



Oregon Ocean Science Trust Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Hatfield Marine Science Center, Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building and virtually on
GoToMeeting

Meeting documents and video recording are posted on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (OOST)
website:

<https://www.oregonoceanscience.com/trust-meetings>

OOST Members present

Chair Laura Anderson, Vice-Chair Dr. Karina Nielsen, Representative Gomberg (virtual), Dr. Ted DeWitt, Dr. Keith Wolf (virtual), Cristen Don

Interested parties and Presenters

Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies; Cory Archer, Sprout Media; Shannon Browne, Sprout Media; Kayla Anderson, Sprout Media; Jean Straight, DSL; Joseph Flager, DSL; Ellie Forness, DSL; Linda Safina-Massey, DSL; Jena Carter, The Nature Conservancy; Caitlin Magel, University of WA; Scott Marion, ODFW; Dr. Liz Whiteman, Executive Director, CA Ocean Science Trust (OST); Andrea Sumerau, CTSI; Brian Rogers, Executive Director, Oregon Cultural Trust and Oregon Arts Commission; Joe Liebezeit, Bird Alliance of OR, OR Ocean Alliance, & OPAC; Louli Ziels, Oregon Sea Grant Fellow and Oregon Coastal & Ocean Information Network Fellow; Dr. Kate Sullivan, CA State University; Andy Lanier, DLCD and OCOIN Steering Committee

Welcome and Introductions (not recorded)

Chair Anderson welcomed everyone. Each board member introduced themselves.

Approval of July 2024 meeting minutes (not recorded)

Karina Nielsen moved, and Ted DeWitt seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 10, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Update & reminder of law changes & required trainings Jean Straight, DSL (not recorded)

- Jean provided an overview of the required trainings that members of boards and commissions need to complete by December 31, 2024. This information was provided in the email she sent to the OOST board last month.
- Jean provided a brief explanation of HB2992 which is intended to reduce financial barriers to participation on a Board or Commission. If a member meets the criteria (i.e. annual income) they need to fill out and submit the attestation form in Workday. You

will receive an email from Tricarico Schwartz, DSL, with information on this and Tricarico can answer your questions.

OOST Ocean and Coastal OAH Grant Project Presentations (not recorded)

- Scott Marion, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife – Seafloor mapping of nearshore habitats of the Rogue River Reef Complex
 - Scott provided a brief update on the seafloor mapping:
 - Phase 1 – Sonar system on a boat, all integrated in one package, very portable, test mapping protocols.
 - Phase 2 – Small boat survey on Rogue Reef.
 - Phase 3 – Extended large boat surveys beginning now. ROV video “grab sampling” for habitat classification.
 - Phase 4 – Data workup, analysis, and dissemination.
- Caitlin Magel, University of Washington, Puget Sound Institute – Evaluating the interaction of water quality and eelgrass in Coos Bay estuary using a biophysical model
 - Caitlin – Eelgrass and seagrass are recognized for many valuable services; they are highly dynamic with lots of variables. Project focus is on the Coos Bay Estuary due to recent decline in eelgrass. She provided an overview of their study on OAH Mitigation, ecosystem model. A few of Caitlin’s topics:
 - Overview on biochemical model framework
 - Water quality model calibration
 - Eelgrass model calibration
 - 3 eelgrass scenarios and those results

Laura thanked the presenters. Due to being overtime, please email any questions to the presenters.

Federal and State Legislative Engagement Roadmap – Key Next Steps –

Steps to build legislative champions in Oregon Legislature and federal offices – Laura Anderson, Lisa DeBruyckere, and Liz Whiteman, Executive Director, California Ocean Science Trust (not recorded)

- Lisa – The genesis of this came from the ESP Advisors assessment report. OOST and the California OST (OST) have a dual contract with ESP Advisors. Our collaboration with OST will help create a rich agenda for the west coast ocean.
- Liz – Lisa has captured everything very well. Liz mentioned some of the similarities in goals and challenges for OST and OOST.

