

Port of Bandon
Special Commission Meeting
January 10, 2022, 1:30pm
Old Town Marketplace
& Via ZOOM
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Reg Pullen, Rick Goche, Rod Taylor, Donny Goddard and Wayne Butler
Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson - Project Manager, Shawn Winchell –
Harbormaster

Guests: John Towne, David Brock-Smith, Carmen Defranco, Brenda Meade – Coquille Indian
Tribe Council Chairman

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 1:30.

Brenda discussed the past years efforts with collecting wild brood stock of Coquille River Chinook Salmon for the restoration project between the Port of Bandon, The Coquille Indian Tribe and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The efforts made were not sufficient to reach the goal but were better than previous years. The Tribe, being federally recognized, have petitioned the State of Oregon to give the Coquille Indian Tribe a vote with ODFW. A bounty program was discussed with the eradication of the small mouth bass that has become invasive to the Coquille River and is predatory to the survival of Chinook Salmon. Commissioner Pullen stated he admired a bounty program over a derby. State Rep David Brock-Smith gave an example of a derby he lobbied on for pike minnow on the Rogue River to not so immense success. He is interested in hearing from local agencies on capital projects to invest state funds for his district in. The bounty program was discussed by Brenda and Port commissioners figuring out bounty prices, locations, collection stations and rules/regulations. Commissioner Pullen thought the Port should start a 501c3 nonprofit group called Friends of the Coquille River that funds for the bounty program could be deposited. Carmen shared his business of providing rods to underage children for free and spoke of the lack of signage for anglers and lack of public outreach.

Commissioner Pullen thinks releasing only One Hundred Fifty thousand chinook smolts is not enough and would like to see ODFW release at least Five Hundred thousand.

Commissioner Goche made a motion to authorize staff to organize around a 501c3 to get this process started for the purpose of establishing a fund with the coordination from ODFW and the Coquille Indian Tribe to establish a bounty on small mouth bass. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to petition ODFW to increase the number of Chinook Salmon smolts released on the lower Coquille River from One Hundred Fifty Thousand to Five

Hundred Thousand for the 2022 year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Pullen described a piece of land the Port of Bandon owns on Lampa area and asked for Port staff to investigate possible use in the Salmon Restoration Project. Commissioner Goche asked Jeff to inform him of inspection so he may attend.

State Rep David Brock Smith informed the commission that he had sent letters to his staff about the bounty program and is asking for Twenty-Five Thousand to start the fund with matches from participating organizations. He is also requesting Five Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand for the possible expanded infrastructure on the High Dock area.

Carmen spoke of not knowing much about local events and suggested the Port do more for public outreach. He was unaware of Port meetings until Commissioner Taylor invited him. Commissioner Goche suggested a bi-weekly press release be done. David spoke of the mail service he uses to keep his district informed. The Port thanked Brenda and David for attending the meeting.

Jeff outlined the changes proposed to amend and update the Port of Bandon Strategic Business Plan. **Commissioner Goche made a motion to ratify the Strategic Business Plan as amended with the addition directing staff to work with the City of Coquille for the Riverwalk Phase 2. Commissioner Goddard seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**

Public Comment

- At this time John Towne spoke but due to bad audio from video recording. Port was unable to document public comment at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm

Respectfully submitted by Joshua Adamson