

Agenda



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Meeting: Smith and Bybee Wetlands Advisory Committee
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Zoom

5:30 p.m.	Welcome and introductions	All
5:35 p.m.	Approve January 2022 meeting summary	Carrie Butler
5:40 p.m.	Designate committee vice chair	Carrie Butler
5:45 p.m.	Meeting best practices	Carrie Butler
6:05 p.m.	Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan (CNRP)	Carrie Butler
6:50 p.m.	Conservation projects update	Jonathan Soll or Andrea Berkley
7:10 p.m.	Open discussion	All
7:25 p.m.	Goals and next meeting agenda	All
7:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Upcoming SBAC meeting:

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 on Zoom

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Meeting summary

Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee

March 22, 2022

Committee members in attendance

Carrie Butler Port of Portland
Daryl Houtman City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services
Eric Stern..... Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes
Eugenia Tam North Portland Neighbors
Jonathan Soll..... Metro
Max Samuelson..... Columbia Slough Watershed Council
Pat Jewett..... 40-Mile Loop Trust
Troy Clark..... Audubon Society of Portland

Others in attendance

Andrea Berkley..... Metro
Annie Toledo Metro
Susan Barthel Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes

WELCOME

The January 2022 meeting summary was approved.

NEW COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

Max Samuelson of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council volunteered to be vice chair of the committee.

MEETING BEST PRACTICES

Carrie Butler sent out a draft of “best practices for productive SBAC meetings” that she asked the committee members to review prior to the meeting. *Attachment 1*. Most reviewed and said they agreed with draft as written. Eric Stern suggested language be added regarding timed responses on a case-by-case basis. Max Samuelson agreed with Eric and said that if it gets to a point where a small number of people are taking up most of the time, it’d be a good idea to take the temperature of the group. Susan Barthel mentioned that some meeting segments have been challenging and frustrating in the past.

COMPREHENSIVE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CNRP)

Jon Blasher sent a memo to the committee on March 15, 2022 explaining Metro’s preference for replacement of the CNRP. *Attachment 2*. Jonathan Soll replied on Metro’s behalf to feedback given from the SBAC. *Attachment 3*.

Eric Stern asked Jonathan Soll to clarify a comment he made on attachment 3. “A decision on whether to make an exception to Title 10 for a future regional trail is unlikely to be made until the trail is a near term reality.” Why not? If some things can be specialized and baked into this from the CNRP, why not the no dogs policy in perpetuity? Jonathan Soll replied that Title 10 is the set of rules

that govern Metro-managed lands. Our current policy is subject to change by the Council at public hearings, which says that no pets except service animals are allowed at Metro natural areas, with the exception of regional trails. Pets are allowed on-leash on regional trails as it passes through the park or natural area only. The Council could make an exception and not allow dogs on certain regional trails. The planned St. Johns Prairie Trail could have an argument in favor of restricting dogs since it traverses through a sensitive site. Past Metro Council behavior does not necessarily predict future behavior, but they tend to stick with Title 10. If the committee feels strongly about it, Jonathan recommends that they advocate as a committee and advise the Council about that. Susan Barthel agrees with Jonathan and urges the committee to advocate for the science in this unique place. Daryl Houtman said that he supports Eric and Susan's comments regarding advocating for the unique conditions at Smith and Bybee to prohibit dogs from trails through the natural area.

Pat Jewett asked what Metro's role would be if the Bybee Lakes Hope Center decided to do something that harmed the Smith and Bybee Lakes area – would there not be authority to respond under this new CNRP hybrid model? Andrea Berkley explained that the Bybee Lakes Hope Center is outside the CNRP boundary. Jonathan said that he doesn't think the transition from CNRP to Metro master plan will affect what the committee can or can't do. If they had concerns about something the Bybee Lakes Hope Center was doing in regards to the wetlands he hopes that they could have a conversation about that. Carrie Butler said that since Bybee Lakes Hope Center is adjacent to the Port of Portland's mitigation site, certainly the Port of Portland would have something to say about anything that impacts the mitigation site and they'd bring that to the committee for discussion.

Troy Clark has a concern about the ambiguity of bullet points three and four in the first section of Jon Blasher's memo to the committee, attachment 2. Bullet point three says "Keep the current management vision, including plans for habitat management, access planning and infrastructure development that was developed in partnership with the community, including this committee, in place until a thorough process can be completed to replace it." Does that mean that Metro plans on replacing the committee? Jonathan Soll said that the sentence was written poorly and clarified that they were referring to replacing the CNRP, not the committee. It is Metro's intention to continue supporting the SBAC into the future. Troy urges that the advisory committee be built into the master plan as a permanent feature going forward.

