



June 14, 2022
Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay

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Draft Minutes

Attendance

Voting Members

Present	Name	Statutory Position
X	Christine Moffitt, PhD, Acting Chair	Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson or Josephine Counties (appointed)
X	Troy Abercrombie	State Department of Agriculture (ex-officio)
X	Catherine de Rivera, PhD	Center for Lakes & Reservoirs (ex-officio)
X	Rick Boatner	State Department of Fish & Wildlife (ex-officio)
	Sam Chan, PhD	Sea Grant College Program (ex-officio)
X	Wyatt Williams, PhD	State Department of Forestry (ex-officio)
X	Josh Emerson	State Department of Environmental Quality (ex-officio)
	Glenn Dolphin	State Marine Board (ex-officio)
X	Noel Bacheller	State Parks & Recreation Department (ex-officio)
X	Eugene Wier, Freshwater Trust	Environmental Stewardship Organization/Association (ex-officio)
	Katie Murray, Oregonians for Food & Shelter	Private Industry Organization/Association (appointed)
	Cheryl Shippentower	Native American/Indian Tribe (appointed)
X	Brian Clapp, Union County	Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco or Wheeler Counties (appointed)

	Tim Newton	Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake or Malheur Counties (appointed)
X	Chuck Fisk	Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion or Polk Counties (appointed)
X	Alex Staunch	Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington or Yamhill Counties (appointed)
X	Peter Kenagy, Kenagy Family Farms	Member of the Public (appointed)
	(vacant)	Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln or Tillamook Counties (appointed)

Non-Voting Members

Present	Name	Statutory Position
	Senator Lew Frederick	Member of the Senate (ex-officio)
X	Representative David Brock-Smith	Member of the House of Representatives (ex-officio)
X	Patrick Sieng, Public Affairs Counsel	State Invasive Species Coordinator (ex-officio)
X	Morgan Gratz-Weiser	Office of the Governor (ex-officio)
	Charity Glade	US Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management (ex-officio)
X	Karen Ripley	US Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (ex-officio)
	Sean McMillen	US Department of Agriculture – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (ex-officio)
X	Kathy Pendergrass	US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
X	Nikki Brooks	US Department of Homeland Security – Customs & Border Protection (ex-officio)
X	Jen Poirier	US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Heidi McMaster	US Bureau of Reclamation

Others Attending:

- The Honorable David Brock Smith, State Representative
- The Honorable Melissa Cribbins, Coos County Commissioner
- Troy Abercrombie, Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Anna Cole, Southwestern Oregon Community College
- Sabra Comet, SSNER
- Robyn Draheim, Tideline Consulting PDX
- Alicia Givens, Public Affairs Counsel
- Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Office of Governor Kate Brown

- William Lackey, Oregon Department of Transportation
- Jeanne Standley
- Gary Vonder, ODFW
- Lindsey Wise

Welcome & Introductions ([YouTube 0:33](#))

Dr. Christine Moffitt called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. She provided some introductory remarks, welcoming members and guests to Coos Bay.

Anna Cole from Southwestern Oregon Community College welcomed guests to the campus and provided background on the college and the Umpqua Hall science building.

Attendees in person introduced themselves.

Council & Network Partner Reports

Hub Update ([YouTube 0:50](#))

Alex Staunch, Information Hub Working Group Co-Chair, presented an overview of background, where we are, where we are headed, and working group needs.

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MOU & Legislative Concept ([YouTube 1:05](#))

Dr. de Rivera provided background on the MOU with the Department of Agriculture. A group has been working on the MOU for over a year. The MOU was designed to designate responsibilities between the department and the council and established ongoing working trust relationship. There was discussion around arbitration. A finalized MOU will be coming soon.

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Troy Abercrombie said that the legislative concept for the council's insurance has been submitted by the department through the process. The bill will be presented during the 2023 legislative session.

Welcome New Members ([YouTube 1:19](#))

Brian Clapp from Union County, the newest voting member representing Eastern Oregon counties, introduced himself. He serves as the weed control supervisor for Union County.

Approval of March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes ([YouTube 1:21](#))

VOTE: Karen Ripley made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Fisk seconded the motion.

