

Surfrider PDX Agenda for June 10, 2008

1. Field/Policy Update, Poo Bag Project, BWTF, International Surf Day— Charlie:

Field Update:

Stewardship Area Launch in Port Orford set for June 18. This is an ecosystem based management project.

The **BWTF scholarship** was recently given to our high school intern. Charlie attended his graduation ceremony and presented the scholarship.

Florence is ready to kick off their own official Chapter at the end of August. Suggestions were made to organize a celebration for the new **Florence Chapter**.

Newport Georgia Pacific Issue: One of the most active campaigns statewide for Surfrider, the Newport Chapter is working steadily to increase awareness of the campaign on the reconsideration of the Georgia Pacific Toledo's outfall permit. With the recent hearings for the renewal of the City of Newport's agreement with GP for right of way of the effluent line (which runs through Nye Beach area and outfalls just a few thousand feet off Nye Beach), the topic has begun to rub headlines and a renewed interest from the community. After an overwhelming response from the public and piles of opinion pieces in the local paper, the City of Newport will be holding a second hearing on June 16th at 7:00 pm at Newport City Hall, regarding the right-of-way agreement for Georgia Pacific's effluent line.

Marine Reserves Outreach: Kicking off Phase 2 of marine reserves outreach, Oregon Sea Grant and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will be hosting informational meetings June 23 - 27 in communities along the coast and in Salem from 7pm - 9pm. The meetings will provide an update on changes to the marine reserves development process made in response to public input earlier this year, and introduce the process by which the public can propose sites for further evaluation as potential marine reserves. See below for dates/locations. For full details, please see <http://www.oregonmarinereserves.net/>

Monday, June 23: Newport
Tuesday, June 24: Tillamook
Wednesday, June 25: Salem
Thursday, June 26: North Bend
Friday, June 27: Gold Beach

Policy Update:

Marine Reserve Areas—Special Places: By July 1, 2008, the Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) will launch a public nomination process to identify potential marine reserve sites in Oregon's Territorial Sea. The proposal process will be supported by local nearshore action teams, comprised of coastal residents, ocean users, and other interested parties. Proposed sites will be subject to several phases of evaluation based on established ecological and socioeconomic criteria. Marine reserves are places in the ocean that are protected from human extraction or damage, and science shows that reserves typically result in greater abundance, size, and diversity of marine organisms inside their boundaries. For more info on Oregon's planning process: <http://www.oregonmarinereserves.net/> For info to get involved please contact pstauffer@surfrider.org.

Wave Energy: Sunken Buoy (Finavera) Found off coast of Newport. From Monday, June 9, this just in from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Ocean and Coastal Services Division: "The EPA vessel OSV Bold was performing sidescan transects...offshore Newport last night. We obtained the last known position of the Finavera wave energy buoy, just north of our planned survey, and added a short transect to try to locate it. We were successful. The attached sonar target record contains the buoy's sidescan image, latitude and longitude, and dimensions. I hope that this information will be helpful in Finavera's efforts to recover it."

BWTF: Need a volunteer to research and purchase glassware and re-agent materials for the lab. John K. volunteered. Charlie suggested we put together a short write-up for the newspaper on what is going on this summer with BWTF and also advertise a community service project for August. Another goal proposed for BWTF is to link Seaside and Astoria high schools with the program.

Events:

Dog Poo Bag Dispenser Coming to Short Sands: Major thanks to north coast activist Katie Sokolowki and State Parks Manager Larry Oswald for helping the Portland chapter work out an agreement for installing new dog poo bag dispensers this summer at Short Sands. The Portland chapter is funding the project modeling the Newport Chapter's agreement with South Beach State Park. Dispensers are planned for install within the next month. The initial cost will be \$500 to install dispenser and have 6,000 non-plastic biodegradable bags.

International Surf Day, June 20: Celebration at Otter Rock. Event includes BBQ and Horseshoe Tournament. Contact Charlie if you would like to sign up for the tournament.

2. Law Clerk Update—Drew:

Drew has been doing a great job catching up on all the campaigns Surfrider Oregon is currently working on:
Wave Energy—timeline
Georgia Pacific lease agreement negotiation—who is responsible for clean-up, city, state, DEQ...
Plastics Campaign—ordinances in other cities, state, localities; doing research on exceptions and claims.

3. Treasury Update—John Dingle:

\$8,370.00 account
\$ 400.00 cash
\$8,770.00

Budget projection is 11-12k for 2008. John informed us that as a 501(c)(3) we are mandated to specifically declare fundraiser proceeds for our events.

