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Oregon Legislative Session Around The Corner *'91 Fellow Selected*

With the May primary elections over, its not too soon to prepare for the 1991 Oregon legislative session.

During the 1991 Legislature, as in the past two legislative sessions, OCZMA and Oregon Sea Grant will sponsor a student fellowship program. In 1987 Emily Toby established the concept and Onno Husing built upon it in 1989.

The objectives of the fellowship is to provide expertise on coastal and marine natural resources issues to legislators, provide timely reports on current coastal issues through OCZMA's *Coastal Notes* newsletter, help the fellow to develop knowledge of the legislative process and to develop necessary skills to work with various levels of government. It has not been determined which coastal legislator will provide— as did Representative Hanneman in 1987 and Senator Brenneman in 1989—office space and other assistance.

Following recent interviews with applicants for the 1991 Fellowship from the Marine Resources Management program at Oregon State University (OSU), a cum laude graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts was offered the position.

Mara Arwyn Brown has accepted the offer and noted that she is "looking forward to this opportunity both in terms of my own education enrichment, and in terms of my ability to serve as an informational resource to members of the Legislature."

Presently a candidate for a Master of Science degree in Marine Resource Management within the College of Oceanography at OSU, Mara's Bachelor of Science degree at Smith was in philosophy with additional course work in biology, chemistry, calculus and political science. She is a teaching assistant in OSU's Department of General Science and director of public service announcements and jazz-DJ for KBVR-FM campus radio.

Service as a high school substitute teacher, acquisition assistant at Harvard's Widener Library, and production assistant for a weekly newspaper, round out some of her recent experiences.

An exciting and challenging opportunity awaits her. 🍏

June OCZMA Meeting Slated for Clatsop County

Thursday, June 14, 1990
Red Lion, Astoria

- Executive Board
- Highway 101 Committee

Friday, June 15, 1990
Columbia Maritime Museum,
Astoria

- Full Association

Welcome

Since our last issue of *Coastal Notes*, the **City of Nehalem** in Tillamook County and the **City of Lakeside** in Coos County have joined the Association bringing local coastal membership in OCZMA to thirty-six.

A Matter of Considerable Importance *Efforts Continue on Maintenance Dredging of Coastal Waterways*

Following the recent rush of Congressional hearings on waterway projects, efforts are now underway to provide additional information on the critical coastal issue of continued maintenance dredging of coastal harbors and waterways.

Background In 1986 the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, Inc. (OCZMA) established a Committee on Maintenance Dredging in response to federal proposals to reduce or eliminate Corps maintenance dredging for low activity ports. A concerted effort was made by the Committee to encourage the Portland Corps District to develop information about the regional and national benefits that accrue from maintenance dredging activities and to ensure that coastal ports and OCZMA's committee review that information. With the positive national benefits identified by the study seeming to answer for that time some questions regarding federal funding, the Committee became inactive.

Work Tasks Identified However, in 1989 the Association recognized that additional effort may be needed on this important subject. As a result, OCZMA agreed to include a work task within its 1989-91 intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Economic Development Department on maintenance dredging. The task description reads:

OCZMA will assist the Department refine—as appropriate—the present draft study, better define the need for and benefits from maintenance dredging, and develop proposals for mechanisms by which ports and local governments can work with Corps and the State on innovative ways of retaining current levels of maintenance dredging and on funding options.

Overall reaction to the recently-completed study entitled “Study of Justification for Benefits from Combined Appropriation for Maintenance Dredging,” (The Benkendorf Associates Corporation, 1989) prompted the Association to reactivate its Committee on Maintenance Dredging in late 1989 and to authorize its investigation of measures and processes to promote the continued maintenance of Oregon's coastal harbors and waterways for navigation and safe recreational use.

Committee Reactivated The Committee, chaired by Port of Siulaw Commissioner Wilbur Ternyik, decided at its January 16, 1990 meeting that new investigations be undertaken in two steps. The first step was to assemble current information about the activities of coastal ports. This information was to be used to defend the FY 91 budget before congressional appropriation committees.

