

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

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5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2000
Metro Regional Center, Room 270
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Letter to Portland Parks re: Trail planning
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Landfill Bank Repair Project

Smith & Bybee Manager Position

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Public Hearing Landfill Bank Repair Project -- *\$1050 for appraisal Review*
1/27/00 7-9 Feb 9
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Purple Loosestrife Project -- *Peter Mc Eury - OSU grad. student*
+ Eric Coons
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Lower Columbia
\$15,000 grant
5,000 Port
5,000 City
5,000 STB

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Sign the Bybee
Discussion - Blue Lake Revegetation Work - George Kral

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Dam Removal
Adjournment

7:00 pm

Send Control Structure to Committee

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Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Metro Regional Center
Room 370 A & B
January 25, 2000
5:00 PM

In Attendance:

Gerry Meyer *	Port of Portland
Bill Briggs *	Merit U S A, Inc.
Mark Van Duser	Oregon Bass & Pan Fish Club
Bill Bach	Port of Portland
Peter Teneau *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Chris White	Port of Portland
Marlo Daniel	Portland State University student
Stephanie Sackett	Northwest Ecological Research Institute (NERI)
Teresa DeLorenzo	NERI
Sue Bielke	ODFW/ NERI
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Env Services
George Kral	Portland Bureau of Env Services
Jim Morgan *	Representing Metro Executive Officer
Kevin O'Sullivan *	St. Johns Neighborhood Association
Pam Arden *	40 Mile Loop Trail
Pat Sullivan	Metro Regional Parks & Greenspaces
Dan Kromer	Metro RPAG Operations & Maintenance Mgr

* - voting member

Updates

Turtle Monitoring Project

Teresa DeLorenzo of Northwest Ecological Research Institute recapped NERI's connection to Smith & Bybee Lakes. Under contract, NERI wrote a five-year turtle monitoring protocol for the Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area and is now conducting the monitoring. Stephanie Sackett summarized the results of the first year. Field work was conducted on 66 days from March to October 1999, using visual and capture/release surveys to collect demographic data. The visual surveys helped to determine where turtles are located, gave ideas of habitat use and possible seasonal movement. The capture/release surveys were conducted through trapping methods and will assist in determining population size, distribution and overall health of the Western painted turtles. According to DeLorenzo, current funding levels will allow NERI to continue demographic surveys. Grants have been applied for in an effort to secure additional funding to proceed with thorough nesting surveys. Sue Bielke discussed plans for this coming 2000 field season.

A total of 90 volunteers were involved in 1999. Persons interested in volunteering in 2000 for the NERI project can contact Teresa Delorenzo at (503) 643-4008 or e-mail her at tde@teleport.com.

"Triangle Piece" Appraisal

According to Dan Kromer of Metro, the Port of Portland, owner of the land, and Metro have jointly funded an appraisal of this property as suggested prices for purchase have been far apart. Interest in it exists because of the possibility of a boat launching facility and vehicle parking being sited there. The

chosen outside appraiser, George Donnerberg, arrived at a figure of \$4 per sq ft or \$460,000 for the property, which is zoned heavy industrial. Nancy Hendrickson mentioned that other options could be pursued other than purchase – such as lease or donation. An earlier offer of \$1 per sq ft made to Metro was rejected before this appraisal. Per Dan Kromer, one of the features attributed to the property in arriving at the appraisal figure was accessibility into the site for commercial use. According to Jim Morgan, the majority of the value of the property, as to whether it is developable or not, depends on accessibility. A motion was made and passed to obtain an appraisal review (at an approximate cost of \$650) to determine if all the assumptions in it are valid. Morgan will do further research on the accessibility, including right-of-way and the City of Portland management of it.

Smith & Byee Lakes Wildlife Area – manager position - Kromer reported that, from an initial pool of 70 applicants for this position, six were interviewed. A final cut has been made to two. Background and reference checks are being done now. The final two both have backgrounds in wildlife management and masters degrees in wildlife biology.

