

Oregon Water Resources Commission
Teleconference
August 25, 2005
Salem, Oregon

Minutes

WRC Members by Phone

Dan Thorndike
John Jackson
Jay Rasmussen
Gary Reed
Charlie Barlow
Mary Meloy
Susie Smith

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Debbie Colbert
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Tom Paul

Others

Jack Crider

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Chair Thorndike called the teleconference meeting to order.

A. Port of Tillamook Bay – Review of Application R-86378

Dwight French, Water Rights and Adjudications Administrator, briefed the Commission on the review of the Port of Tillamook’s application (R-86378).

OAR Chapter 690, Division 501, requires the Commission to “review” the application and that the Commission “may establish additional minimum flows on the natural flow of the stream to support aquatic life or minimize pollution.” Application R-86378 proposes to store water for municipal use and was filed on July 14, 2005. The Department’s water right application process and rules for determining whether a proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with regard to sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species is provided for under the Department’s Division 33 rules. The Department intends to include any conditions suggested by an interagency review team. No requests to establish minimum stream flows or instream water rights are pending by any state agency.

Chair Thorndike reiterated that the role of the Commission is to review the application, and the Commission has the ability to recommend permit conditions. There is no action to be taken.

Following the Commission's review under OAR 690-501-0020, the next step in the application process for Application R-86378 is for the Department to issue a Proposed Final Order and, if applicable, a draft permit. This step will initiate a 45-day protest period.

Jack Crider, General Manager for the Port of Tillamook Bay, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Jackson moved to acknowledge the review of Application R-86378 and direct the Department to incorporate any suggestions received by ODFW and DEQ pertaining to the natural flow of the stream to support aquatic life or minimize pollution into its Proposed Final Order and, if applicable, draft permit; seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. Voting for the motion: Commissioners Smith, Thorndike, Rasmussen, Barlow, Jackson, Meloy, and Reed. Voting against the motion: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Smith
Commission Assistant