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TOPOG MAP

A topography map of Yaquina Head at 1" = 100' scale was displayed for the Committee's examination. After some discussion, Committee members agreed that the 1" = 100' scale map would be sufficient for Committee purposes and for the production of a scale model of Yaquina Head.

MODEL AND SLIDE SHOW

Chairman Ouderkirk reminded members that a final decision on the model had not yet been made. Walter Gordon reiterated his feeling that a model would be most useful in graphically displaying the Headland and quarry to legislators and other interested persons. Conversely, however, Al Strand pointed out that State Senator Isham had previously stated that such a model would be of very limited use to the Legislature. Walter Gordon moved, Kathi Poisie seconded, that the Committee authorize contracting for a scale model in two configurations, one to show existing condition and another to show previous configuration (original configuration) both at the 1"=100' scale. Motion carried.

George Diel then moved, Albert Strand seconded, that Walter Gordon be authorized by the Committee to proceed with contract negotiations with Bockel Architectural Models, of Lake Oswego, to produce a scale model, the cost being limited to approximately $750.00. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the advantages/disadvantages of a movie and/or slide show, to be used in making presentations to the State Legislature or to other groups. Because of considerably higher cost, most members felt that the slide show alternative would be preferable. John Brennemann moved, George Diel seconded, that the Committee arrange for the production of a slide show within a reasonable price. Motion carried.

Chairman Ouderkirk appointed Bill Burley to take the lead in arranging for producing the slide show, using available resources and contracting for services where necessary.

DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The remainder of the meeting was taken up in discussion of the Committee's final recommendation. It was recalled that at the June 23, 1978 meeting, the Committee had voted unanimously to "proceed with some form of acquisition of the quarry property." Some members felt that the Committee still needs a rough appraisal of the quarry property value before making any final recommendation. A consensus agreed that the assessed value would be a useful estimate, although
DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

such an estimate could be at least 15-20% below an appraised value. It was also agreed by members that the Committee should not request a formal appraisal of the quarry property.

After further discussion, Kathi Foisie moved, Walter Gordon seconded, that the Yaquina Head Advisory Committee recommend that the Yaquina Head quarry be acquired by the State, via negotiated purchase, and failing that, by the use of condemnation. Motion carried 5-1, with one abstention.

The Committee then turned its attention to outlining the format for its final recommendation to the Legislature. It was agreed that the final recommendation should be only a portion of the entire report. Members felt that it is important for the Governor and the Legislature to know the extent to which all other alternatives were considered before the final recommendation was made.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 18, 1978 at 3PM (subsequently rescheduled for September 8, 1978 at 5:15PM).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Bill Burley, Secretary

BB/aj

9/7/78
MATERIALS RECEIVED OR DISTRIBUTED AT,
OR PRIOR TO, THE JULY 28, 1978 MEETING.

1. Minutes of the June 23rd Regular Meeting.
2. Minutes of the July 7th Regular Meeting.
3. Agenda for the July 28th Regular Meeting.
5. Topog Map of Yaquina Head - scale 1" = 100'.

BB/aj
9/7/78
Miss Margaret M. Johnson
1755 Patterson Street
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Miss Johnson:

This is in response to your recent message concerning Yaquina Head. As you may be aware, I have been reviewing this situation with a variety of federal agencies for some time. From all these contacts, it seems apparent that federal action is quite limited. Direct authority for federal acquisition of land in the Yaquina Head area is very limited or nonexistent.

Nevertheless, I still maintain my very sincere interest in finding some means to preserve the area. One option which has been mentioned in the past is to rely on the Land and Water Conservation Fund for funds for acquisition. In Oregon, as you are aware, this fund is administered by the State Parks Division. I am sure that members of the Governor’s study commission may be aware of this possibility and I would urge you to have them review it in detail.

At the same time, I would be willing to take direct action at the federal level if the state can develop some sort of a plan which incorporates state preservation goals. I assume this is one of the items the commission is reviewing and I hope you can keep me posted on any developments in this area.

If you have any additional comments or questions, I hope you will call on me at once.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator
TO: Yaquina Head Advisory Committee
FROM: George Diehl

Here are some findings and recommendations -- not necessarily presented in most logical sequence -- that I feel might be brought into focus more sharply in the final report.

The starter draft is a commendable one and provides a dandy framework from which to proceed.

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--- Continued lowering of the headland's crest and alteration of the profile is rapidly growing more visible, both from nearby and from the distance, both to north and south.

