

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

*Nancy Hendrickson, Chair  
Troy Clark, Vice Chair*

## **Metro**

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Meeting between SBLMC representatives, Metro staff and PAMAA representative, June 14, 2001

Summarized by Nancy Hendrickson, SBLMC Chair

### **In attendance:**

Nancy Hendrickson, SBLMC  
Frank Opila, SBLMC  
Troy Clark, SBLMC  
Elaine Stewart, Metro  
Dennis O'Neil, Metro  
Dick Wisher, Oregon Scale Squadron, representing PAMAA

The following conditions could be incorporated into the Rules of Operation for PAMAA's use of the site. Both PAMAA and SBLMC would need to agree to the conditions listed below. Conditions as outlined in SBLMC's letter of May 7<sup>th</sup> are in gray. Possible solutions we discussed follow in black.

### **Dimensions of overfly area and safety zone:**

- Boundaries cannot cross existing roads (including the perimeter road) or the Slough
- Boundaries of safety zone need to be clearly delineated

The boundary of the overfly area and the safety zone will be inside the perimeter road of the Landfill.

### **Hours of operation:**

- Club use should be restricted to 3-4 days per week on alternating days. (This is similar to the schedules set by state and federal agencies for hunting on wildlife areas and refuges.)
- Club use should be prohibited during the months of April through June, to protect wildlife nesting on the landfill and along the slough. (This is also similar to access restrictions on local wildlife areas, to protect ground nesting wildlife.)

Club use can be restricted for a period of hours, days, or weeks, as required for monitoring of effects on wildlife. For example, 3 weeks of use followed by 1 week of no use to check recovery. When the monitoring is completed, hours and days of use could be set to accommodate wildlife needs.

It is noted that it appears that PAMAA is expecting that wildlife won't be affected, and that the clubs will be able to operate dawn to dusk, every day. However, biologists on the SBLMC are postulating that the wildlife will be affected, and that the clubs will need to have restricted hours and days similar to what is outlined above.

### **Stop Use Authority**

- The authority to stop flying operations for a period of time should be extended the Wildlife Area Manager for any reason, including:
  - human health and safety
  - non-compliance with conditions of permit
  - scheduled conflicting uses (Slough Regatta, planting, monitoring, etc)
  - observed conflicts with wildlife

- This authority should also be extended to the SBLMC such that if the Committee determines that this is a conflicting use within the Wildlife Area, the permit can be ended before the annual renewal period occurs.

PAMAA has no objection to extending Stop Use Authority to the Wildlife Area Manager.

#### **Noise avoidance/monitoring**

- Noise should be monitored to show that it is not excessive. Additional noise concerns could be addressed by limiting the number of planes, vehicles or people (see below).

Noise can be monitored at neighboring residences and in the Wildlife Area to see if it is a problem.

#### **Number of planes, vehicles, people**

- While there was concern about the amount of activity that would be occurring at any one time, we did not have enough information about likely numbers of planes, vehicles or people. We would like to work with you to see if we can resolve this concern by limiting the number of people, vehicles and events on the site, and by prohibiting dogs.

The permit limits the number of planes to 4. Likely, there will be 1-2 in the air at any one time.

Vehicles are not allowed on site. Only club members are allowed on site, which should limit numbers.

Dogs are not allowed on site.

#### **Demonstrate Good Faith Effort to find another site**

- PAMAA should demonstrate that it is searching for another location for its use.

PAMAA continues to look for sites, as their sites keep disappearing to development. They do hope this site can be a permanent home for their operations.

#### **Annual Renewal Criteria**

- Annual Renewal Criteria need to be developed from these conditions to fairly evaluate the use each year.