

Announcement for Volunteers for Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve Community Working Groups

The Otter Rock Marine Reserve Community Working Groups will serve as advisors to the Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team (NSAT) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) regarding issues relating to the Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve. As mandated by House Bill 3013, ODF&W has created a Marine Reserves Work Plan that outlines both ODF&W's work and the work of NSAT (www.oregonocean.info). In addition, NSAT and the Director of ODF&W have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between those two organizations and; Lincoln County, OR; the City of Depoe Bay, OR; the City of Newport, OR; the Port of Newport, OR; the Depoe Bay Harbor Commission; and Fishermen Involved in Natural Energy (FINE), regarding the Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve site.

In coordination with ODF&W, NSAT is creating three individual working groups to support the Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve: 1) Social & Economic, 2) Education/Outreach/Compliance, and 3) Biological Science. The groups will be working with ODF&W marine reserve staff to draft site specific goals and objectives for the Otter Rock Marine Reserve management plan as well as assisting in important specific decisions that will guide in the development of an overall monitoring plan for the site. Individual group meetings are required and it is estimated that meetings will need to take place at least monthly. The goal of creating these working groups is to represent a diverse collection of Oregon ocean users/stakeholders to insure that all user/stakeholder groups and impacted coastal communities have a voice in the decisions regarding management and implementation of the designated Otter Rock Pilot Marine Reserve. As a Community Working Group member, your main task will be to represent the coastal cities, communities, and neighborhoods from South Beach to Salishan; the Oregon ocean users of those communities; and your user/stakeholder group. A community meeting to discuss the working groups is scheduled for all interested individuals on Thursday, April 29th at 6:30PM, at the Depoe Bay Community Hall (corner of Bay St. and Coast Guard Dr.). Two other meetings are planned to be held in Otter Rock and Newport.

NSAT was created by the Depoe Bay City Council over four years ago; as a city chartered commission it reports to the Depoe Bay City Council. The three Community Working Groups will report to the NSAT monthly: NSAT and ODF&W will pick the members and chairpersons of each of the three working groups.

Primary Responsibilities;

- Assist in developing a biological management & monitoring plan
- Assist in developing social and economic management & monitoring plan
- Assist in conducting baseline social and economic field work and data gathering
- Develop and draft site specific goals & objectives for use in the management plan
- Review draft plans
- Review draft baseline results
- Advise on compliance and enforcement plans
- Advise and assist with publicity and marketing of the Marine Reserve site
- Assist with outreach and education

Qualifications;

- Effective communication skills
- Ability to work well in a group setting
- Be respectful of all opinions presented, Ability to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Must be willing to commit to a two (2) year term
- Attend team meetings that will occur one, possibly two times per month, lasting approximately two hours
- Reliability and punctuality
- Must use email to communicate or be willing to start using email to communicate

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.ci.depoe-bay.or.us> and <http://www.oregonocean.info/otterrock> or may be picked up at the Depoe Bay City Hall, 570 SE Shell Ave. All applicants must submit a completed application to Depoe Bay City Hall, P.O. Box 8, Depoe Bay, OR, 97341, by 5:00 pm Tuesday, June 1, 2010, either by mail or applications may also be dropped off at the Depoe Bay City Hall. Applications may be typed or hand written, please write "Working Group Application" on the outside of the Application Form/envelope. All applications must be completed in full in order to be reviewed for selection. Applicants will be advised of selection.