

# Land board appoints members to ocean trust

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SALEM — The State Land Board has appointed the first members of the new Oregon Ocean Science Trust, which is supposed to encourage peer-reviewed ocean and coastal research and potentially issue grants to support such work.

The trust does not have any money to distribute, but an adviser to Gov. Kate Brown said one possible source of revenue is the state's share of future offshore renewable energy leases in federal waters.

Lawmakers created the trust and accompanying Oregon Ocean Science Fund, from which the trust will distribute money for research, in 2013. The fund can legally accept money from a variety of sources including grants, donations and appropriations by the Legislature.

## Revenue from ocean leases

The 2013 state law also requires Oregon to deposit the state's share of revenue from any federal ocean leases into the fund. The federal government commonly leases portions of land submerged under the ocean to companies for oil and gas exploration, but Brown's administration is currently

working to secure money for an offshore wind pilot project that would also have a federal lease.

"If there's ever renewable energy revenues in the federal waters, it would go to the trust," said Gabriela Goldfarb, natural resources policy adviser to Brown, after the State Land Board meeting last week. Goldfarb was also an adviser to former Gov. John Kitzhaber.

"The trust will provide a transparent way to prioritize funding and accept funding for those activities," Goldfarb said.

## Ocean acidification research

If the state receives money from federal offshore leases, 30 percent of that money will go into the coffers of counties adjacent to leased areas that generated the money, according to the 2013 law.

One reason it took two years to launch the trust was that Department of State Lands employees had to suspend work on it in late 2013, when they learned there would be a bill in the 2014 session to change some of the trust membership requirements.

As for the areas of research the trust might fund, Goldfarb said "ocean acidification issues would be one." The Governor's Office has been interested since at least the most recent Kitzhaber administration in addressing acidification from the increasing amount of carbon dioxide absorbed by the ocean, which can prevent oyster and clam larvae from developing shells.

Goldfarb said the trust might also be able to help with "better assessments of our fish stocks, for example, social science about recreational use of our coasts and what impact that has, how the resources might be affected by climate change. There's really a whole range, and the emphasis in the legislation is also to focus on community priorities, so I think that would be another role of the trust."

## Appointees are volunteers

Members of the trust are volunteers and under state law, they are not allowed to accept compensation. They can receive reimbursement for expenses.

The governor's nominees to the trust, who were appointed on Tuesday, are:

- Louise Solliday, a retiree from Tidewater whose experience includes serving as direc-



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The Oregon State Land Board has named members to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.

tor of the Department of State Lands and natural resources policy adviser to Kitzhaber (during his first two terms) and former Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

- Laura Anderson, owner of Local Ocean Seafoods in Newport and an Oregon Fish and Wildlife commissioner.

- Emily Goodwin of Hood River, executive director of the Cascade Mountain School and former foundation ocean program officer.

- Jim Sumich, Ph.D., a re-

tiree from Corvallis and former professor of marine biology and zoology at Grossmont Community College in California, marine mammal expert and marine biology textbook author.

- Krystyna Wolniakowski of Lake Oswego, executive director of the Columbia River Gorge Commission and former northwest region director for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

None of the nominees were at the State Land Board meet-

ing, but all were appointed to the trust by a vote of Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins and state Treasurer Ted Wheeler. The governor, who is the third member of the land board, was on a trade mission in Asia. The president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House will also appoint one non-voting member from each chamber.

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## Astoria man arrested for assault, drug possession

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Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a 34-year-old Astoria man Friday night after he allegedly assaulted a man and woman on the John Day Point Logging Road, an isolated stretch of road not far from the Fernhill Road area.

Andrew Bue was charged with two counts of fourth-degree assault (one of these charges was considered domestic assault), two counts of menacing, second-degree attempted assault, possession of heroin and possession of methamphetamine.

According to the woman, Bue also chased them and attacked them with a splitting maul. According to a sheriff's deputy, Bue had to go to the hospital for some minor injuries and his two alleged victims also suffered some injuries, though none of them were major or life-threatening.

It is not clear what the three people were doing out on the logging road, though deputies say it is very likely drugs were involved. Bue was taken to the Clatsop County Jail and will be arraigned in District Court Monday afternoon.

# Cleaning up local beaches requires a team effort

Volunteers come together to clean beach

By DANI PALMER  
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CANNON BEACH — Summer is over, but garbage on the beach is a year-round concern. The Parks and Community Services Committee wants people to remember the beach is not just a playground for residents and visitors, but a natural habitat. Along with the city of Cannon Beach, Chamber of Commerce and Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, the city is working on a campaign encouraging residents and visitors alike to keep the beach clean.

A complaint was first brought to the committee this summer. "People were tending to stake out spots on the beach for their vacation," Committee Chairwoman Barb Knop said, and some hotels were leaving chairs out overnight. "We decided to tackle the problem through education."

Representatives from the Parks Committee attended chamber board meetings where members agreed to help. The chamber sent out weekly newsletters to hotels and rental homes to remind guests to bring their items



Submitted Photo

Garbage is a nuisance on the beach.

back with them, rather than leave them overnight.

But it continued to happen, so the Parks Committee brought in Tracy Sund, with the city's Public Works Department, and Matt Rippee, from the state Department of Parks and Recreation, to discuss education and enforcement tactics.

Sund performs beach cleanup on Mondays and Fridays over the summer, retrieving big and small items. Civilians like Pam Chorlton

Chater and Karen Voyt help out, too.

## Trash, fishing rope

Chater and Voyt picked up "at least a shopping bag filled with trash each and every day," Chater said. She also bought magnets to drag through the sand and retrieve as many nails and other sharp items as she could.

During the March cleanup, 200 feet of fishing rope was found in Cannon Beach.

After the Labor Day weekend storm, Sund found 50 broken chair pieces spread out across the beach from Gower Street to Chapman Point.

Knop said the chamber worked with the hotels leaving out chairs this summer to come up with a plan. They have cooperated and made some changes, she added.

Sund cleans up 100 cubic yards of marine debris a year, and it is not unusual to retrieve 4 bushels of trash a week during the tourist season.

August is the messiest month, he added, as people try to squeeze out the last of summer.

Sund said he has seen tourists leave items on the

beach intentionally and unintentionally. He can usually tell the difference, pointing out items left next to a chair. Those, he said, were likely left behind believing a hotel cabana boy would retrieve them.

## Focus on education, not penalties

Sund donates much of what he finds to Goodwill or recycles it.

One of the committee members is working on a brochure with a message for visitors: Leave the beach as you find it. It's a topic the committee will hit hard again in February, before the tourist season begins.

The state has the power to enforce penalties when there are Beach Bill violations, but

Knop said they're focusing on education.

"The beach is everything," Sund said. "The town owes the beach everything. We're nothing without it."

Which is why he wants Cannon Beach to keep it pristine and "cultivate a sense of place."

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