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The second step was to address long-term options and solutions for maintenance dredging. Given the immediate needs for testimony, initial efforts were focussed on assembling information.

Information Gathered As part of the information gathering, every attempt was made to verify and authenticate information no matter what the source. An initial request was mailed to each port from the Oregon Economic Development's Ports Division, responses were compiled in a draft report, and the draft was field checked by touring each port—the lack of such confirmation of accuracy was a major criticism of the Benken-dorf study. The tour by consultant Shannon Davis and Don Mann from the Oregon Economic Development Department's Ports Division, included a visitation with the author of the response and included, at times, site verification of facilities and activities. A second draft was produced and presented to an expanded Committee with membership from ports and state agencies.

Published Results The resultant OCZMA publication "Navigation and Other Activities on Oregon's Coastal Waterways and Harbors," sought to define the need for and benefits from jetty repair, maintenance dredging, and other waterway improvements at Oregon's coastal ports. The information within the document provides current information useful to an understanding of the importance of maintaining Oregon's coastal waterways and harbors.

Future Activities Continuing that coordinated and cooperative effort, and with the support of the Oregon Economic Development Department, coastal ports must now be as committed to the difficult but necessary task of assessing alternatives or options to reductions in federal maintenance dredging support and to agreeing upon a common approach. The Committee is dedicated to that effort and to refining and expanding on the information contained in the first report.

Committee to be Expanded To accomplish this, it is expected that the Association's Committee on Maintenance Dredging will be expanded to include a designated representative and alternate from each coastal port. Furthermore, the Committee is expected to establish a set of alternatives for further independent assessment. That initial assessment will include in a complete, realistic and impartial look at alternatives without recommendations. Subsequently, a "reality" check may be run with state and federal policy and funding entities and with other identified parties. Following this filtering process, consensus agreement from coastal ports will be articulated and communicated to the Oregon Public Ports Association and to other appropriate agencies.

Although only preliminary at his time, a work scope similar to the following may be before the Committee:

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Additional Efforts to be Considered Review maintenance dredging options

- Continued and adequate appropriations to maintain both current and future dredging needs based on a variety of mechanisms and strategies.
- Accommodation with reduced federal support again based on a variety of mechanisms and strategies.

Refine and Expand Information

- Refine port activity information contained in the first report.
- Expand information and develop an annual report system.
- Analyze economic benefits to the state and to coastal communities.
- Produce a second report based on the above refinements, expansion and analysis and incorporate reviews from the Corps, OPFA, Ports Division and other interested parties.

Details for Discussion Refining and expanding the waterways activities report is the easier task. There is no doubt that the more difficult task ahead is reviewing options and in agreeing on a common strategy or strategies. While the details of this segment of our future work is still to be completed, meetings with the Oregon Public Ports Association, the Ports Division and others later this month should provide clear direction on where the Committee will focus its activities. 🍏

ACTIONS TAKEN AT APRIL MEETING AND NEXT MEETING

OCZMA's next meeting is scheduled for June 14-15, 1990 in Astoria, Oregon. The Executive Board will be meeting over dinner (June 14, 1990) at the Red Lion (Pacific Room) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The full Association will meet the following day (June 15, 1990) at the Columbia River Maritime Museum (Kern Room) beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The summer annual outing of the Association is scheduled for September 12-14, 1990 at the Black Butte Ranch near Sisters, Oregon. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and further information will be forwarded at a later date. The Black Butte Ranch schedule for August was booked, therefore requiring staff to look to the month of September. The weather in September at Black Butte is sunny and in the 70's, and cooler at night.

Executive Board Meeting Actions Taken April 12, 1990

*(*indicates materials distributed at the meeting and enclosed for those members who were unable to attend)*

—The Executive Board Minutes of January 11, 1990 were unanimously approved (Knight/Dalziel).

—The January, February and March Financial Reports were unanimously approved (McMillin/Smith). It was noted that the Association's financial reports need to be detailed to show exactly where the Association stands relating to expenditures against the budget. Staff noted that this will be worked on for the June meeting.

