

1 Summary of December 10, 2019  
2 Northeast Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #6  
3 Knappa Fire Station  
4 43114 Hillcrest Loop  
5 Astoria, OR 97103  
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7 **The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Jennifer Rasmussen, NECAC Chair.**  
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<u>NECAC Members Present</u>	<u>NECAC Commissioners Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Public Present</u>
Tallie Spiller	Kelly Huckestein	Gail Henrikson	Jed Arnold
Cheryl Johnson			Chris Farrar
Dirk Rohne			Ed Johnson
Jennifer Rasmussen			Kathleen Sullivan
			Red Nichols
			Julia Decker

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10 **Welcome and Introductions**

11 The NECAC members, staff and members of the public introduced themselves.  
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13 **Review of November 7, 2019, Meeting Summary:**

14 The Committee members noted corrections to be made in the summary. A copy of the revised summary is  
15 attached.  
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17 **Report from Countywide CAC Liaison:**

18 Ms. Johnson reported that she had attended the November Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee  
19 (CCAC) meeting, participated in the forest lands field trip and attended the Forest Lands Conversation. She  
20 stated that the CCAC had finished its review of Goal 3 on November 21, and had started its review of Goal  
21 4. She added that the meeting had been attended by representatives of the timber industry and  
22 employees of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Ms. Johnson stated that the CCAC began part two  
23 of its Goal 4 review at its December 5 meeting.  
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25 Ms. Johnson discussed how some of the citizen advisory committees are passing resolutions regarding  
26 proposed changes and bringing those revisions forward to the CCAC.  
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28 The committee discussed holding companies and forest lands. Ms. Johnson stated that she was drafting a  
29 salmon policy to be included in Goal 4.  
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31 Ms. Johnson discussed the forest lands tour that was held on November 21. She stated that Mark Morgans  
32 of Greenwood Resources, lead the tour. Greenwood Resources is the largest private forest owner in  
33 Clatsop County. She recounted how Mr. Morgans explained the life cycle of trees and how that related to  
34 harvesting decisions.  
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36 Ms. Johnson stated that the Forest Lands Conversation on November 25. There was a large and diverse  
37 representation of persons and interests who attended the event. She discussed how this might create an  
38 opportunity to redefine “forestry uses”.  
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40 Tallie Spiller arrived at 4:17pm.  
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1 After discussion among the committee members, Ms. Johnson was tasked with prepared new language for  
2 Goal 4 Policy 3, which relates to watersheds. Primarily, the committee discussed the effect on fish of  
3 leaving larger buffers on the south side of streams.

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5 Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Johnson what her impression was of the Greenwood tour.

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7 Ms. Johnson stated that some of the information she had already known, but that she still learned much.

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9 The committee continued to discuss other citizen advisory committees' use of resolution and the overall  
10 process.

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12 Commissioner Kathleen Sullivan announced that ODF would be holding a public meeting on December 20 in  
13 Astoria to discuss changes to the Forest Management Plan. The plan provides guidance for the  
14 management of state forests.

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16 **Continuation of Goal 4 Review**

17 The committee discussed how the City of Astoria has a forester on its staff and how a carbon credit  
18 program might operate.

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20 Commissioner Sullivan mentioned how HiiH Lights, a local artist's studio was operated from a home and  
21 how that use helped to supplement farm income for the owners. She stated that the Board of Forestry is  
22 also reviewing climate change and how that will impact forest management and operations in the future.

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24 Dirk Rohne stated that current timber industry practices are working to address climate change through  
25 replanting in harvested areas.

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27 Chris Farrar stated that more carbon is sequestered in soil than in the trees. He added that Lewis and Clark  
28 Timber is trying to figure out how to incorporate slash materials into the soil in order to sequester even  
29 more carbon.

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31 Jennifer Rasmussen observed that trees along streams provide increased shade and help to keep water  
32 temperatures cooler, which is beneficial for fish habitat.

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34 Mr. Rohne discussed the economic benefits of timber. He expressed concerns about people who arbitrarily  
35 become involved and want to slow things down. He stated that people in the timber industry are aware of  
36 the environmental concerns and are afraid that they will be arbitrarily hurt by additional regulations.

