

**MSRP Trustee Council Meeting
Santa Cruz Island, CA
June 20, 2008**

Minutes

Meeting commenced: 12:00pm

Meeting attended by the following Trustee
Council members, staff and alternates:

Jennifer Boyce - NOAA	Vanessa Nalle – NOAA
Gabrielle Dorr – NOAA	Chuck McKinley – DOI (FWS and NPS)
Kate Faulkner – National Park Service	Rob Ricker - NOAA
Suzanne Goode - CDPR	Chris Plaisted – NOAA
Jim Haas – FWS	Dave Witting -NOAA
Laird Henkel – Fish & Game	Lisa Wolf-Kolb – Fish & Game
Annie Little – FWS	Patty Velez- Fish & Game

MSRP Cost Documentation

Jennifer Boyce made a motion for the council to ratify cost package, FWS CY 2004 - \$472,956.87. The motion was seconded by Kate Faulkner. Council voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kate Faulkner made a motion for the council to ratify CDFG CY 2006 - \$40,889.39 and CDFG CY2007 - \$42,428.86. Jennifer Boyce seconded the motion. Council voted in favor and the motion carried.

Persis Appiagyei is the new contact for MSRP cost packages at Cotton & Co. Meg Gardner, the previous contact is on maternity leave. All cost packages will be routed through Vanessa Nalle.

Discussion was held to consider switching to Fiscal Year reporting for cost packages with budgets remaining on the calendar year. TC consensus was that since the budget follows the calendar year, it would be too complicated for budget and cost people to submit cost documentation on a different schedule than the budget.

Trustee council members from NPS, FWS, CDPR will advise Vanessa Nalle when their 2006 cost packages will be ready.

Trustee council members (except CDFG) were requested to submit their 2007 cost packages as soon as possible.

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Project Updates:

Fish Advisories

Dave Witting is working with Susan Klasing of OEHHA and new fish advisories are moving forward. Advisories on White Croaker, Bard Sand Bass, Kelp Bass and California Scorpion Fish are done and Surf Perches is in progress. A draft advisory will be ready in about 4-6 weeks.

Reefs

Dave Witting reported that the survey dive of the Belmont Pier in Long Beach will take place on Friday, June 27. The dive will be used to survey sediment and bottom conditions and work out a footprint of the proposed reef. A summary of the Belmont Pier dive will be provided. After the dive, the next step is to meet with pier and Long Beach contacts and start setting up contracts for the next phase of the project.

Marine Protected Areas

Kate Faulkner discussed the results of the meeting held in conjunction with the California Islands Symposium on the efficacy of MPA's which indicated increased biomass, density and size of fish. Overall summaries of the southern California coast MPA's will start this summer. Kate Faulkner has symposium summaries she can email the council.

A question was raised on enforcement within MPA's. Funds for enforcement go to CDFG and NPS covers some areas. Kate Faulkner and Jennifer Boyce will contact Sean Hastings to discuss potential funding for enforcement activities within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

The recommendation of the MPA Commission for the central coast is going to be presented to the Coastal Commission next month for approval.

Outreach

The council discussed the benefits of outreach to Congressional staffers who attended the field trip to Santa Cruz Island. The consensus was that the field trip is good exposure for the program and highlighted restoration efforts.

Suggestions for future field trips:

- Include overall presentation of NRDA and MSRP key points prior to boarding the boat.
- Include a big picture of OPA/CERCLA and an explanation of the basics of restoration.
- Be able to identify and communicate, if asked, areas that could benefit from Congressional attention
- Plan yearly field trips and alternate invitees between media and Congressionals
- Alternate the venues yearly between Channel Islands and mainland Southern California

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Gabrielle Dorr observed the Sea Lab program which consisted of 12-16 middle school and high school students. The students took a trip to the Redondo Pier where they cast lines and spoke with fisherman about what they caught.

A new RFP for outreach mini grants will be developed and released in January 2009.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Mini Grant

Linda Chilton, the main outreach person for the aquarium, has left and Gabrielle Dorr will set up a meeting with her replacement to discuss setting up work shops. They have integrated fish contamination material into their program and plan to do more workshops before the end of the grant cycle.

Other outreach:

- 2 additional banners are being made
- Gabrielle Dorr and Jennifer Boyce held two seabird workshops - they met with a kayaking group and the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps of Volunteers to stress the importance of minimizing disturbances to nesting seabirds in and around caves. Additional outreach will also include speaking to regular monthly fishing groups about contamination issues and safe fish consumption.