Followed by Board member Q&A, comments, and discussion with Liz.

Fundraising and Communications deliverables and next steps – Shannon Browne and Cory Archer

(Please see the GoToMeeting video for the detailed comments and discussion.)

- Laura provided an update on the status of OOST’s presentation to the Coastal Caucus. All of our board members expressed interest in participating; it has been delayed. We will update board members when we have additional information.
- Cory gave a quick update on some of the completed items/projects.

- She provided updates and overviews on projects in process:
 - Legislative work session presentations. OOST is on the Coastal Caucus agenda 11/07/2024. Help inform the legislators and the public on what and who the OOST is; highlight the good work that OOST is funding; being good stewards of state funds, and key successes.
 - Review of the 4-pager legislative briefing developed for OOST board members
 - Resources hub on the OOST website for board members
 - Social media updates – continued engagement
 - The number of visits to OOST’s website is continuing to increase; there is also an increase in clicks on various links.
- Shannon provided a 3rd quarter fundraising update:
 - Finalized the foundation tracker based on known foundations
 - Have submitted to the Campbell Foundation Grant
 - Identified other aligned foundations accepting open solicitations and grants
 - Next steps:
 - Individual donor growth, status on board members cultivating lists of people/organizations that they have relevant connections/relationships
 - Private foundation grants

Followed by discussion and Q&A with board members.

Exploration of other business models – Laura Anderson and Brian Rogers, Executive Director of Oregon Cultural Trust and Oregon Arts Commission

(Please see the GoToMeeting video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 17:25 minute mark.)

- Laura introduced Brian Rogers.
- Brian shared a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Oregon Arts Commission which are both housed in Business Oregon.
 - Oregon Arts Commission has 9 Commissioners
 - Oregon Cultural Trust has 11 board members; 2 are Legislators
 - Governance Structure
 - Biennium Administrative Structure
 - Budget Overview
 - Other Funds 59%, General Funds 28%, and Federal Funds 13%
 - Currently exploring the potential of becoming a semi-independent state agency. Doing so would allow us to be a lot more flexible, nimble i.e. make decisions much more quickly without the required processes of Business Oregon and the Governor’s Office.

Followed by discussion and Q&A with board members.

Oregon Coastal and Ocean Information Network (OCOIN) Re: OOST Nearshore Data Needs Assessment and future data needs resources – Louli Ziels, OCOIN

(Please see the GoToMeeting video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:03:25 minute mark.)

- Louli presented an update on the progress of the research.

- She provided background information on the need for data discoverability in response for the need for centralized data collection and collaboration. High level overview of results:
 - OCOIN's alignment with the findings of OOST's assessment and future OCOIN needs
 - Key takeaways: Crowded data sharing; Too many platforms to search; Challenges with data gaps; Access to data; Data standards and attention to Indigenous data sovereignty; Need for long-term support and funding
- 2024 Goals: 1) Clarity in information networks and OCOIN's position in those networks. 2) Addressing research backlogs. 3) Establishing OCOIN's online presence. 4) Promoting Indigenous data sovereignty awareness. 5) Enhancing a coastal directory.
- She walked the OOST board through OCOIN's updated website.

Followed by discussion and Q&A with board members and Andy Lanier.

Public Comment

(Please see the GoToMeeting video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:28:28 minute mark.)

None

Member Updates, Other Business, Closing Remarks

(Please see the GoToMeeting video for the detailed comments and discussion beginning at the 1:29:05 minute mark.)

- Laura opened a discussion on board meeting efficiency as the meeting agendas have been very full and sometimes does not allow enough time for questions and discussion. No desire to have quarterly meetings lengthened. A couple of ideas: 1) Have one meeting a year that is focused on grant awardee presentations. 2) Have 1-2 board workshops per year plus the quarterly meetings.

Followed by board members' comments and discussion.

Adjourn

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.