Membership dues have already been received from several jurisdictions for FY 1990-91. They include Douglas County (\$8,500); City of Rockaway Beach (\$300); Ports of Bandon and Bay City (\$300 each); and Clatsop and Curry SWCD's (\$75 each). Two separate accounts have been established to hold these dues until the beginning of the new fiscal

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year—July 1st (one an interest bearing account; the other a time certificate deposit) for transfer then to our checking account.

*—As instructed at the January meeting, staff prepared proposed draft personnel policies for the Association and distributed them at the April meeting. Chairman Ross appointed a committee to review the draft policies with staff and report back to the Association at its June meeting. Committee members include Joanne Dalziel, City of Garibaldi; Doris Sheldon, Port of Garibaldi; and George Smith, Port of Tillamook Bay. Staff would appreciate any comments on these draft policies from members.

*—A list of OSU Marine Resource Management students seeking summer positions who have expressed interest in working with OCZMA was distributed to members. Director Rasmussen asked for suggestions on issues that the Association would like to see some research done on. These would involve 2-3 month projects—\$6,000 has been set aside for these internships outside of the legislative internship for 1991. Wetlands management was a suggestion for further research.

**Full Association Actions Taken
April 13, 1990**

*(*indicates materials distributed at the meeting and enclosed for those members unable to attend)*

—The January 12th Association Minutes were unanimously approved (Smith/McMillin).

—The January, February, and March Financial Reports were unanimously approved (Dalziel/Sheldon).

*—The next meeting of the Association is scheduled for June 14th (Executive Board) and June 15th (full Association) in Astoria. Information was distributed to members present for locations of OCZMA's annual summer outing. Two locations seemed to spike interest from members—those being Black Butte Ranch near Sisters and Paradise Lodge on the Rogue River. As you can see, Black Butte Ranch has been selected as the site of the annual outing in September—further information will be provided as the time approaches near.

*—The work on Pacific Whiting continues. A Steering and Technical Committee meeting was held on April 17th to review the progress of the project and reports. Another Steering and Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport. Any member whose schedule will allow is invited to attend this meeting.

—OCZMA will be working with the Ports Division of the Economic Development Department to update moorage demand projections for the Oregon Coast (and for the lower Columbia River if additional assistance is secured) this summer.

*—OCZMA will also be looking at doing some work on wetlands management, possibly with a summer internship through the OSU Marine Resource Management program (see Executive Board actions for further information on this subject).

*—OCZMA will also be working with Oregon State University, Oregon Sea Grant and others to look at tourism, as well as the retirement sector to get a better understanding of their impact on the coastal economy currently and for the future—this study will be done as part of OCZMA's agreement with the Department of Land Conservation and Development to be included within the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Plan. Since OCZMA's April meeting, the Director has held a meeting on this proposed work and a draft study proposal has been submitted to OCZMA and Oregon Sea Grant for review.

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*Full Association Actions Taken
April 13, 1990, continued*

—OCZMA is also working with OSU Sea Grant for a legislative fellowship program for the 1991 legislative session. Since the meeting, the OCZMA director has interviewed a couple of OSU students interested in the program, and an individual has been selected for the legislative fellowship program for 1991. The individual is Mara Brown, a Master of Science degree candidate in the Marine Resource Management Program at Oregon State University. Mara, as was the previous two legislative fellows, is also from the east coast. Mara has been invited to attend the Association's June meeting to acquaint herself with Association members (see related article in this issue of Coastal Notes).

*—Brochures announcing the next series of public hearings on the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Plan were distributed to members. Public hearings will be held in the following locations: May 24th (Salem—State Capitol); May 29th (Bandon—Harbor Hall); May 30th (Newport—Hatfield Marine Science Center); and May 31st (Cannon Beach—City Hall). All public hearings are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Once these hearings have been conducted, necessary revisions will be made to the Plan before submittal to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) by August 1, 1990. LCDC will also hold a series of public hearings in October and November 1990, and decide whether to approve the Plan or send it back to the Task Force for additional work. OCZMA staff has been notified by the Task Force staff that copies of the draft May 1990 Plan have been sent out to coastal county commissioners, coastal mayors, port districts and planning departments, as well as to marine extension agents, and individuals in the fishing industry. The Ocean Resources Management Task Force staff has left some additional copies at the OCZMA office. If any member has not received a copy of the draft Plan and is interested in a copy, please contact our office.