--- This continued disfigurement of one of the Coast's most spectacular scenic resources constitutes progressive loss of much of the headland's scenic value.

--- Economic values of preserving the headland are incalculable, especially when these aesthetic-economic values -- to the local community and to the state -- continue to exist for generations to come.

--- Nevertheless, Yaquina Head remains the only major headland not in public ownership and, therefore, lacks the guarantee of protection and preservation that should exist.

--- Meanwhile, immediate need exists for finding possible alternative sources of rock to meet the growth and building requirements of the surrounding area.

--- Cessation of quarrying activity would accelerate this need, which in any event would occur within a generation's time if the Yaquina Head rock source were completely depleted through continued quarrying.

--- The Committee, therefore, endorses proposals for a comprehensive inventory of existing and potential quarry rock and aggregate resources on both private and public lands, not only in the adjacent coastal area but throughout the state, along with the economic feasibility of transport of rock and aggregate to present and future areas of need.

--- But it is in the best public interest -- local, state and national -- to bring an immediate halt to quarrying activity to prevent further reduction of the crest and alteration of the remaining profile.

--- The management plan, to be developed by the designated agency, should preclude any further reduction of the crest and alteration of the existing profile except as might be minimally required to eliminate clear hazards to customary pedestrian use.

--- The management plan should exclude off-road RV traffic.
Great expression of sentiment for positive state intervention to assure preservation and protection of this unique visual and scenic resource has stemmed from the surrounding community but has widened to statewide and national dimension. This public advocacy of appropriate state and/or federal action continues at high level.

To the end that adequate funds are made available for the public acquisition and management of the headland to assure preservation of its scenic, economic, educational and other values and benefits — and to assure fair and equitable compensation to the quarry owners — funding should be mustered from state, federal and private sources.

The Committee endorses the BLM management plan for the federally-owned tip of Yaquina Head, finds this plan compatible with its own recommendations, and recommends its formal approval by BLM.

It is crucial that the present and future importance of immediate public acquisition and preservation of Yaquina Head — and the urgency for immediate cessation of quarrying activity — not be brushed aside for the time in the present period of preoccupation with property tax reform.

Public stake in preserving, protecting and enhancing the values and benefits of Yaquina Head is such that a high-level fund-raising task force should be named and that a continuing public advisory body be designated to serve through the acquisition phase and the development of the appropriate management program.

-/-
McKennon

Request - Yaquina Head Adv Comm.
- Civil Invest of Alt. Sources
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- By Pugsley at Parent time

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: THE THREE ALTERNATIVES REPRESENT Yaquina Head options FROM WHICH THE LOCAL OFFICIAL MUST MAKE A SELECTION. ANY IMPLICATION THAT THEY ARE AS OVERGROWN AND DISFUNCTIONAL AS DINOSAURS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.
MEMORANDUM

January 5, 1979

TO:         Mr. Jeff Ouderkirk, Chairman
            Yaquina Head Advisory Committee

FROM:       Robert R. Johnson

SUBJECT:    FINANCING POTENTIALS FOR THE YAQUINA HEAD PROJECT

This memorandum summarizes the findings of my recent study of potential sources of financial support for acquisition of Yaquina Head.

The question of financial assistance has been probed earlier by others. Such information was a useful source of leads. Information about federal programs, in particular, compiled by members of U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield's office was helpful. I am also grateful to Senator Hatfield's staff for assistance in arranging appointments while I was in Washington, D.C.

In conducting this study, I met selectively with individuals in organizations concerned with conservation programs and individuals who might be knowledgeable about financing methods and opportunities or other contacts which I might make. My discussions were mostly in Oregon and in the national capital area. In interviews, I explained the project concerns, used photographic and report materials as appropriate and solicited suggestions for additional useful leads and ideas and information about how our financial needs might be assisted.

Within the time available and without having more precise measures of acquisition costs, my exploration produced some ideas about possible channels of assistance and further action. It seems clear that these potentials must be pursued more definitively and over a longer period of time in seeking a satisfactory solution. A list of interviewees is attached. There are others whose ideas should be sought as further efforts are made to achieve the Committee's objective.

Informational and guideline materials obtained from potentially interested federal agencies and private organizations have been given to the Committee staff.

FINDINGS: Everyone with whom I met was cooperative, expressed appreciation and interest in the undertaking and offered ideas. At the same time I encountered questions, some of which were already noted in discussions earlier with the Committee. The more important of these concerns include:
1. Cost: There are uncertainties about the level of cost involved in acquisition and subsequent rehabilitation and management of the project. The purpose and cost of acquisition will influence donor judgments about financial support and will require further clarification before really serious dialogue about interests in financing can take place.

