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Bylaw amendment proposal presented to membership

National Coast Trail Association board hereby provides official notice as required by bylaws

Eugene, OR – The *National Coast Trail Association (NCTA)* was founded in 1994 and our bylaws were written over 20 years ago. During the last two decades things have changed, and the board and executive director have realized that the existing bylaws need to be amended to work more efficiently and effectively as an organization.

The *NCTA* board and executive director have worked over the last two years in this regard, and in consultation with the Eugene-based *Atkin & Associates Center For Nonprofit Law*, to move forward on the bylaw revision process.

Those members participating in the 2017 election unanimously voted “yes” to the amendment on the recent previous ballot as follows:

"Section ____. Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Board of Directors may amend or restate the Articles or bylaws, and the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors is necessary and sufficient to do so. Provided, however, that only the voting members may approve amendments that relate to the number of directors, the composition of the Board, the term of office of directors, the method or way in which the directors are elected or selected, or the qualifications of voting members. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members participating in the vote is necessary and sufficient for the approval of such amendments. Proper written notice must be given in advance, including either a written copy or written summary of the proposed amendments."

However, it's become clear that one key section still needs to be further amended relative to the bylaw amendment process itself.

Our organization originally opted for bylaws that included a membership structure with voting rights. However, giving the decision making process solely to the board of directors would allow the organization to attain the level of efficiency and effectiveness currently being sought by the board of directors and executive director.

Therefore, in accordance with the existing bylaws, *the NCTA board is hereby officially presenting the following amendment proposal to the membership both for their consideration and any comments or input to the board during the remainder of 2017.* This proposal is as follows:

"Article V. No Members

This corporation shall have no members as that term is defined by Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 65 (ORS Chapter 65), but shall have members for other purposes. These members shall have none of the rights or duties described in ORS Chapter 65 (or any corresponding future statute)."

The next annual newsletter will be sent out in January 2018 with the ballot to elect board members, and will also include the opportunity by the membership to vote on the bylaw amendment proposed above, or potentially a modification thereof based on any input received.

Members may send input through December 2017 about the proposal via email to AI@CoastTrails.org or by regular mail to P.O. Box 2491, Eugene, OR 97402.

Oregon Coast Trail legislation, progress info, establish funds

State Parks to issue reports, creates trail fund; Ocean Beach Fund for recreation management

Salem, OR – *National Coast Trail Association* executive director Al LePage, presented testimony during the 2017 regular session of the *Oregon Legislative Assembly* in support of both *House Bill 3149* and *Senate Bill 745*, both relevant to the Oregon Coast Trail.

House Bill 3149, in its original form "Requires development of plan for Oregon Coast Trail. Establishes Oregon Coast Trail Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Parks and Recreation Department for developing and implementing plan and for developing, maintaining and operating Oregon Coast Trail and trail facilities." LePage presented oral and written testimony in support of the original HB 3149 on March 21 before the *House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources*. Although there was no revenue impact, there was a fiscal impact to the agency, as originally issued by the *Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD)*, and therefore the Speaker subsequently referred it to the *Joint Committee On Ways and Means*. An amendment offered in June apparently substitutes annual progress reports to the legislature for the plan deadlines and this resulted in *OPRD* changing their fiscal impact to zero. Therefore, there is no reason why it should remain in the *Joint Committee on Ways and Means*. LePage submitted testimony in this regard on June 20 urging the *Committee* to simply assign the most recently amended version to the appropriate subcommittee for further action.

Senate Bill 745 "Establishes Ocean Beach Fund. Directs amount of transient lodging tax revenues from state recreation area lodgings along ocean shore received by State Parks and Recreation Department to Ocean Beach Fund. Directs department to spend moneys from fund for expenses of managing state recreation areas along ocean shore." Since the Oregon Coast Trail is routed both along the beach and within state parks, this bill would provide some of the funding needed to maintain and potentially enhance the trail and related facilities. The *Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)* estimates \$311,444 in revenues would be generated for the 2017-19 biennium. LePage gave testimony before the *Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources* on Feb. 27, the bill passed with a do pass recommendation and referred to the *Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue* on Apr. 5, and a public hearing was held on May 3. It currently awaits further action (June 2017).

No golf course development on Boy Scouts' coastal land

Decision made not to pursue a lease, build golf course, constraints of land configuration cited

Portland, OR – Since Fall 2015, the *Boy Scouts of America Cascade Pacific Council (CPC)* Board of Directors and staff worked cooperatively with Mike Keiser to explore the possibility of a 50-year land lease for the purpose of building a links-style golf course on the unutilized acreage between camps Meriwether and Clark at the Oregon coast. In April 2017 the board notified *CPC* volunteers and members that a decision had been made to not pursue a long-term lease nor build a golf course, due in large part to the constraints of the land configuration between the two camps. Source: *CPC website*.