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38 Mr. Farrar stated that working forests cannot be favored over fish. He added that the focus cannot just be  
39 on salmon, but has to look at the overall biodiversity of an area. Mr. Rohne disagreed, citing the example  
40 of sport fishing and gillnetters. Mr. Rohne added that he supported a resolution to remove dams along the  
41 river to assist with salmon runs.

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43 Commissioner Sullivan addressed mechanization in the timber industry and how the use of heavy  
44 equipment compacted the soil, which in turn affected tree roots and growth.

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46 Mr. Farrar stated that technology is both a blessing and a curse. He emphasized the need for forests as well  
47 as tree farms.

1 The committee noted that non-resource forest lands can have more stringent regulations than resource  
2 forest lands.  
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4 Jed Arnold encouraged the committee to support general outcomes such as “support cooler water  
5 temperatures”, but advised against being too prescriptive. Mr. Arnold volunteered to assist Ms. Johnson  
6 with drafting outcome-based policies for Goal 4.  
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8 Ms. Johnson stated that one of her concerns was to prevent herbicide sprays from entering into streams.  
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10 Ms. Spiller asked whether there was a way to incorporate climate change-related policies into Goal 4.  
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12 Ms. Johnson stated that she particularly wanted to discuss Policies 3 and 10. The committee continued to  
13 discuss the effects of climate change on the Northeast area of the county. The committee the possibility of  
14 including a policy that would require replanting of trees on non-resource forest lands.  
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16 Mr. Farrar re-emphasized that forests worldwide sequester a large amount of carbon. He discussed the  
17 need for more electric vehicles and similar electric forest equipment.  
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19 Mr. Rohne and Mr. Arnold discussed the benefits of cross-laminated timber versus concrete and steel.  
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21 It was agreed that Mr. Farrar would develop a policy to explain the benefits and encourage the use of cross-  
22 laminated timber over other building materials.  
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24 Ms. Johnson discussed how fallen trees from stream buffers can raise muck and increase water turbidity.  
25 She stated that the desired outcome from a water service provide perspective might be completely  
26 different from the perspective of someone whose goal was to protect fish. Ms. Johnson discussed various  
27 water service providers in the county and how their water reservoirs might be impacted by timber-related  
28 activities.  
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30 The committee discussed Governor Brown’s 100-year water plan. Commissioner Sullivan stressed the need  
31 to report water usage and volumes in order to be able to collect insurance and report losses during times of  
32 drought. Mr. Farrar stated that such data collection and reporting was the responsibility of individual water  
33 districts. The committee continued to discuss impacts from drought and increased water temperatures.  
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35 Ms. Johnson stated that she would like to include a policy in Goal 4 that addresses forest lands and drinking  
36 water supplies. Mr. Farrar noted that breweries use significantly more water than residential uses. Ms.  
37 Johnson clarified that her concern related to pesticides and surface drinking water sources. The committee  
38 continued to discuss annual testing requirements for water districts.  
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40 Mr. Rohne asked how recreational uses of forest land could be paid for. The committee discussed  
41 campgrounds that currently exist in the county. It was suggested that the County could charge for use of its  
42 parks. It was also suggested that a joint meeting between the citizen advisory committees and the County’s  
43 Recreational Lands Advisory Committee should be arranged. Ms. Johnson asked the committee whether  
44 any additional policies regarding recreation should be added to Goal 4. Mr. Rohne stated that the existing  
45 policies were sufficient.  
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47 Mr. Farrar recommended the addition of a policy that would encourage private owners to continue to open  
48 their private forest lands for public recreational use.  
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1 Mr. Arnold suggested a policy that would encourage public-private partnerships to develop and provide  
2 additional recreational amenities on private forest lands. Ms. Rasmussen agreed to assist in drafting such a  
3 policy.

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5 Mr. Rohne asked how the county could discourage dumping on forest lands. Mr. Rohne also suggested  
6 addition a policy to address emergency lifeline routes through private forest lands.

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8 The committee agreed to prepare and submit additional policies for inclusion in Goal 4 by January 31, 2020.

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10 ***There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.***