Bald Eagle Update

Funds for a new Bald Eagle video production that were approved in the NPS 2008 budget will be sent to NOAA so that a contract can be made for production to begin. Some of the budgeted amount for the production will also cover outreach costs. Kevin White of Full Frame Productions is on board and will produce the video using the inventory of eagle footage we already have as well as shooting new footage (including footage of the broken wing injured eaglet that is still in the veterinary hospital in Orange County). It was also proposed that Kevin shoot plant and seabird work in progress to be used for website and other outreach material.

The eaglet recovering from a broken wing is recovering and is expected to be released into the South hack tower within the next two weeks. IWS will monitor it for three weeks in the hack tower before it is released. The eaglet with the injured beak was released from the vet hospital and was placed by IWS into the South hack tower with an eagle whose nest was destroyed in Northern California.

Catalina eagles are getting ready to fledge

Peregrine Falcon Update

Peregrine Falcon eggs are in the lab from the 2007 survey and FWS is waiting for Peregrine Falcon data. No surveys are being done this year. The pair of Peregrine Falcons on Santa Barbara Island are breeding. Annie Little is considering contracting another comprehensive survey in 2009.

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Seabird Update

The FWS 2008 budget included funds for collection of Ashy Storm-Petrel eggs from Santa Cruz Island, but did not include funds to analyze the eggs. The last data on Ashy Storm-Petrel eggs is from 1996, so there is a need for current data for potential listing by FWS. FWS made a determination that it is warranted to do a 12-month finding on the status of the species, including contaminants to determine threat to the species. There are currently 10 eggs to be analyzed. The council approved authorizing funds to conduct the analysis of the eggs collected this year and to have the results summarized in a report. Annie will prepare a resolution for the analysis of contaminants and egg shell thickness and associated report. The cost of the data analysis is \$14,410. Annie and Jen need to discuss contracting options and decide on the best avenues for transferring funds to the different cooperators.

San Nicolas Island Project:

The public comment period closed on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Many public comments were received, both in support of or in opposition to the proposed native species restoration project, including suggestions for alternate strategies such as a trap, neuter, release. All public comments, including emails, will be put on a CD and hard copies will be printed for public record.

Darren Thome of FWS received a call from John Grandy, Sr. VP of Wildlife and Habitat Protection for The Humane Society to discuss the San Nicolas Island Project. Darren explained that the project is a MSRP Council decision, not just a FWS decision, which required the agreement of the U.S. Navy. Mr. Grandy was told that their proposals would be considered and the Humane Society is waiting for the council's response.

The San Nicolas Island project team will make recommendations to the council on how to respond and the council will schedule a conference call to discuss.

Annie Little will draft a summary of public comments for inclusion in the final EA.

San Miguel Restoration

Annie Little, Kate Faulkner and Jennifer Boyce have been tracking the feasibility of rat eradication on San Miguel Island. They have determined it is too complicated and the risks to native fauna such as Island Fox from the rodenticide too great to make pursuing implementation of the project feasible at this time. It was requested that the funds that were earmarked for the San Miguel Project be re-allocated amongst the current seabird restoration projects. The council can revisit implementing the project in Phase II of the restoration planning. TC members discussed and agreed to release the \$3M in funds budgeted for rat eradication to seabird restoration projects that are part of Phase I because currently, there are over-expenditures on some of these seabird projects. A TC resolution would be required and will be presented at the next budget meeting. Annie, Jen and Laurie Harvey will meet to discuss how to allocated the funds among the current projects and present revised budgets to council as part of the annual budget meeting.

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Other Items of discussion

- The annual DARP Lessons Learned workshop has a proposed schedule date of October 21 at The Bay Model in Sausalito, CA and will be an opportunity for all trustee councils to discuss process. Jen will be providing more information soon.
- The first week in November is the target to finalize 2009 budgets.
- Jen proposed holding a two day council meeting in late October or early November in Long Beach. The first day would involve presentations on MSRP restoration projects by staff and cooperators. Day two would be the annual budget discussion. The Council was receptive to the idea. More information on the meeting and potential dates will be discussed on future monthly calls.
- A review of Growing Solution's budget was suggested by Rob Ricker.

Meeting broke for lunch: 1:10pm – 1:35pm

Meeting ended: 2:05pm

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NEXT TRUSTEE CONFERENCE CALL: July 10, 2008 at 2:00pm