There was discussion about various changes to the minutes, including:

- More detailed minutes

- Corrections to roundtable update by Wyatt Williams
- Corrections to roundtable update by Karen Ripley, including new name for spongy moth
- Corrections to roundtable update by Sam Chan
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- Corrections to Legislative Concept-Insurance. Karen Ripley clarified that “waivers in the interim” meant auto insurance, not liability insurance.
- Additions of last names to all
- Corrections to roundtable update by Karen Ripley. The communications committee needs to start working on the 2021 annual report.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Budget Update ([YouTube 1:48](#))

The latest budget information from the Department of Agriculture was presented with figures through the end of May. Operations account balance is \$150,479.27. Emergency Control account balance is \$53,140.38. The BLM Grant balance to spend is \$14,687.50. The US Forest Service grant balance to spend is \$33,637.50.

Legislative Outreach Plan/Primer Re-Launch ([YouTube 2:07](#))

Patrick Sieng said that the legislative primer was distributed to all legislators via email. He presented information about the current legislature, committees, important timelines for the legislative session, and a suggested outreach plan. We will be requesting an informational hearing in front of one of the agriculture or natural resource committees during the legislative committee days. The plan will be discussed by the legislative committee.

Revision of State Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan ([YouTube 2:20](#))

Robyn Draheim and Cat de Rivera discussed revision of the state ANS management plan, which is several years old. Updates are needed due to new species (from 120 to 248), new partners in the revision and review process, and to tie together AIS management efforts.

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Beach Grass Restorations on Oregon Dunes ([YouTube 2:40](#))

Jeanne Standley, retired from the Bureau of Land Management, discussed collaborators in dune restoration, why restoration is needed, restoration planning, restoration plan needs, habitat improvements, prescribed burning, ground-based herbicide, manual treatments, revegetation, and USFS accomplishments.

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Oregon Department of Agriculture Update: SW Oregon Priority Weeds & Biocontrols Update ([YouTube 3:18](#))

Troy Abercrombie presented on behalf of ODA. Insect biocontrol regarding emerald ash borer, spotted lantern fly, beetle. He presented on biological control in Southwest Oregon.

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Public Comment ([YouTube 3:40](#))

There was no public comment.

Working Lunch: Roundtable Discussion of Leadership, Committee Updates, Change of Common Names ([YouTube 4:33](#))

Christine Moffitt discussed leadership changes on the council. She is not able to serve as chair. Leadership is working on finding a voting member who can serve as chair.

Legislative & Local Policy Update ([YouTube 4:50](#))

Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins discussed gorse issues in Coos and Curry Counties, which have been responsible for fires in the area. There has been a collaborative group of government and local citizens called the [Gorse Action Group](#).

Morgan Gratz-Weiser from Governor Kate Brown's office introduced herself. She is the Governor's natural resources policy advisor and will be working with the council. The Governor's Office is monitoring the wildfire season, drought issues, and species migration. There is transition in the office because of Governor's Brown's last year in office.

Representative David Brock Smith discussed his work with sudden oak death, additional funding at the legislative Emergency Board, and further collaboration with the council and legislature. He said he would help educate fellow legislators about work of the council and need for increased funding.

Speed Presentations & Site Previews

Sudden Oak Death ([YouTube 5:38](#))

Wyatt Williams presented on sudden oak death in Oregon including disease treatment, economic impact, new detections, infestation in Port Orford, risk of disease and spread, and program leads at the department of forestry.

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Smallmouth Bass Removal ([YouTube 6:03](#))

Gary Vonderohe from ODFW discussed smallmouth bass in the Coquille, their diet, measures taken, what ODFW is doing in the future, and how everyone can help.

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Background & Preparation for Green Crab Field Visit, Spartina Removal

Schon Schooler from the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and Sylvia Behrens Yamada from Oregon State University discussed the ecology and management of the invasive green crab. Topics included identification, biology, spread and colonization, dispersal and recruitment, population growth, effects, and management options.

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Challenges & Opportunities for Shellfish Growers (YouTube 6:55)

Megan Considine provided an overview of mud blister worm and pacific oysters based on her masters degree research. Steven Rumrill from ODFW was the advisor. Topics discussed were identification, stages, infestation, integrating research with extension, regulatory change, and outreach and engagement.

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Preview of Dock Visit to Charleston (YouTube 7:10)

Scott Groth from ODFW gave a preview of the dock visit in Charleston. He discussed marine invertebrates.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Hub Working Group Work Session (YouTube 7:26)

Adjourn

The council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

June 15, 2022

Members of the council conducted various field visits in the area:

- Green Crab Trapping Demonstration at the Coos History Museum
- Recreational Harvesting, Scientific Permitting, Species ID, Tunicate Survey at the Charleston Marine Life Center
- South Slough Wetland Restorations and Removal of Pampas Grass at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