2. Donor Requirements: Project development and approval procedures of donor organizations, particularly the federal and state governments are complicated. The State of Oregon is just now starting legislative deliberations for the new biennium. Projects and programs involving shared or direct funding already have been proposed in the budget process for this biennium. In the case of the federal government, FY 1979 programs are largely obligated, FY 1980 budget planning is undergoing final review actions this spring, and FY 1981 budget and program planning is underway. A new project must necessarily compete with others already developed and prioritized.

Discussions with state and federal officials were generally negative about prospects for FY 1979 and 1980 barring some direct legislative action which would provide new money not now budgeted. Apart from some special legislative action making new money available, FY 1981 realistically would appear the earliest target date for obtaining financing for the Yaquina Head project, and even this will require early decisions and actions by the proposing agency.

In the case of private support, similarly, each agency has guidelines, timetables and procedures requiring detailed submission of project information. Except for foundations or other donors with a northwest interest, it appears unlikely that significant financial assistance is available, although there are a few possible exceptions. One of these, the Nature Conservancy, is currently planning two major fund raising drives for Oregon projects in 1979. For the immediate future, the Yaquina project would encounter this kind of obstacle if undertaken at this time.

3. Unfavorable Tax Climate: Competing demands for governmental financial support coupled with increasing taxpayer resistance are currently a constraint. These factors create a more unfavorable climate for obtaining major project funding. This condition underlines the need for a continuing, well-organized effort to obtain favorable acceptance of Committee proposals.

4. Project Design: No single, well-defined use or model has been specified for the long-range development of the Yaquina Head as an alternative to its present situation. The Committee has noted several areas of value and concern in its report including physical
preservation, recreation, scientific activity, fish, wildlife and botanical preservation and others. Each of these singly is of interest to particular governmental or private groups, but each value individually is not compelling enough or unique enough to compete strongly with other conservation projects in these individual areas of concern. Taken as a whole, however, the Headland has multiuse and interrelated elements which along with geographical and environmental considerations might well provide a more solid base for support of the preservation objectives.

5. Economic Analysis: Further evaluation of the economics of alternatives is necessary to determine the economic equities and consequences of a public use versus the present utility of the Headland. This information will be essential for anyone making a serious review of financing proposals for support of this project.

Despite the above concerns, there are also favorable aspects in the discussions which seem to auger well for the Committee's proposals:

1. Public Support: It seems probable that this project could command a high-level of public interest along with volunteer and financial support from private citizens and conservation groups in Oregon and the northwest. Reactions from individuals with whom I talked informally, as well as, expressed interest of such groups as the 1000 Friends of Oregon and Oregon Environment Council lead me to believe that a major fund raising effort aimed at the private sector, but appropriately organized and planned, could produce at least a portion of the resources needed.

2. Federal Programs: Several federal programs are potential sources of support, particularly if the project can be linked to state-federal sharing under the U.S. National Heritage and Land and Water Conservation Fund programs. There appear to be opportunities under such particularized federal programs as the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and perhaps others. I should underline that these are only possibilities and involve looking ahead to later fiscal periods for the most probable sources of support.

It is possible that the Oregon delegation and the United State Congress might support a direct, single appropriation under one of the federal appropriation titles. This approach would have the disadvantage of federal ownership of an area which more appropriately should be managed as a State Park as most of the other Oregon coastal capes and headlands.
Senator Hatfield, in particular, has registered strong support for preservation of the Yaquina Head and along with Representative AuCoin, may be expected to continue to provide legislative support and sponsorship for a suitable federal financing plan. All of the other Congressional members and staff associates with whom I talked appeared to be supportive of the objectives of the Committee.

3. Private Agencies: Among the private organizations generally, there appear to be limitations on the availability of significant amounts of financial resources. The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land were recommended by conservation groups as the most likely to be of assistance to the Yaquina project. Both provide technical, as well as financial assistance in their programs. However, as with governmental agencies, there are guidelines and limits on availability of money, which influence whether they can be of help to requesting organizations. Because of these organizations' experience in negotiating and arranging financing for conservation projects, this is a resource that might be of assistance in undertaking future actions for acquisition of the Headland.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Taking into account the above comments, the following suggestions are offered for review of the Committee:

1. Public Interest Support Group: Because realization of the Committee's recommendations may well involve at least two or three years, some mechanism is needed to provide a continuing public concern with advancing the interests of this project. Since project development and fund raising problems will involve intergovernmental agencies, as well as private ones, I urge the formation of a public interest support group for fund raising, governmental relations, further planning and strategic activities when the Committee's work ends. I believe that there are individuals and organizations which would supply the initiative and energy for this kind of undertaking.

