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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, June 27, 2000  
Metro Regional Center, Room 270  
600 N E Grand Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**AGENDA**

**Call meeting to order; Introductions** 5:30 - 5:35 pm  
**Review and approval of May meeting notes**

**Updates** 5:35 - 5:50 pm

**Presentation – Resolution of lawsuit against Port of Portland – Gerry Meyer** 5:50 - 6:15 pm  
*Fed. Reg. posting - date unknown*

**Presentation – Smith & Bybee Lakes Trust Fund, budget and current projects – Elaine Stewart** 6:15 - 6:30 pm

**Presentation – 2000 Habitat Restoration – Slide Presentation – Elaine Stewart** 6:30 – 6:55 pm

**Discussion – Setting agenda items for July Meeting**

*Ramsey Rail (Van Wormer)  
lawsuit update (Meyer) 6:55-7:00 pm  
40-mi. loop @ S&B (Sjulin?)*

*Gerry see \$A to SBMC is fee & not part of mitigation.*

*MIKEY on dam removal sbcmte*

## Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee Summary Meeting Notes

Metro Regional Center  
Room 270  
June 27, 2000  
5:30 PM

### In Attendance:

Kevin O'Sullivan *	St. Johns Neighborhood Association
Holly Michael *	Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Troy Clark *	Portland Audubon Society
Gerry Meyer *	Port of Portland
Patricia Sullivan	Metro Parks & Greenspaces
William Egan	Oregon Bass & Pan Fish Club
Peter Teneau *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Jim Sjulín *	Portland Parks
Gregg Everhart	Portland Parks
Wm. Michael Jones	Citizen
Pam Arden *	40 Mile Loop Land Trust
Elaine Stewart	Metro Wildlife Area Manager

\* - voting member

### Introductions; Review and approval of May meeting notes

In the absence of Chair Nancy Hendrickson, Vice Chair Troy Clark presided over the meeting. Meeting notes from May 23, 2000 were approved as presented with Kevin O'Sullivan abstaining.

### Updates

- Elaine Stewart reported on the bathymetric data collection, which will provide information on how the lakes would look at different levels of inundation.
- Grant McOmie, reporter for KATU-TV, included Smith & Bybee Lakes in a feature on Great Blue Heron Week which was held June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Stewart has been working with volunteer and inmate work crews seeking cost-effective methods for maintaining habitat restoration projects.
- She also described a security issue that has arisen. The Metro naturalist's car, parked in the lot at the wildlife area, was broken into and all the binoculars stolen. Stewart is looking into increasing private or police patrols.
- Troy Clark described a Columbia Slough watershed monitoring project which is seeking volunteers.

### Presentation - Resolution of lawsuit against Port of Portland brought by Mikey Jones

Gerry Meyer of the Port updated the committee on the status of this lawsuit. Seven areas were outlined requiring work to be done by the Port. Highlights included:

- 1) Excavating an area 150 ft. wide down to the native soil and replanting with native vegetation on the north side of the Columbia Slough between the railroad and Lombard bridges; constructing a section of the 40-Mile Loop Trail
- 2) Excavating an area 75 ft. wide down to the native soil and re-vegetating with native plants on the south side of the Columbia Slough (in the same area as #1)
- 3) Building a path under the bridge crossing the Columbia Slough at Lombard St.
- 4) Excavating one area 125 ft. wide and a second 75 ft. wide to a slope no greater than 4:1; revegetating all with native plants along Leadbetter Peninsula
- 5) Planting a vegetative buffer up to 100 ft. wide at Ramsey lakes
- 6) Excavating soil east of Ramsey ponds; re-vegetating; leaving a berm in place for water retention
- 7) Removing a culvert and earthen berm near the south end of Ramsey ponds

The Port has eighteen months to complete most of the projects once the consent decree is registered. Fines were also assessed: \$50,000 to be paid to Mikey Jones and \$50,000 to the Corps of Engineers. In addition the Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee will receive \$285,000 for a project(s) which falls within the guidelines of the Natural Resources Management Plan for Smith & Bybee Lakes.

Comments and questions from the committee followed. Jim Sjulín suggested re-visiting the idea of a mini-master plan (to connect the 40-mile Loop Trail with the S&B Lakes Wildlife Area). Pam Arden asked if a similar briefing on this lawsuit could be provided the 40-Mile Loop Trail group by the Port.