—The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted Natural Production and Wild Fish Management Policies on January 19, 1990. The OCZMA Director, along with others, have spent considerable time on this issue. The policies are directed at achieving the best possible production of all fish within the natural environment.

—OCZMA has been asked by Senator Bill Bradbury to look at the Coho Plan. With this in mind, a Coho Retreat was held in Salem on April 24th. A select working group consisting of legislators, OCZMA staff, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Commission representation, and representatives from the sport and commercial fishery met to examine the Coho Plan goals, problems associated with the Plan, and possible suggested solutions. As a result of the meeting, OCZMA will continue to work on the problems identified with the Coho Plan and resolution of these problems with this working group.

—OCZMA's Maintenance Dredging Committee will be meeting in the future to review the Technical Information first report, and make some revisions to the report. It was noted that the report will need to address the loss of taxes to the port and respective county, if it becomes necessary to close a particular port on the coast due to loss of maintenance dredging (see more indepth article in this issue of Coastal Notes by OCZMA Director).

—Bill McNeil gave a status report on the Tillamook Bay Restoration Project being funded by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife through an intergovernmental agreement with OCZMA. Funding had also been applied for with the Economic Development Administration for a more indepth study on the restoration and enhancement of Tillamook Bay, but as of this date, OCZMA is still awaiting approval of that grant request. A Tillamook Local Advisory Committee meeting to review the draft report was held on April 16th. Comments are now being compiled from that meeting and being incorporated into the report. Proposed project priorities were identified by the local people for the Bay which will also be included in the final report.

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—Don Hull, Director, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries briefed members on the proposed fall research activities of the Placer Minerals Technical Task Force with a slide presentation.

—Hans Radtke, Economist, gave some preliminary information on the wood products industry that will be included in the update of the "Economic Landscape of the Oregon Coast" study presently being conducted. The study should be available for distribution within the next couple of months.

*—Rob Spooner, Editor and Publisher of the Oregon Coast Magazine, gave members a distribution and future plans update on the Magazine since his takeover. Copies of the latest edition of the Magazine were distributed.

—John Whitty, Vice-Chairman of the Oregon Transportation Commission, advised members that the Commission is committed to one project per year on Highway 101, as well as the scenic byways economic study. OCZMA, through its newly established Highway 101 Committee, will continue to work with the Department of Transportation, Oregon Coast Association, and others for functional improvements to Highway 101. 🍏

Mini Notes

Economic Landscape Update

A preliminary review of the **1989** Economic Landscape of the Oregon Coast concludes that between 1987 and 1989, total coastal personal income increased by 5.8 %. However, resource availability problems in timber and price decreases in salmon negatively affected most coastal communities. Personal income from commercial fishing declined by 10%. The timber industry employment decreased by 15% which was only partially offset a 11% increase in tourism-related employment. The final update should be available in early June. 🍏

Tillamook Bay Restoration

During the week of April 29—May 5, the Oregon Coast Show televised on local and valley stations a story of the restoration and enhancement of Tillamook Bay. Featured in the eight-minute segment was a discussion of the historic transformation of the Bay and highlighted OCZMA's restoration and enhancement project. Earlier, a highly productive local advisory committee meeting helped prioritize potential projects. 🍏

Highway 101

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has awarded a contract to study the economic benefits of coastal scenic highway development. Federally funded, the study will include the identification of primary travel markets, survey and analyse travel characteristics, establish highway-related scenic resource areas, and estimate primary and total economic impacts. The scheduled time is ten weeks and the OCZMA Highway 101 Committee is expected to hear a report from ODOT at its June meeting in Astoria. 🍏