This group should be large enough to provide a balanced and capable base of public support. It should be composed of individuals committed to the program and because of its importance to the Newport area, leadership and participation from this area should be encouraged. Desirably, too, there should be participation by members of the Committee to provide continuity.

2. State of Oregon Support: Because the allocation of federally shared funds tends to result from state programming and financial actions, it is essential to obtain a state legislative appropriation or commitment in this biennium which would facilitate further federal action. In doing this, it is recognized that the Yaquina project funding necessarily must be obtained without jeopardizing other state project and program priorities and commitments for which budgeting is already going ahead.
3. Interagency Study Group: To resolve questions of federal program interest and to facilitate further shaping of a project content and long-range development and financing of the project, the Committee should seek to take advantage of the expertise and procedural knowledge of regional representatives of concerned governmental agencies of the U.S. Government. To accomplish this, I suggest that the Committee ask that an interagency working group examine the present situation, past studies and current potentials of the Headland in terms of U.S. Government support programs and make suggestions for project definition and further federal or joint federal-state action. Such an examination would give an opportunity to look at the Headland as a total ecosystem concern. This might also broaden the possibility for securing federal program interest and funding. It is essential that such an evaluation be made in consultation with appropriate state and community officials.

I believe that Senator Hatfield, if asked to do so by the Committee, would be willing to make such a request to the Secretaries of the federal departments concerned (Interior, Commerce, Agriculture). Hopefully, the work of such a group would produce new ideas for the Committee's consideration, as well as procedural guidance and other supportive results looking toward the most feasible form of federal financial support.

4. Federal Funding: If it should be found that a joint federal-state project and funding is not feasible, the Oregon delegation should be approached to support a direct appropriation as an "add-on" to a federal projects appropriation act. An appropriation to the Bureau of Land Management might be the best channel considering recent action transferring to that agency about 18 acres on the Headland tip previously owned by the U.S. Coast Guard. (The Coast Guard will retain only about two acres with the lighthouse under its jurisdiction.)

5. Private Agency Support: The Committee or a public interest group, should consider further consultation with the Nature Conservancy or Trust for Public Land for assistance. These organizations arrange for the acquisition of lands against future purchase commitments by public agencies. They also provide services for negotiating and working out acquisition agreements with private owners. Their knowledge and expertise in these processes should be tapped.

SUMMARY: There appear to be potential sources of public and private financial support. These channels are not immediately available and are not easily negotiated, however. It is not likely that an early solution will be found. A successful conclusion depends upon project definition, a time and action strategy, and a continuing systematic and well-organized search for an answer. I am convinced from my admittedly brief time of participation and only a sampling of opinion that the Yaquina Head indeed merits preservation action and that needed financial support can be realized.
INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS
YAQUINA HEAD FINANCING STUDY

Robert Johnson
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   Mr. Tom Imeson
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MEMO - J. Ouderkirk
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National Wildlife Federation

National Recreation and Park Association

National Parks and Conservation Association

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1/24/79
Yaqquina park policy rapped

By DON JEPSEN
Journal Salem Bureau

Salem — Sen. L.B. Day, R-Salem, said Monday that preservation of Yaqquina Head on the Oregon Coast should be a top priority with the Parks Division.

"But it isn't, and that's where the friction between preservation and private property rights comes from," the legislator said.

Day's assessment came after Wallace Hibbard, representing the Parks Division, testified on the scenic and recreational qualities of the headland near Newport before the Senate Transportation Committee.

Hibbard carefully avoided making an outright recommendation to purchase a private quarry operation that is eroding Yaqquina Head. He suggested, as did other witnesses, that the Land Conservation and Development Commission declare the headland an area of critical state concern to stop the removal of rock until purchase of private holdings could be negotiated.

"This is exactly what we should attempt to avoid," Day said, adding that it is a cumbersome process that would tie up the private owner's property rights until a settlement is negotiated.

Hibbard conceded that negotiations could take two years, but said that if the Legislature is serious about protecting the headland, it should have some kind of moratorium on rock removal.