### **Introduction**

Gregg Everhart, with the Portland Parks Bureau, was introduced to the committee. She will be involved in the construction of the 40-Mile Loop Trail at Kelly Point Park and will be working with this committee in that area.

### **Presentation - Smith & Bybee Lakes Trust Fund**

Stewart provided the committee with figures on resources and expenses from the FY2000-2001 budget. Approximately \$20,000 to \$22,000 in discretionary funds can be planned for. Sjulín commented that the trust fund was never envisioned as the only source of revenue, but that it should serve as a "nest egg" to be added to. The Management Committee should be looking at other solutions for funding, he added. One suggestion made was constructing a nursery of wetland plants. Another was to use labor from the soon-to-be constructed jail nearby to reduce expenses. Research into available grants will be done by Stewart in the next few months. Her report also included a list of possible projects for future consideration.

### **Presentation – 2000 Habitat Restoration**

Stewart gave a slide presentation on habitat restoration being done at the wildlife area. Issues presented included efforts at controlling reed canary grass and the testing of the effects of spot spraying and broadcasting spraying of glyphosate. A discussion followed which included alternative methods of control such as mowing.

### **Agenda for July 25, 2000 Meeting**

Tim VanWormer – Ramsey rail yard  
Further update on Jones lawsuit  
Sub-Committees

# Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund

6/27/00  
Handout

## *From the budget:*

### Resources

\$ 3,548,196	Trust fund balance at start of year
191,466	Interest earned on trust fund during year
353,500	Grants (unspecified)
249,130	Other revenue
<u>\$ 4,342,292</u>	Total resources

### Expenses

\$ 103,470	Salary & fringe for manager, naturalist and seasonal
126,988	Goods and services
578,000	Capital improvements (recreational facility, dam)
49,497	Overhead and services from other departments
<u>3,484,337</u>	Trust fund principal and contingency
<u>\$ 4,342,292</u>	

The budget includes anticipated revenue from grants and other sources, and also includes expenses for projects such as replacing the water control structure. Grants may not come through, and capital improvements and other projects may not be done. This can make a budget difficult to interpret.

## *To put it another way:*

\$ 191,466	Interest earned on the trust fund, available for spending
<u>170,805</u>	Amount needed for salary and fringe, overhead, and non-contract services
\$ 20,661	Amount left over for habitat restoration, turtle project, rec. facility, dam, etc.

We know that the trust fund will earn interest, and we can count on that money. However, it barely covers base operating costs, much less all of the projects we have in store for the wildlife area. Money for everything else must come from grants, contributions from other agencies, charges for educational programs, etc.

## Smith and Bybee Lakes Projects

1. Recreational facility \$330,000 – 350,000
  - New entry and parking area, trailhead, kiosk, boat launch, vault toilets
  - No funds have been raised to date
  
2. Water control structure replacement at least \$300,000
  - Construct new structure with more flexibility for water level management
  - Ducks Unlimited has raised \$195,000 to date
  
3. Habitat restoration – replant perimeter forest about \$2,000/acre
  - Could plant as much as 200 acres (maybe more)
  - Cost also depends on method of site preparation, how plants are maintained
  - Ongoing maintenance adds to the cost
  - Modest funding has come from the trust fund, BES provides generous match
  - Funds for large replanting projects need to be raised
  
4. Western painted turtle monitoring project
  - Modest funding has come from trust fund to date
  - Substantial grants are needed to fully implement
  
5. Habitat restoration – non-woody plants
  - Wetland and upland plants such as grasses, sedges, rushes, wildflowers
  - Need to provide historic species mixes and diversity as much as possible
  
6. 40 mile loop trail segment in wildlife area
  - \$10,000 from Solid Waste Fund has been earmarked for planning
  - Remaining funds need to be raised
  
6. Monitoring plants, animals and water quality
  - Much is performed by existing staff, may do contracts from time to time
  
7. Educational kiosks and interpretive displays
  - Covered areas for classes, additional interpretive displays
  
8. Long-term plan for landfill site and integration with wildlife area
  - Possibility to establish prairie habitat
  - Plan for smooth transition to wildlife area