Pat Jewett asked if Metro owns all the property within the CNRP boundary. No, Metro does not. Eugenia Tam asked Jonathan Soll to clarify his comment in Attachment 3 about how "there is really only one tax lot that Metro manages absent an IGA or other agreement" surrounding the CNRP boundary. What tax lot is that? Jonathan shared images of tax lots currently owned by the City of Portland and said that Metro would need to work with the city regarding those. *Attachment 4.*

Eugenia asked Jonathan to explain what the process would be like for making these changes. What is the timeline? It would be helpful to have that written out. Will there be many offline meetings for the committee members to make progress on the revisions or will it be internal? Although he doesn't have a timeline prepared for the committee today, it would be his expectation that they'd start the discussion late summer/early fall. Metro will need to tighten up the plan to eliminate language specific to the CNRP and make it read like a Metro master plan. There shouldn't be much substantive change in how Metro manages the wetlands, and the planning team doesn't have any

future access plans that the committee is not aware of. It will be an internal process; the team won't creating anything new. Conservation targets will be carried over from the CNRP because they want to have minimal time investment. Even if Metro decides to hire a contractor to help shape the document, it wouldn't be very costly.

Subcommittee

Andrea Berkley asked that a subcommittee be pulled together to go through the current CNRP and highlight items that need adjustment. Eugenia Tam, Carrie Butler and Troy Clark volunteered to be on the subcommittee. They will work throughout the summer and come to the September meeting with feedback regarding changes.

Committee vote

The committee voted in favor of Metro's recommended hybrid plan approach, with the exception of Troy Clark who voted in favor of creating a new CNRP. Below are the results of the vote.

- Option 1: New CNRP
 - In favor: Troy Clark
- Option 2: Return to base zoning
 - In favor: no one
- Option 3: Metro site conservation plan/master plan
 - In favor: no one
- Option 4: Hybrid model – convert existing CNRP to Council-approved Metro master plan
 - In favor: Carrie Butler, Eugenia Tam, Eric Stern, Pat Jewett, Jonathan Soll, Max Samuelson, Daryl Houtman

Next steps

Carrie Butler will be drafting a letter to Metro on behalf of the SBAC supporting the hybrid model approach. The committee recommends keeping it short, but to allude to other issues such as advocating for no dogs on the new regional trail once it is built and for including the Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee as part of the master plan. She plans to draft this and send it to the committee for review.

Once Jon Blasher has the recommendation of the committee in hand, he can take that to Council and let them know it aligns with Metro staff's recommendation. The Metro Council approval of the new hybrid model master plan is a public process and the committee will get notice of when it goes to Council. Any member of the public is welcome to testify, and Jonathan encouraged committee members to attend and advocate for the unique area.

CONSERVATION PROJECTS UPDATE

Andrea Berkley provided updates regarding progress of current fiscal year conservation projects and a forecast of those planned for next fiscal year. See the attached slideshow for detailed project information regarding the forested wetland planting, St. Johns prairie, bank integrity study, *Ludwigia peploides* management, Columbia sedge meadows, water management and the Key Ecological Indicators project. Note that WCS stands for water control structure. *Attachment 5*.

Ludwigia peploides control has been attempted through chemical mix trials, surfactant and rate trial, mapping and treatment planning and the upcoming treatment season. The slideshow contains detailed information about the chemical mix trials. In an effort to reduce herbicide use at the site, the team initiated a surfactant and rate trial at the site last summer. They'll be able to see how the plots look when the water recedes later this spring. If they find promising results, then they'll try that mix on a 5 to 10-acre portion of what they plan to treat this summer, but won't change up the treatment plan drastically just yet. They will be doing comprehensive *Ludwigia peploides* mapping site wide this year; the last mapping was done in 2014. They plan to repeat this mapping project annually to help track their progress. Note that the terms "competitor" and "agridex" on the slideshow refers to a brand of surfactant. Surfactants are something added to the herbicide tank mix to help the chemicals stick to the plant surface.

Additional updates include:

- BPA is planning work on a transmission line at the site. Andrea will be meeting with them to determine potential natural resource impacts.
- Katy Weil is working on plans to implement nutria control at the site with wildlife services; Andrea expects the work with be underway later this year once the water recedes.
- There is a turtle study continuing this year. People will be out at the site capturing and marking native turtles and removing nonnative ones.
- Metro's nature education team has had some recent hires and they will be planning more education activities out at Smith and Bybee.
- Planning English ivy control work on the southeast portion of Smith and Bybee.
- No longer managing for nesting streaked horned lark, but the CNRP still lists streaked horned lark as a conservation target so that is included in the KEA report Andrea is writing.
- The water control structure is being kept closed longer this year and next for *Ludwigia peploides* management. Although this decreased water level will have a negative impact on the control of reed canarygrass (since it will be less suppressed), Andrea doesn't expect that reed canarygrass will take over the site since they plan to return to the "usual" water management after two growing seasons.

