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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. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2004  
Metro Regional Center, 600 N E Grand Ave., Room 270  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**AGENDA**

Welcome, introductions	(Opdyke)	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Review preview meeting notes	(Opdyke)	5:35 - 5:40 pm
St. Johns Landfill future use discussion	(Opdyke/ Stewart)	5:40 - 6:20 pm
Updates	(All)	6:20 - 6:30 pm

**Summary Meeting Notes  
Smith & Bybee Lakes Management Committee  
September 28, 2004**

**In attendance:**

Patt Opdyke, Chair *	North Portland Neighborhoods
Troy Clark, Vice Chair *	Portland Audubon Society
Nancy Hendrickson *	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services
Jeff Kee *	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Jim Morgan *	Metro
Dale Svart	Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes
Elaine Stewart	Smith & Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area Manager
Pat Sullivan	Metro RP&G
Paul Vandenberg	Metro Solid Waste & Recycling

\* denotes voting SBLMC member

**Introductions**

Patt Opdyke assumed her new role of committee Chair at this meeting. Also in attendance were new committee members Jeffrey Kee and Dale Svart, both representing the Friends of Smith & Bybee Lakes. At future meetings one or the other will attend and vote on behalf of the Friends group. They were each asked to provide Pat Sullivan with contact information, including e-mail address. Both will receive complete packets with agenda and meeting notes as well as other pertinent materials each month.

**Approval of August 24, 2004 meeting notes**

As there was no quorum of voting members present, the approval of the meeting notes was tabled until such time as a sufficient number of members were in attendance.

**St. Johns Landfill future use discussion**

Committee members had been asked to review the Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for Smith and Bybee Lakes individually prior to this meeting, giving particular attention to "allowed activities" on the landfill. Elaine provided descriptions of some of the natural habitat types that might be on the landfill. These included: grassland, savanna and scrub/shrub. She also listed wildlife that might be appropriate focal species for restoration and management activities.

In answer to a question as to why the committee is focusing on the landfill now, Metro's Solid Waste & Recycling Dept. (SW&R) is now in the process of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the landfill in which there is a risk assessment component. The risk assessment must consider beneficial uses of the landfill, and the management committee can suggest a list of likely beneficial uses to assist SW&R with conducting the study. Paul was asked about constraints to beneficial uses, and replied that any future use is not reasonable if it interferes with Metro's ability to meet the requirements for various permits needed for the landfill or if it poses a significant danger to landfill infrastructure.

The committee brainstormed a draft list of possible future uses and categorized it by uses that it was likely to recommend and not likely to recommend.

### **Brainstorm List of Possible Beneficial Uses**

#### Likely to be recommended?

Trail  
Wildlife viewing  
Canoe launch  
Fishing  
Wildlife habitat/natural area  
Grazing for maintenance, if necessary  
Restoration of habitats  
Revegetation nursery

#### Not likely to be recommended?

Model airplane flying  
Golf  
Motorized recreation  
Archery  
Trash disposal  
Bikes in the interior  
Dogs  
Shooting range  
Ball fields  
Recreation requiring extensive parking areas

The group discussed the need to develop criteria to evaluate potential uses, and the need to expand the list. Elaine and Nancy will work on this before the next meeting, and send material out to committee members before the next meeting. Paul will bring SW&R comments on the criteria and list of uses to the next meeting.

#### Updates

- Paul reported on the draft proposal for the remedial investigation of the landfill which was submitted to DEQ. A series of meetings between SW&R and DEQ have been held in which site conditions that are relevant to the investigation have been discussed. DEQ may be close to approving the RI proposal, which is necessary to move on to the next phase of the project (the work plan). There was a setback when Metro's two principal consultants left Hart Crowser; Metro negotiated with Hart Crowser to retain them as sub-contractors for the project.
- The committee was asked to bring their calendars or planners to the October 24 meeting to set the date of the next meeting. In order to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, it has been the committee's practice to combine the November and December meetings into one, usually held during the first week of December.
- Elaine encouraged everyone to visit the Wildlife Area now while the weather is so pleasant and the wildlife so diverse and abundant. She described the spectacular views of blue sky, green plants, yellow beggar's tick in bloom, and hundreds of egrets, herons and other birds on Smith Lake – it is the most beautiful scene she has ever seen at S&B.
- Elaine also updated the committee on the progress of the facilities construction at the lakes and described it as "moving along". Some of the artwork, for example, should be in place in the next week.
- Nancy reported on a project proposal at the BES treatment wetland (within the wildlife area). BES and partners are seeking funding to re-connect part of the wetland to the Columbia Slough and provide off-channel habitat for juvenile salmon. This project would also include placement of some of the large woody debris funded by responsible parties for the T6 diesel spill that occurred in May 2003.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2004.

**DRAFT HABITAT DESCRIPTIONS AND FOCAL WILDLIFE SPECIES**  
For discussion by Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee, Sept. 2004

**HABITAT DESCRIPTIONS**

**Grassland:** mixed grasses and forbs, with shrub cover less than 10 percent of the area. Forbs should comprise 40-60 percent of the herbaceous layer.

**Savanna:** open grasslands with tree densities at 3-7 trees/acre, with shrubs covering less than 10 percent of the area.

**Scrub/shrub:** dominated by shrub layer, with widely scattered trees and/or open pockets of grass/forb communities.

**FOCAL SPECIES**

**Grassland habitat**

**Mammals:** mice/voles (gray-tailed vole?), coyote

**Birds:** Northern harrier, Western meadowlark, vesper sparrow, horned lark

**Reptiles:** garter snake, Western painted turtle

**Invertebrates:** butterflies such as Fender's blue?

**Savanna habitat**

**Mammals:** bats (silver-haired, big brown, little brown, etc.)

**Birds:** white-breasted nuthatch, mourning dove, kestrel

**Reptiles:** garter snake

**Scrub/shrub habitat**

**Mammals:** coyote

**Birds:** willow flycatcher, white-crowned sparrow, common yellowthroat