

**Minutes**  
Port of Siuslaw  
Board of Commissioners  
Florence Oregon Ocean Resources Coalition (FOORC) Committee  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, 19 November 2009

Committee Chair Pazar called the regular meeting of the Port of Siuslaw FOORC Committee to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Port office conference room located at 1499 Bay Street, Florence, Lane County, Oregon.

**Attendance:** Committee: Al Pazar (Pazar), Larry Nixon (Nixon), John Schaefer (Schaefer), Melonie Rollin (Rollin)-arrived late. Absent: Nola Xavier (Xavier), Keith Tymchuk (Tymchuk), Peggy Meyer (Meyer). Staff: Recording Secretary Susy Lacer (Lacer). Audience: Cristen Don of ODFW, Bob Thorp of Port Commission, Paul Englemeyer, Dave Lacy of Our Ocean, Kara Lincoln.

Pazar had everyone introduce themselves.

**Presentation:** Pazar stated he had asked Don to come and speak at this meeting prior to knowing about formation of the new ODFW Community Teams and that he had believed FOORC would have a head start on the process of addressing marine reserves. Pazar noted FOORC was formed to address other marine resource issues in addition to marine reserves. Don stated ODFW was extending the deadline for accepting Community Team applications for FOORC members due to the timing of the FOORC meeting. Don stated the deadline was extended through the end of the day Friday (20<sup>th</sup>), and that FOORC members could still turn in applications the following Monday or Tuesday if necessary. Don stated ODFW had received over 30 applications for each Team already, and that each Team would need 32 members total, between assigned reps and alternates for each interest group. Pazar stated he had, perhaps prematurely, applied to the Cape Perpetua Team as a FOORC designee and that he would like to have that action approved if the group agreed, however a quorum was not present at the time. Nixon stated he had applied as well, as an individual not as a FOORC member. Don stated FOORC could submit a letter next week endorsing specific applicants (following approval from a quorum of members), if necessary. Don stated since FOORC was a smaller group, all FOORC members could apply for the Community Team. Nixon stated his preferred alternate for the Team, Ron Brean, has applied to the Team as well.

Don stated the FOORC group and other similar resource groups are well intentioned and they are addressing other issues in addition to marine reserves. Don stated FOORC can still have input with the ODFW Team and that the intent was not for FOORC or like groups to dissolve. Pazar referenced a recent article in The World regarding the Cape Arago proposal and that the group there had some difficulty in getting past the need for a reserve. Don stated the Coos Bay group was its own process and that they have a large community team there. She stated the other three proposed areas are different and the questions asked of them are different; that it is not a yes or no decision being sought, but rather finding a site in the area that can be a marine reserve. Pazar stated the focus of FOORC was bottom-up, because of what was learned during the OPAC process. Pazar stated he was surprised to learn about the

ODFW Community Teams. Don stated ODFW tried to convene an earlier meeting to explain the need for ODFW to have new Teams with specific stakeholders, but the purpose of the meeting was misunderstood and ODFW received political backlash and decided to cancel the original meeting. Don stated ODFW then held the meeting at Best Western where they announced the formation of Community Teams. Don apologized for not letting FOORC know about the Teams earlier. Pazar asked if FOORC was considered to be a Community Team. Don stated ODFW wanted to form their own Teams to have a standard playing field. Don stated if existing FOORC members meet the criteria for the Teams she encouraged them to apply. Nixon stated he had attended recent ODFW meetings over the past few months where Community Teams had been mentioned, but the idea of forming new ODFW Teams had just come up in the last 30 days. Nixon stated until that announcement he had thought FOORC was ahead of the process because our team was already formed and had been meeting for several months. Pazar agreed and stated when Onno Husing spoke at the FOORC meeting recently, all agreed FOORC was on the right track, and then this announcement came out. Don stated ODFW considered how best to set up the Teams and that they talked with the Coastal Caucus about it. Pazar stated he wanted his complaint about the process to be noted. Don stated letters had been written to the government without being copied to ODFW and that ODFW was out of the loop of communication. Pazar asked what the role for FOORC is now, regarding marine reserves. Don stated FOORC could still provide input to the Community Team via the selected represented and alternates. Don noted alternates are very important to the Teams so that someone will always be present at the meetings, and that ODFW expects the representatives and alternates to work closely together.