BUDGET UPDATES

Jonathan Soll shared the budget for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). *Attachment 6*. Everything is split 50/50 with the Smith and Bybee Fund. The bank integrity project is going to be an expensive endeavor, around \$100k. Phase 4 of the St. Johns Prairie won't be funded right now because Metro is hoping to obtain funding for that through grants. Jonathan said that they expect to end fiscal year 2022 with about \$1.5 million left in the Fund, and end fiscal year 2023 with about \$1.1 million.

PLANNING PROJECTS UPDATE

Allan Schmidt wasn't able to make it to the meeting tonight but gave the following updates via email:

- Design work continues on the St. Johns Prairie Trail. We will update the group with new info at the next 60 percent submittal in late spring. I would like the group to think about a long overdue site visit for those who are comfortable.
- Metro is still waiting for City of Portland to announce needed funding for the Columbia Blvd Bridge.
- As always, folks are welcome to contact me anytime with questions or otherwise.
Allan.schmidt@oregonmetro.gov.

OTHER ITEMS

Pat Jewett brought up concern over houseless people camping near Smith and Bybee and feels that Metro doesn't respond to the houseless camping issue. Jonathan disputed that statement and clarified that Metro only manages regional trails that traverse through Metro property, and other jurisdictions manage the sections of regional trails that Pat may be referring to. There currently are no houseless camps at Smith and Bybee. Pat was encouraged to contact the park rangers if she notices any camps at the natural area.

Troy Clark is interested in data regarding survival rates of plantings. Andrea Berkley said that they don't have the specific data he is looking for but that the KEA project update in September would hopefully answer some of his questions.

Eric Stern mentioned that he would like to have the meeting in person in September. Metro hasn't provided any guidance about in-person meetings at Metro Regional Center with external stakeholders just yet. Once we hear something official, we will let the committee know.

SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING AGENDA

- CNRP subcommittee share out
- KEA project report

ACTION ITEMS

- Carrie Butler to draft letter to Metro regarding the SBAC's preference for a hybrid model approach CNRP. She will send this out to the committee for review.
- Subcommittee consisting of Eugenia Tam, Carrie Butler and Troy Clark to work with Andrea Berkley to go through the current CNRP and identify areas in need of adjustment.
- Metro to develop a process document that provides a timeline for conversion of CNRP to master plan.
- Andrea Berkley and Allan Schmidt to plan a field trip for the committee to see the planning and restoration projects happening at Smith and Bybee Wetlands.
- Andrea Berkley to send Eugenia Tam and Carrie Butler the *Ludwigia peploides* study report.

NEXT MEETING

September 27, 2022
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT for review, comment, and edits

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Advisory Committee

BEST PRACTICES FOR PRODUCTIVE SBAC MEETINGS

The following meeting guidance is meant to encourage equitable participation in our discussions and respect for one another's opinions and positions while allowing everyone an opportunity to be heard and provide valuable input.

Make space/take space.

Participate in the conversation and be aware of your own time speaking. It is important to allow room for all voices to be heard.

Listen to understand.

Focus on what is being said rather than how you will respond. Be present and attentive, minimize distractions, and ask questions.

Ask genuine questions.

Meaningful questions inspire curiosity and help us understand our different perspectives.

Succinctly state views and explain reasoning.

Stating our views clearly helps us understand how we reached our conclusions and where our reasoning differs. Always be mindful of time when speaking.

Speak responsibly.

Our own viewpoint is just one part of the whole. Share your views honestly and be mindful that your words could have a negative impact on others and cause harm.

Note: these were adapted from multiple sources including the EMSWCD The Agreements and the Harvard Business Review article 8 Ground Rules for Great Meetings by Roger Schwarz (2016).



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Memo

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2022
 To: Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Advisory Committee
 From: Jonathan Blasher, Director, Metro Parks and Nature
 Subject: Expiration of Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area's Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan in June 2023 – Metro's preference for replacement

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Advisory Committee Members,

Thank you for your commitment to Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area (Smith and Bybee). Metro greatly appreciates the time and effort you share to help protect one of our region's great places.

I understand the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Advisory Committee's (SBAC) concern with the pending expiration of the Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan (CNRP) in June 2023, and your wish for clarity regarding Metro's intentions. I also understand the desire for a guiding document that provides a framework for ongoing conversation between Metro and the SBAC. This letter provides an update on my thinking for the best approach to that and one that may also meet the approval of our Council.

