



North Coast Watershed Association Board of Directors Meeting Notes

November 24, 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:30 PM (via Zoom)

Members Present: Carla Cole, Chris Farrar, Jason Smith, Ty Williams, Mark Garrigues

Staff Present: Kelli Daffron, Celeste Lebo

Introductions and announcements. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Carla shared photos of ODFW's chum relocation work on Big Creek and Bear Creek. Staff from Lewis and Clark National Historical Park spent the day helping relocate chum gathered from just below the hatchery (fish barrier) on Big Creek into Bear Creek.

It was a good year for the Lower Columbia chum population. Click the link below to find out more!
<https://odfwchum.forestry.oregonstate.edu/sampling-updates>

October Meeting Minutes. Carla called the meeting officially to order at 4:00 and welcomed everyone. She asked for a review of the October meeting minutes and a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Approved.

Fiscal Report. Jenn presented our current financial statements. She shared that she thought we are on track for spending at this point in the fiscal year and didn't see anything concerning with regard to our income versus expenses.

NCWA Council Reports.

- River Council – The December 10 River Council meeting will be hosted via ZOOM. We will devote the meeting to talking with Tessa to learn more about the council's history and any projects she feels are important for the council to pursue before she steps back from being an active member on the NCWA board.
- Coastal Council – The November 16 Coastal Council meeting was held via ZOOM. We discussed the Shark Creek and Asbury Creek projects in Arch Cape, along with the water quality monitoring that Jerome Arnold (long-time Ecola Creek volunteer) completed over 10 years.

NCWA Staff Report (please review NCWA Staff Update for November).

Celeste reviewed the work that Wendi, Kelli, and she had completed over the prior month.

Some highlights included the Rocky Shores habitat designation proposals that the North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition is proposing for Ecola Point and Chapman Point. The Coastal Council drafted and submitted a letter of support for the designations. Chris asked who the coordinating agency is for the Rocky Shores designation proposals. The Oregon Coastal Management Program oversees the designations.

Celeste shared that she provided a COVID-19 safety training and developed a COVID-19 safety plan (attached) for the watershed association, as recommended by OSHA.

She also shared good news from OWEB regarding the status of funding for the *Upper Big Creek Floodplain Reconnection* (restoration grant). We ranked fourth and will receive funding to begin project work in summer 2021. We also ranked fourth for the *Ecola Creek Watershed Beaver Habitat Enhancement* project (technical assistance grant), but will not receive funding because OWEB typically only funds two technical assistance grants each cycle.

City Nature was another project that led to more discussion. We would like to work on this project in 2022. The board suggested that staff reach out to local partners for a collaborative approach to the project.

The board also requested that a link to the Nature Matters presentations is added to our website.

Water Quality Report – 2019 data. Kelli reviewed the data from the 2019 water quality sampling period. Stay tuned for the 2019 Water Quality Technical Report!

Public Comment. No one from the public attended the meeting.

Good of the Order. No comments were provided.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.