

Council: The adjacent neighbor, Seaside School District, agreed to the action

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Barrett said after the death of Bob and Marianne Poole, family members began the process of cleaning up the property for sale. City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said the city could grant a license instead of passing a street vacation ordinance, but “that probably would not suffice from a buyer’s standpoint.”

Neighbor support

A public street may be vacated according to Oregon statute. Before the city can grant the request, however, it needs to obtain the consent of at least two-thirds the owners of all abutting property.

The application submitted to the city contained signed affidavits of consent from the Seaside School District 10, as the Seaside High School campus surrounds the Poole property to the south and east, and from Paul and Jackie Dochow, who own the tax lot north of the Poole property. No other property owners would be impacted.

Council concerns

Before granting the Pooles’ request, Council President Don Johnson asked if there was a way the family could provide the

city access to a section of 21st Avenue currently occupied by the Pooles.

“I don’t want to give away something that we might need in 50 years,” Johnson said.

Councilor Tita Montero said she thinks the city should receive some kind of compensation before granting the street vacation.

“I feel very strongly about my fiduciary duty to

the taxpayers of this town and I really don’t think we can just give away the taxpayers’ property,” she said.

City Councilor Randy Frank agreed, adding he wants to consider the issue from his constituents’ perspective.

Public Works Director Neal Wallace asked if

there were any public utilities under the property. If so, the city would need to receive an easement from the owners.

Barrett said he was unsure.

Van Thiel said granting this request could have future impacts. “What will you say to the next person?” he asked. “Be careful. It’s a policy consideration.”

The council requested a utilities study and agreed to revisit the draft ordinance at their next meeting Sept. 14.

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Sea stars: Epidemic is one of the largest marine disease events throughout the world

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Sampling results

Volunteers and awareness program staff typically survey three sites every three months and send their results to MARiNe. Researchers look for lesions and missing limbs.

In July 2014, HRAP found 41 sea stars at that north boulders site and only 13 were healthy, showing no signs of the disease.

When they do contract wasting syndrome, the sea stars begin deteriorating in a matter of days or weeks, Keyser said.

The program’s east boulder at the Needles site turned out 42 sea stars in July 2015. In 2014, volunteers found 37 sea stars and 27 showed signs of the disease, including a Category 4 with severe tissue deterioration.

Miner said MARiNe found some diseased sea stars, but not many during a recent resampling at five long-term and three short-term sites on the Oregon coast. “Numbers are definitely down from previous years,” she said.

But results looked different in Washington.

In June, researchers began seeing many sick sea stars in Washington’s intertidal waters again. Fishermen are still finding signs of the disease when they pull sea stars up, Miner said.

In California, the number of diseased animals was down in the spring.

“It’s interesting,” Miner said. “Different places are doing different things.”

Potential causes

Sea star wasting syndrome



Submitted Photo

A sea star with lesions from sea star wasting syndrome hangs from a rock in Cannon Beach during spring 2014.

hit the animals hard in Washington in 2013. Keyser said researchers began seeing a local impact in 2014.

Miner noted that there is a correlation with higher ocean temperatures in some areas, but not all. A warming ocean may make the sea stars more susceptible to disease or stress them out, she added.

While sea star wasting syndrome has been attributed to densovirus, Miner said it’s unknown if that is the same strain researchers witnessed in California before the epidemic.

They haven’t been able to get good tissue samples, and emergency research funding is scarce. Scientists have ideas about the cause of the virus, she said, but nothing definitive.

“This is a lot of arm waving right now,” she said. “We just don’t know.”

stars migrating and predators picking the animals off.

Response

Linked to many sea star wasting cases, a warming ocean is hard to stop with man-made climate change and natural cycles like El Niños, Miner said.

“That’s the trickiest thing,” she noted, “whether we’ll be able to change our ways enough to make a difference.”

Warmer waters have affected other species, such as seabirds, impacting the entire ecosystem, Keyser said.

Some studies have suggested the disease is spread via human touch. Keyser said more research is needed before making any conclusions in Cannon Beach. Researchers sterilize their equipment and boats before going out. Miner suggested visitors and residents err on the side of caution when viewing sea stars.

She added that important information comes from the public. She encourages beachgoers to submit sightings of any sick sea stars to seastarwasting.org.

As is the case in other mysterious die-off events, researchers will have to find more answers before taking any action.

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