Based on briefings given to me by Metro Parks and Nature staff, including the planning alternatives matrix presented to you and your follow-up questions and comments compiled by Metro staff in February 2022, I will be recommending that the Council approve a minimally modified version of the 2013 CNRP as the official Master Plan for Smith and Bybee.

Such an action will:

- Make the guiding document for Smith and Bybee consistent with all other Metro sites that have a planned and formal recreation component.
- Allow for updating when resources, Metro Council's and community interests align.
- Keep the current management vision, including plans for habitat management, access planning and infrastructure development that was developed in partnership with the community, including this committee, in place until a thorough process can be completed to replace it.
- Allow for the continued advisory relationship between the SBAC and Metro Parks and Nature to remain in place.

The "minimal modifications" will necessarily include:

- Removal of language specific to the CNRP process.
- Addition of language explaining the intent and scope of this plan.
- Updating of existing planned projects to reflect modern efforts and community agreements.
- Documentation of changes in landownership since 2013 and limiting coverage of the plan to Metro controlled property.
- Addition of any new actions anticipated by Metro to have a high likelihood of occurring during the near- to moderate-term future

ATTACHMENT 2

My next steps are to brief Metro's Chief Operating Officer and the Council in order to get their direction and approval on approach and content. I expect that Metro and the SBAC can begin working together in earnest to make any necessary changes in the summer and fall of 2022 and have the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area Master Plan in place as the CNRP expires.

In the meantime, Parks and Nature staff are available to continue to hear your ideas for protecting the important natural resources at Smith and Bybee, while making them available for our community to enjoy and learn from.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JB', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jonathan Blasher
Director, Metro Parks and Nature



Memo

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
To: Jonathan Soll, et al.
From: Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee
Subject: Feedback regarding Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Alternatives Matrix

The Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee provides the following comments and questions to Metro Parks and Nature leadership regarding the management alternatives matrix that was presented at the Jan. 25, 2022 meeting. Feedback is broken up by agencies and groups represented on the committee.

Audubon Society of Portland – Troy Clark [\[1\]](#)

- If the hybrid-CNRP alternative is selected, what will be the procedure at Metro for adopting the framework of the CNRP as a Metro site management plan for the S/B area? And what is the timeline, before or after July 2023 when the current CNRP is scheduled to sunset as a Portland zoning document?

City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services – Daryl Houtman [\[2\]](#)

- If the CNRP were to sunset in June 2023, would that relinquish the responsibilities of those who have signed on to the CNRP currently? We need to understand what the implications are for each of the partners that are signed on to the current CNRP.

Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes [\[3\]](#)

Attachment 1: Hybrid Model Supplemental Questions.

Attachment 2: Post Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan (CNRP) Recommendations.

Metro Parks and Nature – Andrea Berkley [\[4\]](#)

- How would a shift in the master plan or a hybrid model approach change the way entities that are involved in the CNRP work together?

Port of Portland – Carrie Butler

The Port of Portland understands that the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan will sunset in June 2023. After reviewing the Management Alternatives, the Port finds the Hybrid Model with a council approved Master Plan acceptable in lieu of a new CNRP approved through a Type III Land-Use Review. The Port recognizes that we have an IGA and Conservation Easement with Metro that may or may not require amendment once a Master Plan is in place. It is also understood that stakeholders, including the Port, will have an opportunity for input in development of a Master Plan. [\[5\]](#)

The alternatives were vetted through our Legal, Planning, Properties and Government Relations/Community Affairs staff. I developed the above statement based on the input from my colleagues.

Summary of Comments on 02222022 SBAC memo re CNRP Metro response 031522.pdf

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| Metro proposes to develop a minimally modified version of the CNRP in collaboration with the SBAC and present it for Council review and approval as per any Master Plan more or less as the CNRP expires | | | |
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| Yes. The CNRP would only cover Metro lands and any land for which we have an IGA or other agreement | | | |
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| See below | | | |
| Number: 4 | Author: soll | Subject: Inserted Text | Date: 3/15/2022 10:13:22 AM |
| I don't think it really will change much in what Metro does. There is really only one tax lot that Metro manages absent an IGA or other agreement. Other entities may decide to take a new direction, but I presume we will keep talking and coordinating | | | |
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| For the Hybrid approach most of the changes to the existing CNRP will be legal - administrative in recognition of the document being a MP instead of a City of Portland CNRP, but yes, we commit to transparency and conversation along the way. Any future master planning will be done in partnership with the SBAC and the larger community as are all of our Master Plans. | | | |

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February 17, 2022

To: Metro and the Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee (SBAC)

From: Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes (The Friends)

RE: Hybrid Model Supplemental Questions

These are initial questions/clarifications/comments from various members of the Friends of Smith and Bybee for the Hybrid Model.

