

Summary of current work and issues at Smith and Bybee lakes
September 28, 2001

Water control structure (WCS)

- Council resolution: we need to take this before the Metro Council this fall. The staff report is in pretty good shape, just needs updating with the hydrologic modeling information. Morgan has offered to make the council presentation and provide any other assistance needed.

People to call to testify (all are familiar with the project already):

Nancy Hendrickson	823-6001	SBMC chair
Chuck Lobdell	360-263-3288	Ducks Unlimited
Jay Mower	281-1132	Get referral for watershed council person
Emily Roth	235-6272	Previous manager at S&B
Jim Middaugh	823-7032	City ESA program manager
Troy Clark	249-0482	Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes
Ken Bierly	503-986-1082	OWEB Deputy Director
Al Smith	246-6426	Retired ODFW warmwater fish biologist
Mikey Jones	284-0502	Interested citizen
Bill Egan	286-7734	Bass and panfish anglers
Jennifer Thompson	231-6179	USFWS
Peter Tenneau	978-0119	Get referral for an Audubon Society person

- Funding and design: all funding has been secured, and DU has a straw design that will be refined when the hydrologic modeling is complete. Pete Dickerson of Parsons Brinckerhoff is doing the modeling, in collaboration with Scott Wells. These are the same people that worked on Morgan's original modeling work and the landfill bank stabilization project. Their results are showing no negative effects with the straw design, and their report should be out next week.

Chuck Lobdell	360-885-2011	Project manager
John Axford	360-885-2011	Regional Engineer

- Permits: The Water Resources Dept. (WRD) has issued the water storage permit; we're all set with that. We need permits from the City of Portland, Corps of Engineers and Division of State Lands to do the construction. The city permit is separate and can be handled on my return. The joint permit application needs to go out to the Corps and DSL. John Axford at DU will review the permit I drafted last year and make any needed changes. Metro will send the permit application in, and Chuck Lobdell of DU will contact the Corps and DSL for a site visit. We should invite Ben Meyer and/or Pat Oman from NMFS to attend that, too. Ben is the fish bio reviewing these permits, and Pat works for OWEB, writing biological opinions on OWEB-funded projects. She is located at NMFS, I don't have her number but Morgan might have it. I talked with Ben about the project several months ago, he didn't have any issues with it. I want to change the in-water work window to May to protect turtle nests, but I can handle that on my return if needed. Contact people are:

Judy Linton	808-4382	Corps of Engineers
Ed Emrick	503-378-3805 x231	DSL
Pat Oman	(ask Morgan)	OWEB
Ben Meyer	(ask Morgan)	NMFS

Turtle project

- Field work has ended, and Jeff Hook will return on October 2nd to wrap things up. Jeff needs to spend a day or two at the landfill, retrieving data sheets and gear that we store here at Metro. He also needs to return 2 traps to Sue Beilke that Curt and I borrowed; they are in the lockbox. Then he will work on cataloging photos and data entry. He knows that I can keep him on only through the end of October. I did not have a chance to tell him about the baby before he left, but sent an email to him yesterday.
- Data entry: Therese Fisher has been developing an Access database for the turtle project. She and Jeff will test it when he returns. I don't know what I'd do without her!
- Port contract: We need to extend the Port contract amendment to the end of March 2002. I sent emails to Rachel and to Denise Rennis to this effect.
- Kelli Hoffman will put some AmeriCorps time in on the turtle project too. She is going to go through photos of small turtles and match them for identification purposes.
- Sue Beilke will be billing us for her time, you may need to call her and ask for the bill. There may be bills from the veterinarian coming in too. They are really slow in sending them.

Sue Beilke	621-3488	sbeilke@europa.com
Kelli Hoffman	736-9751	kmh@pdx.edu
Jeff Hook	249-0334	jhook@qwest.net
Therese Fisher		therese@fisherartstudio.com
Denise Rennis	944-7527	rennid@portptld.com

Rivergate settlement (Jones v. Thorne)

- I have drafted a framework for spending the \$285k and sent it to Judy Linton and others for review. I can pick this up when I return, but I also send the info to you so you would have it. Holly Michael of ODFW is familiar with the wildlife habitat objectives and would be a helpful contact person if you need to review or discuss them.
- Implementation has been difficult to track. Denise Rennis is my primary contact and is pretty good to work with, however, she is not the only Port person involved and things have already slipped through the cracks. They are overdue for a meeting to review the grading and vegetation plan, and I had a voice mail from Gerry Meyer a couple of days ago, offering to provide a status report. It would be great if Morgan could make a little time for this, ideally a couple of hours. He can see my comments in the file.
- Trail construction: The Port is planning to build a section of the 40-mile Loop Trail along the north bank of the Columbia Slough as part of this decree. It is not mandated by the decree, and can be dropped if the City of Portland allows it. I strongly recommend that we write a letter opposing the trail construction when the city's land use review comment period opens. It should happen soon, and I am putting us on the list to receive a copy of the LUR notice.