"Or we may miss the very values you are seeking to protect," he said.

Sen. Del Isham, D-Lincoln City, has introduced a bill to have the Department of Transportation, which includes the Parks Division, acquire private holdings through negotiations. An advisory committee has recommended that the state take over the promontory, which juts into the Pacific Ocean.

Isham's bill would authorize spending up to $5 million, but also carries a lease-back arrangement with the quarry owner that would allow continued rock removal so long as it did not alter the profile or visual characteristics of the headland.

Kathy Foisie, a member of the Yaqquina Head Advisory Committee, endorsed the Isham proposal, but had reservations about the lease-back section. "It's acceptable but should not indicate that we (the committee) favor this provision," she said.
Mr. Ted LaRoe  
Land Conservation and Development  
1175 Court St., NE  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mr. LaRoe:

I will try to answer your question concerning Yaquina Head Quarries.

1. Problems associated with Yaquina Head -  
   A. Problems associated with the quarry in my opinion are  
      landslides in some areas, zones of poor rock, reclamation of existing  
      slopes, and public sentiment. Most of these can be overcome,  
      especially since rock is in short supply in the area.

2. Economic benefits. The quarry provides taxes to the county and  
   provides rock in the Newport area with normal transportation costs.  
   The Head has lost as much scenic value as it ever will if care is exercised  
   in future mining. The reclamation program could begin immediately provided  
   production continues.

3. If the area were designated an area of critical concern and operation  
   stopped reclamation would be very costly. Rock supply and tax base would  
   be lost. Benefits would be lack of truck traffic and noise. Other sources  
   are not likely to be found - exploration east of Agate Beach should be done  
   to determine this.

4. Alternatives - keep operating and set a closing date with a reclamation  
   plan to be completed simultaneously.

5. Answer 4 in my opinion would be the best way to handle it.

6. Present use and reclaimed for scenic area -

7. If state pays for rock and reclamation, it could be prohibitive.  
   Other sites to replace rock source are not available. Iron Mt. quarry  
   lacks reserves.
I have studied the geology, searched for rock sources, and studied the need for rock in Lincoln County. In my opinion the only area to prospect for rock lies east of Agate Beach. It is being drilled by the Siuslaw National Forest under the supervision of Joe Roehleder. I have little hope that adequate economic rock is present, but the final word rests with the Forest Service.

Probably 20 years supply exists at Yaquina Head. This may be too long if restrictions on the profile of the Head are imposed. I would judge the amount needed locally would run about 100,000 to 150,000 tons annually from the quarry.

Rock would then be hauled from more distant sources, possibly Benton County or by barge to Newport. The cost would be much higher, possibly double.

I hope this will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Schlicker

HGS:sk
Committee Names Johnson To Seek Federal Money For Yaquina Purchase

By Steve Beaty
News Editor

The Yaquina Head Advisory Committee has named Bob Johnson to travel to Washington, D.C. to seek federal funding sources to help purchase the historic rock head north of Newport.

Johnson, former head of the State Civil Service Commission and veteran of foreign service federal aid projects in India, Iran and Greece, is now assistant dean of administration at Willamette University.

His task will be to identify and rank federal money sources according to their availability to help purchase Yaquina Head. Johnson will make at least one trip to Washington to work with members of the Oregon delegation in an effort to get federal assistance.

Yaquina Head is now owned by Bob Wienert who operates a quarry there. The site has been a source of basalt rock since the 1920's and the mining operations are eroding what was once a 350-foot peak. Public concern led to the appointment of the committee last year by Gov. Bob Straub to determine the best means of preserving and protecting the rock.

The nine-member group recently completed a 16-page report recommending immediate purchase by the state. Although local state representatives Max Rijken and Del Isham support the purchase recommendation and will introduce a bill calling for the state to buy it next year, Isham says federal money is a must if the head is to be bought.

"The State of Oregon cannot afford Yaquina Head without private and federal sources picking up the great majority of the cost. If we go ahead with this we must make sure we limit the state's obligation," Isham stated in a written release.

Wienert has agreed to sell the property, about 55 acres, if an appraisal price can be agreed upon. So far no appraisal has been done, but estimates range as high as $6 million. That would include the land, value of remaining basalt, and equipment now used to mine the rock.

Although it appears doubtful the State of Oregon will have anywhere near that kind of money to make the purchase, committee members and aidor Gary Gustafson of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) staff, are hopeful federal money will become available.