1. From **Jeffrey Key**

I have been visiting and enjoying the Smith and Bybee Lakes Region for over 30 years and been a paid and volunteer wildlife observer at Smith and Bybee and Ramsey Lakes. It is an extremely unique habitat that affords the highest protections humans can muster.

I have lived adjacent to METRO property on the NE flank of the Tualatin Mountains, along Ennis Creek for over 25 years. We used to have deer and an occasional elk cross our little 4 acres. About 12 years ago most of the neighbors got dogs and started walking along our property and METRO's property.

We have not seen a deer or elk track around our house for over 10 years.

The human development at the confluences of 2 of the most productive rivers in the Columbia basin has had significant adverse impacts on wildlife resources, water quality and access to nature.

I do not support allowing dogs around Smith and Bybee Lakes. People that choose to have a dog must be responsible for their choices and it should not result in the loss of experience for all citizens to improve their health by visiting nearby natural areas and observing wildlife.

I do not support spending down the Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund. Very few managing governments are able to sustain funding for maintenance and stewardship of real estate. The Lakes region is extremely unique and valuable for a myriad of reasons. Keeping a dedicated Fund for it recognizes its unique values.

I support the strongest protections for the area, whatever form that may take. A Lakes advisory committee with real authority will always be beneficial for the area because it allows for decentralized management of the area, instead of lumping its management into some other blanket policies intended to placate every citizen's perceived need at every recreational site in the region. [2]

Jeffrey Kee, Past Chair Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee, Past President Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes, current Friend of Smith and Bybee Lakes

Life Member, Society of Wetland Scientists and Oregon Environmental Education Association

2. From **Susan Barthel**


Comments on Metro's proposed Smith Bybee Wetlands Management Alternatives Matrix:


"Definition Explanation- Hybrid"


Propose this language change: Metro and the Advisory committee will work together (currently says "when Metro can" [3])

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-  Number: 1 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:14:23 AM
Thank you for your service to SBWNA

 -  Number: 2 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:15:28 AM
I'm not sure what "real authority" means to you. The current SBAC is advisory, and Metro certainly listens to the advice. Final decisions, however, are up to Metro leadership and the Metro Council

 -  Number: 3 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/8/2022 12:39:35 PM -08'00'
Metro is committed to continuing to work with the SBAC. We will make sure the language reflects that commitment

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”Management Goals and Objectives;

Zoning should note “ No other values such as access and coordination are included”¹

Hybrid:

Provide detail on the role of Management Committee²

How will that role capture the many contributions and activities of local citizen scientists?³

How will a Site Conservation Plan capture the role of SBW a designated (IBA) Important Bird Area?⁴

How will a Site Conservation Plan capture the role of SBW as off channel habitat/refugia for salmon migrating downstream?⁵

Dogs:

Hybrid

Metro’s own scientists have noted/ recorded that dogs feces, smell and behavior affect wildlife within 600’ of their physical location.This is a well accepted biological/ecological effect.⁶

At what phase of plan development Metro Council ‘make final decision’?⁷

Can/Will Metro Council take action sooner than final adoption of “Master Plan”?⁸

Funding/Trust Fund

Hybrid: Metro can commit to a “conversation”? This is meaningless. Substitute “committee discussion and decision”⁹

Public Involvement:

Hybrid

This section is very weakly described. “to engage the community in a conversation” and “broader representation”¹⁰

Metro currently has the responsibility to have broad representation. This matrix essentially says committee is not adequately represented what does this mean?¹¹

At the least this should say that the committee will be meaningfully involved in the development of the Master Plan elements of ecological health, restoration, use and access to SBW.¹²

Will there be significant input from citizen scientists?

Will there be input from the dog owning community?

3. from Emily Roth

In the hybrid model the site plan would only apply to Metro properties unless there is an intergovernmental agreement in place. This could be problematic. The site/management plan (or whatever it is called) should apply to the entire site since Metro is the managing agency and not be dependent on intergovernmental agreements. It should be managed as one site regardless of property ownership, as it is managed now.¹³

Metro has not initiated intergovernmental agreements in all this time, what is their incentive to do this