Stacy Wenger	823-7586	OPDR plan reviewer
Holly Michael	657-2000 x230	ODFW wildlife biologist
Denise Rennis	944-7527	Port of Portland
Gerry Meyer	944-7532	Port
Judy Linton	808-4382	Corps of Engineers

BES – habitat restoration work this fiscal year

- There should be no activities in the field while I am gone. The contract amendment is routing again, and Rachel's on top of it.

Lynn Barlow 823-2316 BES (watershed re-vegetation program)

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

- The CSWC is moving ahead on the watershed assessment. This project is very near and dear to my heart, and I may try to track it while I'm at home. I do not think there is anything that Metro staff need to do in my absence.
- CSWC meetings are held late each month – they are one of the triplet that typically occurs during the last week. (Monday = CSWC, Tuesday = SBMC, Wednesday = jail group) I would like for you to review the agenda and forward the meeting packet to me at home, so I can stay updated.
- The watershed council has a "Parks 2020" subcommittee that is reviewing Portland Parks' project list. I was going to serve as the wildlife/habitat person on that group, and have asked Jennifer to track it if she has time. I think there will be only one or two meetings and quick review of a letter from the council.

Jay Mower	281-1132	Council coordinator
Susan Barthel	823-7268	BES (she knows everything)
Mike Houck	292-6855 x111	Audubon (Parks 2020 group)

North Marine Drive

- Construction is under way and we are blessed with a great construction manager. Call her if you ever want an update; I have sent your name and number to her already.
- There should not be anything needed on this while I am gone. Most materials can be found on the left-hand bookcase, second shelf; there are a couple of files in the cabinet, and the design drawings are on the short, second shelf of the right-hand bookcase.

Denise Dietrich 823-5363 PDOT

Multnomah County Jail

- Project is moving slowly ahead, they are leasing the Leadbetter site from the Port until the LUBA appeal is resolved and they can purchase it. They are great to work with, and we have lots of people on this already (Nancy Hendrickson, Troy Clark and Peter Teneau). This project should only require monitoring of mail for meeting notices. I would like to have the packets mailed to me at home (135 SW 97th Ave, Portland 97225) so I can review them and decide whether anyone needs to attend.
- RACC may send money our way, you are already familiar with that issue. Tim Dabreiner (day' briner) may have news on RACC's selection process.

Tim Dabreiner 222-0146 Barney and Worth (knows everything)

North Lombard overcrossing

- This is the next transportation development issue facing the lakes. PDOT will be constructing road-over-rail on Lombard, at the east end of the little finger of the wildlife area across from the southwest corner of the landfill. Marc Hayes did western painted turtle research there and found that they crossed Time Oil road frequently. This will be a problem, since all traffic will be diverted onto Time Oil road for about 2 years while the project is under way. On the up side, moving the traffic up over the rail line provides an opportunity for a better wildlife corridor between this part of the wildlife area and the Columbia Slough and landfill.
- I do not anticipate anything happening on this project while I am gone. This information is provided just in case something comes up. Contact me or Nancy Hendrickson if you have any questions. The file is on my desk but there's very little in it (so far).

Trail IGA

- This continues to languish. The ball is now in Burton's court; Petersen and Ciecko briefed Sandrock about it last week. I hope they make a decision soon; the draft IGA is in the file. Jim Sjulín called for the status earlier this week, I have not returned his call.

Recreational Facilities

- Lora Price is working on an RFP for the design work. We may get RACC funding here too, she has the RACC person's contact information. Many funding pieces are in the hopper: CARA, consent decree, local share reallocation and Green Ribbon Committee. The local share is the only piece that may be available in time for this work to proceed this year. All other sources will not be available before 2002.
- The environmental assessment for the triangle piece is completed and looks fine. Allison and April should know the details of the Expo piece.

REM project on North Portland Road

- REM is excavating and replanting a site along North Portland Road to meet balanced cut & fill requirements for bank stabilization work at the landfill. Jennifer Budhabhatti is available to meet with REM and their consultants (Vigil-Agrimis) and review their designs. Pete Hillman is the REM staffer on this. He's great to work with.

Management Committee

- They are ready to embark on their landfill education process. Nancy Hendrickson and Paul Vandenberg know the outline and can help you set up the first meeting or two while I'm gone. October should include budget too.

Nancy Hendrickson 823-6001 BES