

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Agenda Item: 13

Information

Topic: Reports

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Topic: Salmonberry Planning Process

Attachment: None

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Background

In 2007 historic winter storms severely damaged the Salmonberry Rail Corridor that runs between Banks and Tillamook. The rail line, owned by the Port of Tillamook Bay Corporation (PTBC), was forced to cease operation due to an estimated \$54 million dollars in damage. The rail corridor has remained largely unused since 2007, except for the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad (OCSR), a scenic tour train running on the west end of the line. In early 2012, a coalition of potential stakeholders came together to explore the potential for re-use of the corridor as a recreational trail. This coalition was brought together at the request of several Tillamook County Commissioners, Senator Betsy Johnson and the PTBC and includes: Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF); Cycle Oregon, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD); OCSR; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW); and the PTBC. With support from OPRD, ODF, and Cycle Oregon a high level feasibility analysis of a rails and trails project along the Salmonberry rail line was completed in late 2012. Based on that feasibility study and financial support from Cycle Oregon a more detailed comprehensive planning effort, led by OPRD and ODF, has been undertaken to outline a plan for potential trail development. The purpose of OPRD involvement is to assist other partners in the development of a recreational connection between the Willamette Valley and the Oregon Coast.

Planning Meetings

The planning process continues to move forward. The initial round of public outreach identified a number of good questions and research areas. One of the most valuable outcomes from this first round is the identification of stakeholders that can help address specific aspects of the trail planning efforts. Some of the stakeholders can be organized into sub planning groups to address issues such as: potential regulatory compliance; fish and wildlife concerns; multi-modal uses of the trail, rail operation within the project area; landowner concerns; and traditional recreational uses of the corridor and surrounding lands. These sub groups will help provide additional information to inform the opportunities and constraints analysis in the second phase of planning.

Coalition

The Salmonberry Coalition met in January, 2014. This meeting reviewed the input received from the initial planning meetings. The group also continued to address the development potential for a support structure for the project that does not rely solely on OPRD and ODF. One of the first steps in this process is to start the process of involving the Oregon Legislature for project support and direction. The legislative concept in the 2014 interim session is designed to provide legislative targets for plan completion. This will also set the stage for a request in the 2015 legislative session to request a dedicated staff resource and some development money. This will be essential as both OPRD and ODF do not have resources that could manage the project after the planning process is complete. The legislative concept will also create a dedicated fund to accept donations for any additional planning work or project development.

Prior Action by Commission:

Information provided March 2012 on long term property acquisition potential

Information provided January 2013 Directors Update

Information provided April 2013 on completion of feasibility work

Information provided Nov 2013 on first planning meetings

Action Requested: None

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Topic: Cottonwood Canyon

Attachment: None

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In July of 2011 the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission directed staff to pursue a Recreation Public Purposes application for BLM property surrounding OPRD property at Cottonwood Canyon State. The Recreation Public Purposes Act allows Local and State Governments to lease or purchase BLM property for the purpose of recreation development and management. An important element of the lease application process is a public scoping effort to help create and Environmental Assessment (EA) on potential impacts of authorizing the lease.

The Prineville District of the BLM has been leading the lease analysis and public outreach process. A public meeting was held in Moro, OR on Nov 19, 2013. OPRD staff attended that meeting to observe and answer any question about the comprehensive plan for the park. OPRD staff worked with BLM staff to set up a second meeting and extend the overall comment period. A second meeting was conducted in Condon, Oregon on January 13, 2014.

Over the next several months BLM will analyze the results of the public comments to assess if new or unanticipated issues have emerged. The EA will consider a no action alternative and an approval of the lease to implement the Cottonwood Canyon comprehensive plan. It is expected that if approved the lease would contain terms and conditions for use of BLM property, but would not significantly alter the recreational opportunities for Cottonwood Canyon.

A public comment process will be part of the draft EA process, but is expected to be complete. A final decision may be ready in the late summer or early fall of 2014.

Prior Action by Commission: Approval of Cottonwood Canyon Comprehensive Plan July 2011
Park Opening September 2013

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Topic: Rulemaking Status

Attachment: None

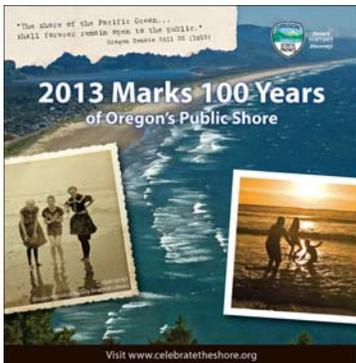
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Rulemaking Activity Log