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- T** Number: 1 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:16:47 AM
So sorry, but we aren't clear on the context for this comment, but Metro will work to coordinate with neighbors as we do on all of our properties
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- T** Number: 2 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/8/2022 12:42:41 PM -08'00'
The role of the committee will be unchanged as far as Metro is concerned
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- T** Number: 3 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/8/2022 12:43:18 PM -08'00'
We aren't sure how this comment is relevant to a conversation about planning mechanisms
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- T** Number: 4 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/8/2022 12:44:02 PM -08'00'
SBWNA status as an IBA will surely be referenced in a future SCP just as it was in the CNRP
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- T** Number: 5 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 11:06:50 AM
Salmon are not a species target at SBWNA in the current CNRP, but habitat types they rely on, is. Given their regional priority any future SCP is likely to continue to address salmon at least as strongly as the CNRP does, but that is ultimately subject to future conversation.
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- T** Number: 6 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:22:13 AM
Thank you. We are indeed well aware of the literature on the effects of dogs on wildlife, as is Metro staff leadership.
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- T** Number: 7 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:25:32 AM
We are sorry but we aren't quite clear what you are referring to here. If Council approves the minimally modified CNRP as a Master Plan, that makes it Council approved policy until such time as they vote to amend. Title 10 and the no pets policy is already established Metro policy, also subject to change through Council. In specific to dogs at SBWNA, until such time as a completed regional trail is in place the existing policy is no pets, except for service animals. A decision on whether to make an exception to Title 10 for a future regional trail is unlikely to be made until the trail is a near term reality.
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- T** Number: 8 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:26:53 AM
Again, sorry but we aren't sure what action you mean here. The CNRP is effective until it expires in June 2023. We expect to have the replacement in place for Council approval right around that time. Once a Master Plan is the regulatory guide, it is subject to change by the Council at any time.
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- T** Number: 9 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:28:25 AM
The SBAC is an advisory body with who Metro has conversations and from whom we take advice. As such it is free to make recommendations at anytime. Our staff leadership and Council are unlikely to cede decision making to the SBAC.
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- T** Number: 10 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/8/2022 12:50:57 PM -08'00'
Our intention here was to clarify that we welcome the continued existence and involvement of the SBAC (and broader community) in future conversation about management of SBWNA regardless of the status of the trust fund.
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- T** Number: 11 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:30:30 AM
There are multiple issues at play here. There are empty seats on the SBAC. The world has changed since it was established and the bylaws written. We could consider new members and also consider if among current organizations it is worth considering if new voices should be added. Many of the same people have been on the SBAC for many years.
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- T** Number: 12 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:31:36 AM
In Metro's view the nature of the planning document CNRP vs Master Plan vs...? is unrelated to the SBAC. As noted above, we remain committed to supporting the SBAC and engaging in meaningful conversation about SBWNA and listening to the advice of the SBAC.
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- T** Number: 13 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:33:58 AM
Metro Master Plans only cover property we own or manage under an agreement. In the current reality Metro does nothing on private land. There is really only a single taxlot owned by City of Portland that needs a high level of coordination. Port of Portland manages their mitigation sites, Metro manages POP properties on which we hold an easement and IGA. We can continue to use the SBAC as a forum for aligning management

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now? [1]

4. From **Francis Opila**

In addition to Smith & Bybee, I've been going out to Oxbow a bit over the last few years. I must say that I'm impressed with Metro's work and management of the area. They've done a lot to keep the natural area free of invasive plants. It's kind of a native plant sanctuary. They've even removed Scotch Broom. It's also a no dogs area. I don't know what kind of management plan they have there, but it might also serve as a model for Smith & Bybee. [2]

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Hopefully, City of Portland and Metro should have the same incentive - efficient effective management of the resource.

 Number: 2 Author: soll Subject: Inserted Text Date: 3/15/2022 10:41:55 AM

Thank you Francis. Currently no pets are allowed at SBWNA by both Metro Title 10 and the CNRP. IN fact, all Metro lands forbid non-service animals except for on established regional trails. In those cases pets on leash are permitted on that section of trail only.

Oxbow Park has a Council approved Master Plan and a Site Conservation Plan. There is no equivalent to the SBAC.

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ATTACHMENT 2

February 17, 2022

To: Metro and the Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee (SBAC)

From: Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes (The Friends)

RE: Post Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan (CNRP) Recommendations

The Friends of Smith and Bybee feel that the best management alternative to the continuation of the CNRP is the so-called Hybrid Model. The Hybrid Model was recently presented (January, 2022) in a table of management alternatives developed by members of the Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee. We also recognize that there may be other options besides the ones presented. With that said, there is language in the Hybrid Model that we feel needs amending or clarification (see supplemental questions and clarifications). The Friends feel that it is critical that there will be ample time before the actual sun-setting of the CNRP to further refine this language and make additions. We also encourage a robust discussion in the next few meetings to reach consensus of exactly how any transition will take place. As stated in the proposed hybrid plan, we feel strongly that the plan should use the CNRP as a guide in moving forward.