4. Storm Drain Marking—John Thompson:

We really need your volunteer help and support to reach our goals this summer for marking catch basins! This is a fun and easy activity for any volunteer beginner to advanced. All supplies/instructions are provided and the event is family friendly! **Next event will be happening on June 17th at 6:00 pm or Contact John Thompson at: surfaeronca1@aol.com**

Events are 3rd Tuesday and last Saturday of every month. Each event is about 1 hour.

5. Volunteer Update—Charlie:

Storm Drain Marking: Tuesday June 17, 6:00 pm – Contact John Thompson at: surfaeronca@hotmail.com, Family friendly, great opportunity to support the program and easy plug-in for first-timers.

SE Schiller St (between SE Holgate Blvd and SE Raymond St.) & SE 40th Ave. John will leave his surf wagon (with Surfrider Foundation stickers) at that location... If you come late, we will be in that general neighborhood ... come find us.

Marine Reserves Meeting Wednesday, June 18th, 6:30pm. - Contact Annie Birnie at: annie@ouregonocean.org. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Avenue
Meet with our coalition field team members to learn more about the marine reserve process and how to get involved.

International Surf Day June 20th: All day, Otter Rock. Family friendly celebration of surfing! BBQ, Horseshoe tournament and door prizes. Bring the whole family! Contact: Ken Wilson (ken@awesomesurfvideos.com) or myself for more information.

Blue Water Task Force: The chapter's water quality monitoring program in Astoria. Fun and easy way to engage on the north coast. If you travel to the north coast often or know folks in the area that may be interested, contact Tim Roth at: troth@astoriak12.org.

Campaigns and Policy:

Plastics: General Contact: Stiv Wilson: stivjwilson@gmail.com. Lots of different opportunities to plug in to the burgeoning campaign to reduce consumer plastics in Portland. See below:

Bring your plastic: Just bring your non-recyclable plastic to the next chapter meeting for our "build the gyre" project...what could be a simpler opportunity.

Plastic Displays: Contact Randy Painter: dlux5k@yahoo.com. Your creativity and artistic support is needed! Help us put together some displays for raising awareness about plastics and our initiatives for events.

Portland City Council: Do you have contacts in city council or a good sense of navigating the politics and players of the City of Portland? We need your support to help start a dialogue with our council members about our plastics initiatives. Contact Stiv Wilson for details.

Marine Reserves: Learn more about our Special Places Campaign and the upcoming public proposal process for establishment of a network of marine reserves in Oregon's territorial sea. Travel to the coast, meet with public officials, help support our proposal process or just learn more. Contact Pete Stauffer: pstauffer@surfrider.org or myself.

Wave Energy: To learn more about our efforts with wave energy planning and how you can become more involved contact Pete Stauffer or Stiv Wilson.

6. Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project—Yolanda:

Please continue to vote each day for Portland as the last stop for the **Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Tour** this summer. Deadline is July 15. If Portland is chosen the event/celebration will be August 23. \$1,000 will go to the winning city. Please vote at <http://www.barefootwine.com/beachrescue/home.asp>

Please contact Yolanda if you are interested in assisting on the day of the event, August 23.

7. Art Show at Lizard Lounge—Ian:

Ian needs volunteers to table at the event. He was able to secure all the artists that were needed! Great job!

8. Plastics Subcommittee—Stiv:

The subcommittee has decided to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 pm at Backstage. We have teamed up with **Leave No Plastic Behind** <http://plastic.cheryllohrmann.com/> to work on the campaign and an upcoming event scheduled for August 18. We will recreate the North Pacific Gyre at Waterfront Park. Please begin saving non-recyclable plastics for the event to bring to the next Chapter meeting.

Please see the Volunteer Update section below to see how you can become involved with this new campaign. Matt and Melissa volunteered to begin research on how to begin to talk to our City Council about the campaign.

Leave No Plastic Behind had an art opening on Thursday June 12 at Gumbo Gallery to display educational artwork made entirely from non-recyclable plastics. Very informational and beautiful!

9. Snowrider—Ciea:

Ski Bowl Clean-up is being scheduled with the Mt. Hood Ranger

Friends of Trees are working with Ciea and Michael for a tree planting event in the fall.

Stiv suggested creating signs for the lifts about cleaning up the mountain. He suggested we share costs with the mountain.

10. Two Kegs of Beer—John Koenig:

John is looking into have a house party fundraising event (family-friendly) in July.

11. Opens

Charlie: **Pacific Northwest Conference 10/24 – 10/26**, would like some ideas on what kinds of issues/topics we would like to see.

Charlie: **Board of Directors Meeting in Oregon** at the end of the month. Opportunity to give a short presentation. Stiv was not clear on what we could present in a short period of time. Stiv and Charlie decided to talk after the meeting.