Tom Griffith-Valade of the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement is requesting each chair from a north Portland neighborhood association nominate a member; from that group one representative will be chosen and seated on the Management Committee, hopefully by June. In the meantime, O'Sullivan was encouraged to attend committee meetings and participate as a non-voting member.

Dennis O'Neil from REM presented the consultants' draft report on the bank stabilization study at the St. Johns landfill where it intersects the slough. Areas of high priority were identified for bank stabilization along portions of the Columbia Slough and the North Slough. A sub-committee consisting of Troy Clark, Peter Teneau, Jim Morgan, Emily Roth and Holly Michael was assembled to review the draft, ask questions of and make comments to the consultants prior to the production of the final study. (Note: A copy of the draft report will also be sent to the St. Johns Neighborhood Association.)

**Facility Plan** - landscape architect, Dean Apostol, hired to help locate and design new facilities around Smith & Bybee Lakes, including a boat launch, education shelter and vault toilet, updated the committee on siting criteria.

Among issues related to the boat launch are:

- the current boat launch enters the slough in the vicinity of turtle habitat
- the Recreation Management Plan calls for recreation boating to occur in Smith Lake rather than Bybee Lake
- ideally a trailhead parking area would be designed and constructed that would serve those using the boat launch, bicyclists on the 40-Mile Loop, and hikers on the Interlakes Trail

The five sites being considered were discussed and an informal poll taken of committee members as to preference. Of the seven members present, five preferred the "Triangle" site located on Old Marine Drive just south of the overpass. Susan Oman, representing the Port of Portland, abstained from voicing a preference. Pam Arden expressed safety concerns about the Triangle site, and could support it only if a pedestrian/vehicle-activated light were installed. With a consensus favoring the Triangle site, Apostol will move from the criteria stage to the design element. As the education shelter is in a more preliminary phase, Apostol still welcomes comments on siting criteria. He will bring further developed ideas to the next meeting.

### **North Marine Drive Project**

During a lengthy discussion, committee members expressed the following concerns:

- further encroachment into the lakes
- remaining questions about water treatment and likelihood of water quality deterioration
- inability to make any kind of judgment without seeing all "pieces" of project and how they will work together
- not yet proven there will be a viable accommodation, a good solution to the needs and protection of the wildlife area

- re-visiting the agreement about the need to go before Portland City Council

Troy Clark, Emily Roth and Peter Teneau reported on information presented at a recent advisory committee meeting for the Marine Drive expansion project. There was enough significant deviation from the design as presented at a previous Management Committee meeting to warrant inviting the project manager and/or consultant back to provide additional information or clarification. Requests were made for cross sections and details on storm water treatment in particular. It was also agreed the consultants would be asked to attend the monthly Management Committee meetings to provide updates and discuss issues of concern.

Next meeting agenda:

Dennis O'Neil – Landfill  
CH2MHill – N. Marine Drive Project  
Dean Apostol – Facility Plan