While we are confident that Metro will continue to utilize the Advisory Committee to create the best plans and conditions for Smith and Bybee, the Friends do have some concerns. For now, our main concern regards the presence of dogs at Smith and Bybee. The Friends assert that it is of vital importance that (at least) one aspect of the CNRP be maintained. Smith and Bybee is a nationally significant natural area (not a park). With all of the delicate ecological balance needed to maintain a healthy natural area, we strongly feel that the provision on page 57 of the CNRP is ever-salient, relevant, and of fundamental importance. Here is the text of that provision:

Dogs

Because many wildlife species are negatively affected by dogs, including ground nesting birds and turtles, it is the intent of this plan to keep dogs out of Smith and Bybee Wetlands, in accordance with Metro-wide policies, including the regional trail on the St. Johns Landfill. Signage and enforcement will be key components to the success of such an endeavor. Additionally, it is thought that through education, visitors will understand and accept that dogs are particularly stressful to wildlife and native habitats, and that visitors will provide the self-policing necessary to eliminate the presence of dogs. Some resources devoted to enforcement may be necessary.

This provision aligns with our views, and incidentally with Metro scientists (Hennings, *The impacts of dogs on wildlife and water quality: A literature review*, 2016).

Thank you. We look forward to further discussion and implementation of best practices for stewardship of the Smith and Bybee wetlands.

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Oregon ash plantings
February 2022

Conservation Projects Update
Smith and Bybee Advisory Committee, March 22, 2022

The image shows a field of young ash trees planted in a row, each supported by a wooden stake. The ground is covered in dry leaves and twigs. In the background, there are larger, bare trees. A Metro logo is visible in the top right corner of the image area.

**Fiscal Year 22 + 23
Projects**

Ludwigia Projects

**Key Ecological
Indicators**

Other News



Moving purple martin gourd arrays
Summer 2021

The image shows three people standing in a field of tall grass and trees. They are gathered around a tall wooden pole that has several white, gourd-shaped arrays hanging from it. A Metro logo is visible in the top right corner of the image area.

Fiscal Year 22 + 23 Projects

Project	Fiscal Year 22 (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)	Fiscal Year 23 (7/1/2022-6/30/2023)
Forested Wetland Planting	Begin planting Ph 3; Maintenance Ph 1, 2	Complete planting Ph 3; Maintenance Ph 1, 2, 3
St John's Prairie	Maintain Ph 1, 2, 3; Veg, bee, bird monitoring	Maintain Ph 1, 2, 3; Hold on Ph 4; Monitoring TBD
Bank Integrity Study	Geotechnical study to identify risk factors	Design and permitting for sheet pile wall installation
Ludwigia Projects	Ludwigia treatment; Treatment trials UC Davis	Ludwigia treatment; Ludwigia/weed mapping
Columbia Sedge Meadows	Maintenance	Maintenance, planting
Key Ecological Indicators	Data collection and analysis	Data analysis and report
Water Management	Close WCS to winter inflows; Connector channel beaver dam removal by hand	Pond leveler(s) install in connector channel; Close WCS to winter inflows

Ludwigia peploides (LUPE) Control

- Chemical mix trials
- Surfactant & rate trial
- Upcoming treatment season
- Mapping & treatment planning



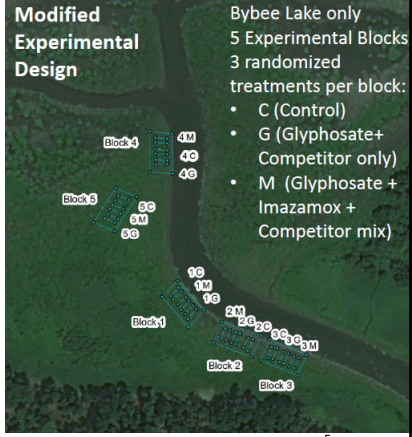
Chemical mix trial, summer 2021

Ludwigia peploides (LUPE) Control



- Chemical mix trials
(glyphosate, glyph+imazamox, control)

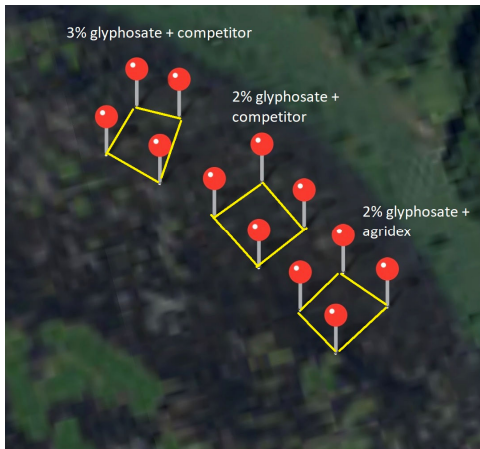
- Treated plots had higher native species richness and cover than control plots
- Glyphosate alone may be less damaging to native plants than mix
- Glyphosate + imazamox gave similar control as glyphosate alone
- Growth stage of plant is critical



