

Public Interest Research Group criticizes program through report

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The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) has released a 96-page report which criticizes Oregon's coastal protection program as "grossly inadequate compared to similar, recently established coastal programs in California and Washington." The report said the program is inferior in terms of policy, membership composition, interim permit authority, and state funding.

The report, written by OSPIRG Staff Attorney Henry Richmond, calls for major changes in the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission (OCCDC), especially the implementation of an interim permit system so that the OCCDC will have the authority to protect the Oregon Coast while the comprehensive conservation and development plan is researched and written.

The OSPIRG report was presented at a meeting between Governor Tom McCall, OSPIRG and other environmental group representatives, and several OCCDC members Monday morning in McCall's Salem office. McCall complimented the OSPIRG representatives on the thoroughness of the report and said that he would have to study it before any decisions could be made.

According to Dan Mulholland, co-chairer of the local OSPIRG board and one of the principle contributors to the report, "The OCCDC has been in existence for 19 months and is presently one year behind schedule in completing the comprehensive coastal plan."

The plan is supposed to be completed by January 1975, but before the plan can be developed an inventory and evaluation of coastal resources must be completed. However, according to the OCCDC schedule, only three out of the 19 different resource inventories will actually be complete before that date.

The report unfavorably compared Oregon's

coastal protection program to those of California and Washington. The policies of California and Washington are oriented more toward environmental protection than Oregon's policies which seek a balance between conservation and development. Also, the Washington and California coastal agencies do not allow port commissioners to be members. The OCCDC has seven port commissioners as members.

One of the key issues is that of permit authority. The OSPIRG report states that "California and Washington coastal programs are strengthened by a permit authority; OCCDC not only does not have an interim permit authority, until recently, but it has resisted environmental group recommendations that it seek such authority; OCCDC still has taken no positive steps to obtain permit authority."

OSPIRG says that the interim permit authority is necessary to fill the huge gaps in the existing permit authority. Among the worst of these gaps is the lack of any regulation over land fills in areas above average high tide. This means that most of Oregon's salt marshes are unprotected.

Also, there is no regulation of developments bordering the ocean shore but not in the low tide to vegetation line zone which is presently regulated by the State Highway Commission. There is no permit authority over large developments which would have regional impact.

Regulation which does occur, according to the report, lacks a coast-wide point of view. OSPIRG also scored the pro-development bias of the present OCCDC membership. The report states that Oregon's coastal program is heavily dominated by coastal port commissioners.

A lack of funds to do an adequate job was cited as another major problem. The OCCDC operates with \$32,000 in state funds and \$61,000 in coastal county contributions, while the California coastal program receives a \$5 million state appropriation and the Washington program receives \$500,000.

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Malarkey going to Jordan as Fulbright lecturer

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"I've been trying to learn a little Arabic, but God it's an opaque language. I'm still on the alphabet."

Stoddard Malarkey, associate professor of English at the University is going to Jordan as a Fulbright lecturer for the 1973-74 academic year.

He will be teaching English and American literature at the University of Jordan in the capital city of Amman.

Under the Fulbright plan, the United States and another country split the cost of sending an American to teach or study in the host country.

Malarkey says he chose Jordan when he applied for the lectureship "because I guess it's not a place I would have visited in the normal course of my life."

Fulbright applicants may apply either as "generalists" or as "specialists" in their field.

Malarkey applied as a generalist. He thinks that many people do not apply for Fulbright grants because they aren't "big names" in their field. "People aren't aware of the need for generalists," he added.

"Most European countries don't need generalists, but the so called emerging nations in Africa, the Mid East, and the Far East, are very glad to get them."

Although the University of Jordan will probably outline the courses it wishes him to teach, Malarkey expects that he will teach a survey course in American literature.

"I'd like to present a sort of cultural history as reflected in literature," he said. "I'd like to use works that are central...The Great Gatsby — that's such a beautiful book."

He will be lecturing in English, which is spoken by most Jordanian university students.

His wife and two of his children will be going with him when he leaves for Jordan next September.

He is very happy. "It's a hell of a good way to see a part of the world that I've always wanted to see, and to be able to spend some time there."

After his year in Jordan Malarkey will be returning to the University.

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