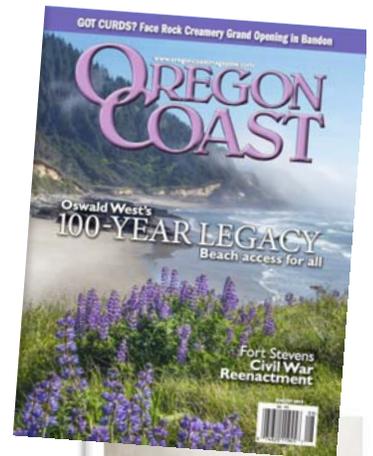
OAR & Division	Subject Matter	Commission Approval for Rulemaking	Rulemaking Process Opened	Hearing Dates	Public Comment Expiration Date	Target Date for Commission Adoption
736-021	Smoking Restrictions on the Ocean Shore	tent. 2/5/14				4/9/14
736-010	Smoking Restrictions	9/24/13	11/15/13	1/7-1/16/2014	1/17/14	2/5/13
736-040	John Day Scenic Waterway	5/8/2013	Not filed yet	N/A	03/31/14	04/16/14
736-015	Fee Increase	5/8/2013	7/15/2013	8/20 through 8/23/13	8/30/13	Adopted
736-002	Agreements with non-profit organizations	5/8/2013	6/13/13	7/30/13	8/2/2013	Adopted
736-053	Heritage Commission - grants and statewide celebrations	5/8/2013	5/15/2013	6/19/13	6/21/13	Adopted



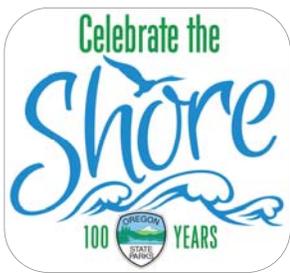
Item 13b: Highlights from the 2013 promotion of the “beach centennial”
the 100th anniversary of Governor Oswald West’s bill which declared that the shore of the Pacific Ocean should “forever remain open to the public”



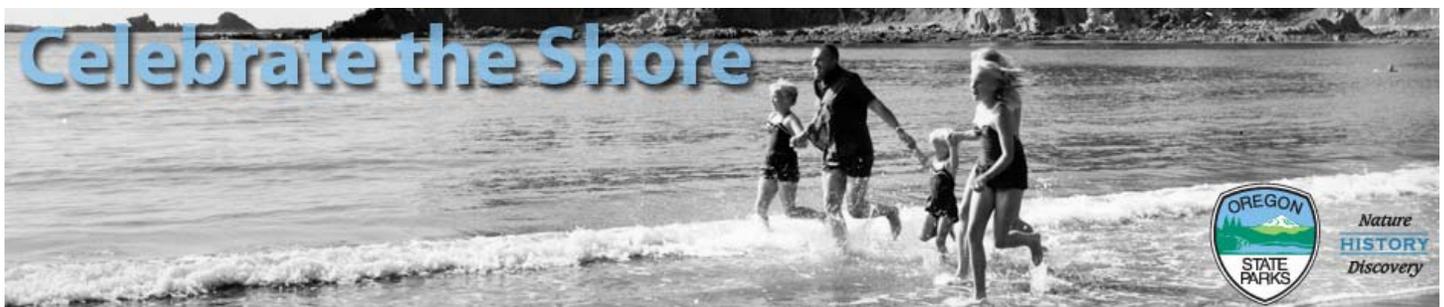
The idea to recognize the anniversary originated with a private citizen. OPRD willingly took on the project to spread awareness of the year’s importance and first launched the initiative by taking out an ad in the spring 2013 *Mile-by-Mile Guide* to the Oregon coast (left). We also formed a steering committee made up of partners from ODOT, Travel Oregon, SOLV, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the State Archives, and coastal convention and visitors’ bureaus.



We followed up the ad by writing a cover story on Oswald West for the July/Aug. issue of *Oregon Coast* magazine (right). The subtitle was “Beach Access for All.”



We developed a logo for the initiative and had it turned into a window decal (left) and banner (top) displayed at parks and welcome centers along the coast. The decals were also handed out to volunteers at the annual beach clean-up organized by SOLV.



We created a website, www.celebratetheshore.org, where we posted regular entries about the history of the Oregon coast and important figures such as Oswald West and Tom McCall as well as information about upcoming events (including those sponsored by our partners). We also used the site to announce the CTS photo contest.

The Celebrate the Shore photo contest

The Celebrate the Shore photo contest invited the public to share personal or family photos (contemporary or historic) of recreation on the Oregon coast for a chance to win two nights' stay in a state park yurt. By collecting a virtual "scrapbook" of diverse coastal memories, the goal was to visually demonstrate the significance of the Oregon coast to thousands of people's lives over multiple generations. In the spirit of Oswald West's bill, the contest was "people's choice": we let the public decide the winners through open online voting.

People from all over Oregon and outside the state (see right) submitted photos for a chance to win. We hosted the contest on Woobox, a social promotions management system. All four winning photos were displayed at the 2013 Oregon State Fair.



Winner: received a voucher good for two nights' stay in a state park yurt

Runners-up: each received a 12-month Oregon State Parks day-use parking permit



*If sight of sand and sky and sea has given respite from your daily cares
then pause to thank Oswald West former governor of Oregon (1911-1915)
By his foresight nearly 400 miles of the ocean shore was set aside for public use
from the Columbia River on the north to the California border on the south
This marker is erected and dedicated by the grateful citizens of Oregon
to commemorate this outstanding achievement in the conservation of natural resources.*

—commemorative plaque at Oswald West State Park

By the numbers

685 photos submitted during the month of July (all are now part of OPRD's permanent collection, with rights granted to reproduce the images in print and online materials)

23 number of states represented by the entrants, including British Columbia—Oregon, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Virginia, and Florida

1902 the year the earliest photo submitted (right) was taken



6,949 votes cast online during the first two weeks of August

1,036 votes cast for the winning entry (left)