Pazar asked if there was an expected meeting schedule yet for the Teams. Don stated ODFW is trying to hire a professional facilitator for each Team and that they expect approximately one meeting per month, about two hours per meeting. Don stated ODFW is hiring a community support staff person who will work with the Team chairs and help the Teams get the info they need. (Rollin arrived at the meeting.) Pazar asked if there were legal representatives on the Team. Don stated no, but that ODFW could consult with the Attorney General's office as needed. Nixon asked when mapping would be available. Don stated it should be within the first quarter of next year, that they would have habitat maps for each area, for 10m and over depths only, not for near shore. Pazar stated FOORC has been working with Ecotrust to map uses in this area and that he expected Ecotrust to be doing mapping interviews here during November and December. Don stated she did not know how the Ecotrust data would be used in the ODFW Team process because the fishermen own that data. She stated ODFW was hiring staff to gather log book data for use by the Teams. Don stated the Team would also like to get local knowledge, including anecdotal information. Don stated they want people who are knowledgeable about the areas on the Teams. Don stated there are still lots of data gaps but they will have side scan data also. She stated she did not know that economic data would be available to use by ODFW. Pazar stated he had been meeting with Kaety Hildenbrand regarding maps for the proposed area and that he had prepared a straw-man proposal. Pazar distributed copies of his straw-man map which outlined areas that would be acceptable to Pazar for a possible reserve area. Nixon

stated he was not trying to run anyone out of business and that he was interested to see where the crab fishing use would be in the next weeks.

Englemeyer asked if FOORC had seen the ODFW work plan. No members had. Don stated ODFW had created a work plan in November that outlined the timelines and work to be completed on both the designated pilot sites and the four areas proposed for further evaluation, through 30 June 2011. Don gave a copy of the work plan to Pazar. Lacer stated she would copy the plan and distribute it to FOORC members. Pazar asked if ODFW had sustainable funding yet for the two pilot areas. Don stated they were trying to come up with funding for monitoring and enforcing in those areas. Pazar noted that the Teams are being asked to make decisions about marine reserves, but that ODFW doesn't have the resources necessary for the task. Don stated ODFW has the money to monitor the two pilot sites and that they are looking for grant funds. She stated ODFW had received only half of the marine reserve funds so far. Don stated they were accepting donations as well. Don stated if ODFW gets more funding, they can do more monitoring and research. Don stated ODFW wants to advance marine reserves as part of the near shore funding program and that they are hoping to get more funding for that program. Englemeyer stated he has looked at the work plan and that there are some good steps that FOORC can complete in the work plan, e.g. what existing research is already going on, and suggesting representatives for the science Team members. Pazar asked if Team members had to be local. Don stated preference will be given to local applicants but that it was not a requirement. Don stated there have been some science stakeholder applicants, but not a lot. Pazar stated he would like to have as many FOORC members apply for the Community Team as possible. Lacer stated the Port would endorse any FOORC members who wanted to apply. Don suggested FOORC send a letter to that effect to ODFW. Lacer agreed to send the letter. Thorp asked if FOORC would need to change its mission then and asked if the Port Commission would need to review this issue. Thorp stated the focus of FOORC was to represent this community and that now the Community Team would be a larger group. Thorp asked what preference ODFW was giving to FOORC or other existing resource team members in selecting Community Team members. Don stated they will weight candidates who meet their stated criteria, and if two candidates are equally qualified, the FOORC (or similar group) candidate would be selected. Don stated the Port Orford marine resource group was different and could do its own thing because it was not part of HB3013.

Pazar noted that FOORC now had a quorum present and asked for approval of minutes and a motion to address FOORC nomination of Team applications.

**Minutes:** On the **MOTION** made by Nixon, seconded by Rollin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 15th 2009, as submitted, with earlier correction noted by Nixon.

**New Business:** Discuss applications to Cape Perpetua Community Team. On the **MOTION, made by Nixon, seconded by Rollin, the Committee voted unanimously that FOORC nominate Nixon, Pazar and any other interested FOORC members, to be sponsored by FOORC in applying for the ODFW Community Team.** Nixon stated he applied as a Non-fishing industry rep. Pazar stated he applied as a Commercial Fishing rep. Lacer stated she would contact all FOORC members to let them know of the extended application deadline.

Decision on December meeting. Nixon stated he would not be available on the FOORC December meeting date. Pazar suggested skipping the December meeting due to holidays, crabbing season, etc. and reconvene for the January meeting. Rollin agreed.

Rollin asked when Team members would be selected. Don stated by 1 December hopefully. Pazar asked if all Community Team info would be public and could be shared with the Port and FOORC. Don agreed. Pazar asked that all Team info be copied to the Port office so it could be forwarded to FOORC members. Pazar thanked Don for being present at the meeting. Don noted the Teams would be working on a consensus basis, but that they would use a majority basis if necessary. She stated the Coastal Caucus has notified ODFW that a close vote will not be acceptable to the Caucus. Rollin asked what the role of the Team members would be to gain support. Don stated ODFW wanted reps who were part of groups to be able to share information with the group and that they expect Team members to talk to their constituents, get feedback, etc. Pazar stated he could see FOORC providing ideas for the Team. Don stated the first Team meetings would probably be in January and that they hoped to have facilitators by then; she stated they were looking for grant funding for that.

**Adjourn:** Pazar adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

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Chair