The committee's report has the seal of approval of Gov. Straub, who sent personally endorsed copies of the document to Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood and Congressman Les AuCoin. Straub "urges their most diligent efforts in identifying federal funds."

The nine-member committee voted 6-3 on the final report. Members John Breneman, Fred Weakley and Albert Strand voted against recommending purchase. They are now putting together a minority report with the aid of a consultant.

At the committee's meeting Friday, those present agreed to invite the three minority members to the next meeting to present their report. It has not been decided whether committee funds will be used to finance the minority statement.

The advisory committee began with $9,487 last year and now has about $6,000 in its coffers. It is estimated $2,000 to $3,000 will be spent to send Johnson to Washington to seek federal money.

In Washington he will meet with Oregon delegation members, probably to seek funding sources in fiscal 1980. He will start with Sen. Hatfield, a Newport resident who has already expressed willingness to help fund purchase money.

"To some extent, you're on a fishing expedition," Johnson told committee members.

"Like anything else, if you don't know where the fish are you've got a head start."

Gustafson is confident the committee is within the authority by hiring the "grantsman."

"The first question the legislative committee will ask when it receives the recommendation, is 'That looks fine, but where's the money coming from?' We hope to give them some ideas," said.

Committee Chairman Jim Ouderkirk agrees. "We feel an investment of $2,000 to $3,000 is a good investment considering it in turn will lead to public purchase of the head," he explained.
Mr. Wes Kvarsten, Director  
Department of Land Conservation and Development  
1175 Court Street N.E.  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Kvarsten:

For the Yaquina Head Advisory Committee established by Executive Orders EO-77-2l and EO-78-0l, the representative of the State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is Herbert G. Schlicker of our Corvallis office (754-2484).

Sincerely,

John D. Beaulieu  
Deputy State Geologist

JDB:lk
October 10, 1977

TO: Janet McLennan
FROM: Ralph S. Mason, Acting State Geologist
SUBJECT: Yaquina Head Technical Committee

In response to your October 4 memorandum regarding a Yaquina Head Technical Committee, please be advised that Herbert G. Schlicker of our Albany office has been appointed our agency representative to serve on the committee. His phone number is: 928-5386.

RSM:jr
cc Herbert G. Schlicker
October 10, 1977

TO: Herb Schlicker

FROM: Ralph Mason

Here is a copy of the Governor's Executive Order No. EO-77-21 which creates a Yaquina Head Advisory Committee.

You will note that we are one of those named, and I am requesting that you be our agency representative.

RSM:jr
Encl.
MEMORANDUM

October 4, 1977

TO:       NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY HEADS

FROM:     JANET MCELNNAN

SUBJECT:  YAQUINA HEAD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

HJR 79 called upon the Governor to appoint an Advisory Committee to study and report to the 60th Legislative Assembly on a method of preserving Yaquina Head.

With the enclosed executive order (EO-77-21), the Governor has established a Technical Committee to assist the Yaquina Head Advisory Committee. Either yourself or a representative of your staff is invited to serve on the Committee.

Would you please send me the name of your representative as soon as possible so a timely announcement can be made.

Enclosure

JG:pt
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO-77-21

CREATING A YAQUINA HEAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

House Joint Resolution 79, passed by the 59th Legislative Assembly, requested the creation of a Yaquina Head Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding a "fair and equitable method of preserving and protection of Yaquina Head"; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED that a Yaquina Head Advisory Committee be established composed of nine members including a member of the Board of County Commissioners or Planning Commission of Lincoln County to be selected by that Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor of the City of Newport, and seven lay citizens; and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED that a Technical Committee be established to assist the Yaquina Head Advisory Committee in its deliberations and shall be composed of representatives of at least the following agencies or organizations:

1. Parks Branch, Department of Transportation;
2. Department of Geological and Mineral Industries;
3. Fish and Wildlife Department;
4. Highway Division, Department of Transportation;
5. Land Conservation and Development Commission;
6. Division of State Lands;
7. Oregon State University;
8. Portland State University;
9. Oregon State University, Marine Science Center; and
10. A representative of the Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon.

and it is further
ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission be given responsibility for organization of the committees, provide staff assistance and compensation for necessary travel expenses for the membership thereof; and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the committees shall be charged with the implementation of HJR 79 and shall make a report to the Governor and the 60th Legislative Assembly on or before December 1, 1978, and it is further

ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the committees created by this Executive Order be dissolved and this Executive Order be rescinded on June 30, 1979.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed this 28th day of September, 1977.

[Signature]
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State