Landfill Bank Repair Project - Dennis O'Neil gave an update on the status of the land-use review. Permits are required from the City of Portland, the Division of State Lands and the Corps of Engineers. The DSL permit has been obtained, a ruling from the Portland Planning Dept. is expected within a few days. The Corps of Engineers permit requires a 401 certification from DEQ stipulating that, if certain conditions are met, there will be no significant water quality impacts from this project. Mikey Jones has petitioned for a public hearing on his request for the inclusion of a cutoff wall behind all three of the projects. The hearing will be held on February 9th at Metro, Room 370B from 7 to 9 pm. In response to concerns expressed by the City, REM has offered three alterations: 1) bio- benches, 2) to hire the City to plant intensively above the benches to improve long-term stability and 3) to add sand to the rock filter at the bottom of the slope in an effort to establish some type of vegetation.

Model Airplane Club – O'Neil reported that the REM Dept. has issued a Special Use Permit to the Model Airplane Club for the use of St. Johns Landfill as a landing site for its models. This is the first in a series of steps needed to be completed in order to use the site. The club will attend the next Management Committee meeting to answer questions about its plan of operation and must appear before the City of Portland at a land use review. The proposal must be in compliance with the S & B Management Plan, in which it states the model airplane flyers may be allowed access. Morgan clarified that REM issuing the Special Use Permit merely keeps the process going; there are still a number of conditions yet to be met. It was asked that a copy of the Special Use Permit issued to the club be included with the meeting notes for review before their appearance in February.

Purple Loosestrife Project – This group, members of whom include Troy Clark, Peter McEvoy from Oregon State University and Eric Coombs from the Oregon Dept of Ag, has received a \$10,000 grant from the Lower Columbia Estuary program. A total of \$25,000 will soon be available, including funds from the Management Committee, the Port of Portland and the City of Portland. The total amount of the project is estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Contributions may also be forthcoming from BPA and the OR Dept of Ag. As the money comes in, the strategy is to establish a project in the Management Area to raise insects for biological control that will be released in and around the lakes. The commitment is for approximately ten years of releasing and monitoring. It was seen as a positive step toward ultimate control of purple loosestrife.

Proposed Regional Trail System - Jim Morgan drafted a letter from the committee to Jim Sjulín, City of Portland Parks project manager, expressing concern over the lack of progress made. A number of plans are in the works which are in or adjacent to the proposed regional trail system; their progress is consequently slowed or stalled as well. These projects include the flood control structure proposed for construction in the fall, modifications of the banks in the North Slough, and re-vegetation. The draft was amended to refer to significant "impact" on future trails in item #3 and to the "proposed" removal of the dam in #4. A motion was made and passed unanimously to send the letter to Jim Sjulín as amended.

The Jones vs. Port lawsuit is going to mediation in two weeks according to Gerry Meyer.

Smith Lake Revegetation Work – George Kral, forester for BES, has done a great deal of work in the area of Smith & Bybee Lakes on Metro property and also around the perimeter of the landfill over the last 4 years. His experience has convinced him that anywhere there is an opportunity to replace reed canary grass with native vegetation it should be acted upon. This year BES has proposed to work with Metro to plant trees, shrubs and other types of vegetation on about 25 acres of both the north and south shores of Smith Lake to replace the reed canary grass. A management tool Kral has proposed for the removal is the use of Roundup/ Rodeo (glyphosate) in conjunction with three different techniques: 1) manual cutting, 2) spot spraying of the herbicide and 3) broadcast spraying. The number of acres treated will be determined in part on the cost of the method to be used. In research Kral did in preparation for this meeting, he found studies indicate little hazard associated with Roundup even at very high levels of application.

Morgan suggested dividing the area up into two 10-acre sites based on elevation and proximity to the water and testing the efficacy of two methods over a period of time. He proposed moving ahead with the hybrid method which is spot spraying one area and choosing the other to do the actual broadcast phase, followed by the spreading of seed– sedges, rushes and native grasses. Timing of the spraying is critical as is preparation.

According to Morgan, as there has never been an official policy in the management plan or established by the committee regarding herbicide use, it was important to bring the topic forward for discussion. "We should be prudent, but not too reluctant to take action". This is an informational item; it is not the making of a unilateral decision.

Setting of Agenda

February

Model Airplaners – Dennis Meyer
Dam removal – Jim Morgan

Agenda for March or a later month

North Lombard & railroad extension
Long-term plan for native vegetation cover on landfill
PDOT overpass on N. Lombard
Animal control (beaver, nutria)
Long-term landfill bank repair plan
(possibly applying low-tech solutions to problem areas before they become critical/
considering the entire perimeter of the landfill in this context)