

May 25, 2011  
5:30 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The Technical Advisory Task Force met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. Present were Anne Sigleo, David Young, Charlie Plybon, Joe Hayward, Peter Lawson, and Frank DiFilippis. Also in attendance was City Council liaison Lon Brusselback, and City Recorder/Special Projects Director Peggy Hawker.

## INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees introduced themselves.

## REVIEW PROGRAM FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT AND NEXT STEPS

DiFilippis reviewed the work from the previous meeting. He noted that no additional information is required from either the Georgia-Pacific or DEQ surveys. He stated that the group looked at what was missing and determined that to be bioaccumulation data, and that bioaccumulation should be the focus of the monitoring. He added that questions that need to be answered include: are the fish safe to eat, and is exposure to the water safe. Young noted that the water analysis is available but the fish analysis is not. A discussion ensued regarding defining the bioaccumulation monitoring scope of work and plan. Hawker noted that care must be taken to comply with public contracting rules. Plybon mentioned that the previous discussion was held to identify gaps in the studies, but not meant to exclude other data inputs. Brusselback asked about the safety of the water, and it was noted that water monitoring may not be warranted based on available data. Lawson noted that the other data gap is a coliform analysis. It was noted that there are two tiers to bioaccumulation - metals and other contaminants. Lawson noted that the question is "what is coming from the G-P outfall and does it have human health implications, and how does it contribute to beach water quality." Hayward suggested obtaining a bacteria reading and adding context to it. Plybon asked whether the G-P outfall effluent is contributing to bacteria at the beach. It was agreed that the monitoring priorities should be: 1. Bioaccumulation; and 2. Bacteria. Plybon noted that the question pertaining to the safety of seafood cannot be answered without a bioaccumulation study. DiFilippis asked what the RFP should contain. A discussion ensued regarding reference areas, and it was suggested that the study be conducted in the same reference areas used by G-P in its study. Plybon suggested pulling razor clams from the beach if the task is to include human health. He also noted that the G-P effluent is high in lead and copper. Lawson asked how something found in razor clams could be tied back to the G-P effluent. It was suggested that sub-committees be developed to work on the reference areas and bioaccumulation. Sigleo asked where the coliform data exists, and Plybon reported that it is available on the Surfrider website and the state's website. Plybon noted that the type of study is tied to the reference area. The Task Force concluded that it needed a sub-task force to develop the type of study and

area of study. Young, Plybon and Sigleo agreed to serve on the sub-task force and develop a draft prior to the next meeting.

### **TASK FORCE COMMENTS**

Plybon reported that the Yaquina Bay Ocean Observing Initiative will hold a public meeting on July 14, 2011, at the Hatfield Marine Science Center auditorium.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on June 29, 2011, at 5:30 P.M., and the agenda will include a discussion on the sub-task force's work in developing the type of study and area of study.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.