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Ludwigia peploides (LUPE) Control

- Surfactant & rate trial



Marking trial plots, summer 2021

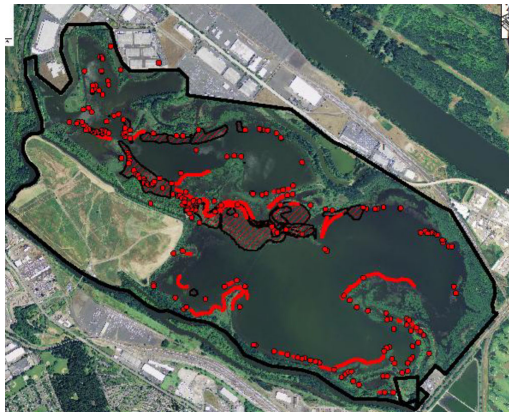
Ludwigia peploides (LUPE) Control

- Upcoming treatment season
 - Stick with glyphosate
 - Observe results of surfactant and rate study to tweak mix
 - Get started early (low water next two years, beaver)
 - Site-wise mapping to track progress
 - Hand pulling of satellites

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Marking trial plots, summer 2021

Ludwigia peploides (LUPE) Control

- Mapping & treatment planning
 - Sitewide mapping
 - Winter treatment planning
 - Water and beaver dam management for earlier treatment



Last mapping done in 2014

Key Ecological Indicators (KEAs)

Assess condition of these conservation targets based on indicators specified in CNRP (appendix A-3):

- Riparian Forest
- Bottomland Forest
- Shrub Wetland
- Emergent Wetland & Open Water
- Upland Prairie
- Western Painted Turtle
- Streaked Horned Lark



North Slough

Other News

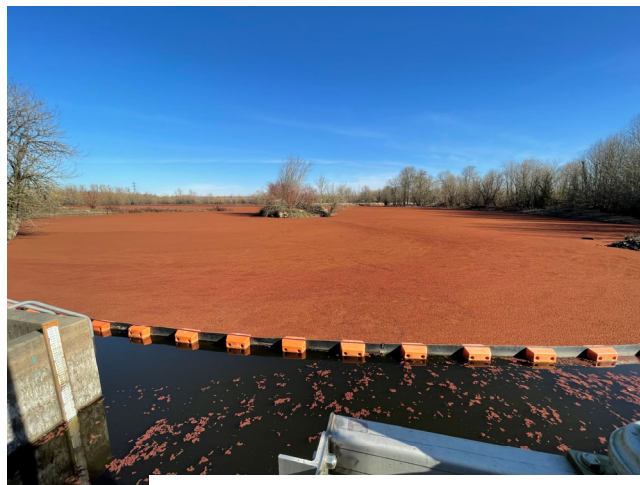
BPA Transmission Line project

Nutria control

Turtle study

Continued coordination with WPES, Planning, Nature Education

Ivy



Azolla filiculoides turning red, February 2022

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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area

Projected Budget and Restoration Projects Fiscal Year 23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Project Name	DRAFT Budget Metro Operating	DRAFT Budget SB Fund	DRAFT Budget Metro other NOT SB Fund
Columbia Sedge meadow restoration Phase II	5000	5000	
Forested Wetland Phase III	45000	45000	
Ludwigia treatment trials & monitoring	13500	13500	
Prairie habitat maintenance	8750	8750	
Prairie Monitoring	5000	5000	
S&B Bank Integrity	50000	50000	
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Water and Channel management	5000	5000	
St Johns Prairie Phase 3	25000	25000	
St Johns Prairie Phase 4	0	0	
St Johns Prairie routine veg management	0	0	15000
Sub-Total Restoration	157250	157250	15000
Ludwigia and other invasive control	75000	75000	
Total	232250	232250	15000

Note: We are holding off funding the St John's Prairie Phase 4 so that we can pursue grant funding to leverage Metro and SB Fund investment.

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Projected Smith and Bybee Fund Balance

Note: These numbers are projected based on FY22 budgets. There is a high likelihood these over-estimate FY22 spending.

SB Fund expect to end FY22	1500000
SB restoration and weed control expense FY23	232250
Education position	85000
Expected balance end of FY23	1182750