

**COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-262PL**

**A RESOLUTION OF COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OREGON, EVIDENCING A COMMITMENT TO COORDINATE WITH CITY OF COOS BAY AND CITY OF NORTH BEND TO WORK TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COOS BAY ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan (“Plan”) was originally developed in the early 1980s to serve as the basis of land, water use, and community development regulations for lands lying within the Coos Estuary and Shorelands; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan is to provide predictability in the issuance of local, state, and federal permits by designating appropriate areas for the location of various existing and future uses and activities with the intent of balancing protection of the environment with economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, an amended version of the Plan was adopted as Coos County Comprehensive Plan Volume II, and by reference by the cities of North Bend and Coos Bay, as the primary implementing land use plan for the Coos Bay Estuary. This update aligned the three jurisdictions, incorporated digital maps from the Coos Estuary Map Atlas, and updated references and background information. This update did not, however, include a comprehensive review and update of the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the three jurisdictions find that a comprehensive review is necessary to keep the Plan current with the most up-to-date data. This ensures that the Plan effectively and appropriately guides the management and conservation of the Coos Estuary and Shorelands; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive update of the Plan will include: a thorough review and analysis of the environmental, social, cultural, and economic characteristics of the estuary; a review and update of policies to comply with applicable Statewide Planning Goals, Statutes, and Rules; a review and modification, as necessary, of management unit boundaries, classifications, and uses, including the revised digital mapping of estuary attributes; updated implementation matrices; updated sections for Mitigation, Restoration, and Dredge Materials Disposal within the Plan; revised Goal Exceptions, if necessary; and a revision of the plan implementation portion of Section 2 of Volume II, Part 1 to establish the roles of the Citizen Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees and to provide a comprehensive structure for future updates; and

**WHEREAS**, an inclusive public outreach program will involve a Citizens Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee to inform the Joint Steering Committee throughout the duration of the comprehensive plan update process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that all three jurisdictions are committed to coordinating to pursue funding for a comprehensive update of the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan, as set forth in Section 2, Policies #36 and #39 of the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan which will include an inclusive Citizen Involvement Program consistent with Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 1 “[t]he governing body charged with preparing and adopting a comprehensive plan shall adopt and publicize a program for citizen involvement that clearly defines the procedures by which the general public will be involved in the on-going land-use planning process”.

At a minimum, citizens with the following backgrounds should be considered for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee:

- Tribal community members at-large, one appointed by each of the local Tribes.

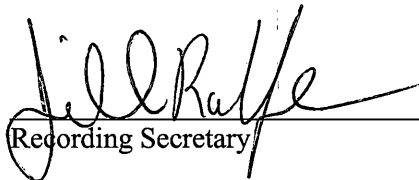
- A citizen member at-large, one appointed by each of the jurisdictions.
- A citizen with a maritime industry background.
- A citizen with commercial or sport fishing industry background.
- A citizen with aquaculture or seafood processing industry background.
- A citizen with public health or social services industry background.
- A citizen with recreation or tourism industry background.
- A citizen with local businesses, generally.
- A citizen with environmental interest.
- At least one citizen from priority populations such as minorities, lower-income, and youth, etc.
- A citizen with an environmental or conservation background.

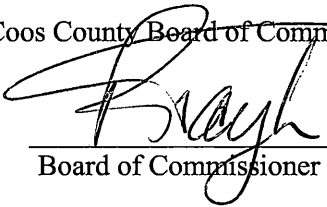
At a minimum, individuals with the following backgrounds should be considered for appointment to the Technical Advisory Committee:

- Marine Economist/Blue Economy Expert: Specializing in the economic aspects of maritime activities, including blue water economy, shipping, and port usage.
- Port and Shipping Specialist: To provide expertise on the operational and logistical aspects of ports and shipping within the estuary.
- Recreational and Tourism Planner: To assess and advise on recreational uses, tourism potential, and the economic impact of such activities.
- Cultural Heritage Expert/Anthropologist: To evaluate the cultural significance of the estuary and provide insights into preserving cultural heritage during development. An appointment member of each tribe named in Policy #18 will satisfy this role unless otherwise agreed upon by the tribes and the governing body.
- Historian: To contribute historical perspectives on the estuary and guide strategies for preserving historical landmarks.
- Environmental Conservationist: To ensure that conservation efforts are integrated into the plan, protecting the estuarine ecosystem and biodiversity.
- Coastal Engineer: To address engineering aspects related to deep water draft activities, ensuring safe and sustainable development.
- Marine Biologist: To study and advise on the impact of deep-water draft activities on estuarine wildlife.
- Sociologist: To study and provide insights into the social dynamics and community impacts of the proposed activities.
- Recreational Fisheries Expert: To assess and manage the impact on recreational fishing activities and associated economies.
- Watershed: To provide expertise from a watershed perspective.
- Water Quality specialist: To study and provide an assessment of water quality.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Coos County Board of Commissioners, Coos County, Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

  
 Recording Secretary

  
 Board of Commissioner Chair