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

*Nancy Hendrickson, Chair*

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**Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Meeting**

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

Metro Regional Center, Room 270

600 N E Grand Ave.

Portland, Oregon 97232

***Call to order; Introductions***

5:30 - 5:45 pm

***Review and approve minutes of June meeting***

***Updates***

5:45 - 6:00 pm

***Discussion - Facility Plan***

6:00 - 6:30 pm

***Discussion - North Marine Drive Project***

6:30 - 6:55 pm

***Discussion - Agenda Items for August Meeting***

6:55 - 7:00 pm

***Adjournment***

7:00 pm

**Enclosures:**

June 22, 1999 Meeting Notes

Preliminary June 1999 Western Painted Turtle Survey Summary

# Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee

## Summary Meeting Notes

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

### In Attendance:

Frank Opila *	Friends of S & B
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland BES
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Emily Roth	Metro – S & B Wildlife Area Manager
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Bill Bach	Port of Portland
Gerry Meyer *	Port of Portland
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Exec Officer
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Lance Bailey *	North Portland Neighborhood Assoc.
Mikey Jones	Citizen

\* voting member

**Introductions** – Lance Bailey was introduced as a new committee member having been selected by the chairs of the North Portland Neighborhood Association to represent that group.

**June Meeting Notes** - Dennis O'Neil submitted a memo suggesting a clarification of his presentation on the dike stabilization. The suggestions were incorporated into a revised set of meeting notes. In addition, a motion which had been passed was modified to read: "the committee endorses REM's proceeding with the application process of the stabilization/repair of the three critical areas in the landfill perimeter. The vote does not include any design approval." The June meeting notes were approved as amended. As a new member to the committee, Lance Bailey abstained from voting.

### Updates

Nancy Hendrickson expressed her willingness to continue as committee chair. If other members have an interest in the post, however, she encouraged them to make it known.

Painted Turtle Survey through June 1999 – Emily Roth reported meeting recently with The Port of Portland's turtle study group and working in coordination with them. Their study, which employs telemetry, is taking place in a separate part of the Management Area and focuses on nesting sites, among other areas of interest.

Emily provided the committee with results of the Northwest Ecological Research Institute (NERI) project through June 1999. The capture rate in the traps this year has been low (36 turtles), but visual surveys have been much higher. The report included information on turtle gender, age, recaptures, etc. NERI will be invited to attend a future meeting with its report on the first year of study due to be completed sometime in December.

Bird monitoring information is being entered into a data base by two volunteers. The data was collected by Troy Clark and Emily over the last 2-1/2 years on the walk between the slough and Smith Lake. This will be Part 2 of the PSU study that was presented last year.

A Metro seasonal employee, Geoff Ray, is now working at Smith & Bybee Lakes three days a week, some of his time spent pulling purple loosestrife. Interesting information has surfaced concerning this

exotic weed. It is providing a nesting area for a variety of birds, including house wrens and sparrows. Emily theorized that the surrounding reed canary grass furnishes the only "building material" out on the lakes. A number of nests woven from the reed canary grass were observed among the purple loosestrife. In the process of pulling the loosestrife, nests were checked to make sure they were empty or the nestlings had fledged. A red flag should go up before any exotic weed control is begun to check wildlife in or in close proximity to the invasives and to determine the proper time for its eradication.

The next Multnomah County jail advisory committee meeting is to be held August 5<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee on the environmental buffer around the jail met last week. Three essential questions were raised: 1) what types of vegetation will attract preferred kinds of wildlife, 2) what vegetation will survive and thrive, and 3) what management criteria will that require?

The Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes has put out a new events list which includes a purple loosestrife removal party on August 8<sup>th</sup> and a canoe trip on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion - Facility Plan** - Memos from the Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes, Dawn Uchiyama of Portland Parks and Susan Oman of the Port of Portland concerning the plan were distributed.

Issues outstanding:

- Design element (kiosks, signage, etc.)
- Costs & funding
- Phasing
- Securing use of property currently owned by Port (lease? donation?, etc.) \*\*

Approvals:

- Design concept (final design document from Dean Apostol will be examined at the August meeting)
- Start RFP process for design & engineering

Some of the next steps, according to Emily, include: 1) plan approval from the Management Committee and 2) presenting it to the City and the Port for a basic conceptual review – i.e. how does it fit into current zoning and what permits would be required. It was noted, there will again be a "public process" included when the design and engineering phase occurs.

Follow-up:

- *\*\* Gerry Meyer will look further into the "securing property use" issue and report back to the Committee.*
- *Prior to the August meeting, Emily will be meeting informally with the City concerning zoning requirements.*
- *Seeking additional input, the Friends group was asked to go through the list of project "items" (e.g. entry drive, landscaping reforestation, retaining walls, etc.) and make specific written recommendations for the Committee to examine at the next meeting.*

**North Marine Drive Project –**

The pre-application conference (at the 50% design stage) for the North Marine Drive project is set for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Prior to that there will be a workshop of the project CAC/TAC on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm (locations not yet announced).

Follow-up:

- Emily will draft a letter to the pre-app moderator from the committee listing the major issues and concerns for this project. The draft will be sent out to committee members for their review prior to the August meeting, requesting input from them and from Port representatives.

**August Agenda – Facility Plan**

**From:** "Oman, Susan" <omans@portptld.com>  
**To:** 'Emily R' <rothe@metro.dst.or.us>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 27, 1999 2:05 PM  
**Subject:** Management Committee Meeting 7/27

Emily-

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, however, Bill told me this morning that he was planning to go. Based on a cursory review of the conceptual plans for the access improvements to S&B Lakes here are a few preliminary comments:

- \* Port planning staff recommends a meeting with the City for an interpretation of the NRMP in regard to these improvements and whether they would be allowed under the existing plan.
- \* The Rivergate Development Standards are applicable for the site improvements. I will put a copy in the mail to you.
- \* I think it would be a good idea to document potential impacts to turtles and/or turtle habitat on this site. This question will come up at the Port and perhaps at the City as well.
- \* Stormwater treatment must follow the BES Handbook guidelines. The treatment method must also be approved by the Port.
- \* I understand the desire for native revegetation, however, some larger trees will be required for portions of these improvements such as along the driveway and within the parking lot area. The City has similar landscape requirements and may require screening as well.
- \* The site layout should accommodate ADA access. More information on the composting toilet should be submitted for review and approval by both the Bureau of Buildings and Port.
- \* The traffic impacts for the site improvements will probably be available from the North Marine Drive project. If not, some estimate of traffic use will be needed.

If you would like a formal review of the site proposal, please refer to the RGID Standards for the submittal requirements and/or call me. I will try and get copies of relevant as-built information to you, but it may take some time because of the Port's impending move and my part-time schedule.  
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**CC:** "Bach, William N. (Bill)" <bachb@portptld.com>, "M...

**Oman, Susan**

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**From:** Oman, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 1999 2:05 PM  
**To:** 'Emily R'  
**Cc:** Bach, William N. (Bill); Meyer, Gerald (Gerry) [Development Manager]  
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**Importance:** High

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