

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Brown (Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary) *Arrived 9:12 a.m.*  
Ralph Camiccia (Bolinás)  
Rudi Ferris (Bolinás Rod and Boat Club)  
Alison Forestel (Golden Gate National Recreation Area)  
Gwen Heistand (Audubon Canyon Ranch)  
Jeff Loomans (Stinson Beach)  
Mischon Martin (Marin County Parks/Open Space District)  
Joe Mueller (College of Marin)  
Lynne Stenzel (Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory) *Arrived 9:18 a.m.*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Becker (Point Reyes National Seashore) -no longer on BLAC as of this meeting, to be replaced interim by David Press  
Kiren Niederberger (Seadrift)  
Ed Ueber (At Large)

STAFF PRESENT: Max Korten, General Manager  
Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent  
Veronica Pearson, Bolinas Lagoon Project Manger  
Jason Olivotti, Chief Ranger  
  
Kate Bimrose (Staff member, Greater Farallones Association)  
Wendy Kordesh (NOAA)

**Call to order**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.**

**Public Comment**

Open time for public expression, up to three minutes per speaker, on items not on today's agenda. The Committee will hear items without return comment or discussion.

One member of the public, Bruce Bowser, wanted to call attention to construction work in progress from 13 Turns to Bolinas Lagoon. He noted that no sediment controls were apparent at the project site.

NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

## **Approve Minutes for Meeting April 16, 2021 (Action Item)**

### **Motion**

Approve Minutes as submitted for April 16, 2021 meeting.  
The minutes were approved as changed:

Councilmember Ferris' name was misspelled in the minutes in a few places. Councilmember Brown's association is "Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), Staffmember Bimrose is with Greater Farallones Association (GFA). These designations are listed incorrectly in several places in the minutes as submitted.

M/S FERRIS/LOOMANS

AYES 9

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

## **Director's Update, Marin County Parks (Max Korten)**

Director Korten made a short presentation on the upcoming Measure A ¼ cent sales tax measure, which will tentatively be up for renewal in June of 2022.

## **Review and approval of letter to CDFW (action item)**

The draft letter composed by the Subcommittee (Stenzel, Ferris, Martin, Camaccia) was reviewed by the Council and changes suggested. The letter was to be revised per the suggestions and reviewed once more by the Subcommittee before being sent to CDFW, as well as to Councilmembers Forrestel (NPS) and Brown (GFNMS) to check with their Agency staff for concurrence.

### **Motion**

Review and Approval of letter to CDFW regarding request of improved enforcement of fishing and clamming rules. Approved as changed for final review by Subcommittee.

M/S FERRIS/STENZEL

AYES 9

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 0

ABSENT 0

## **Agency Reports**

### **Notes**

MARIN COUNTY PARKS: Martin/Pearson – presented the update report as written and submitted in the Agenda packet. Pearson presented Update Report on Bolinas Wye Project. Marin County Parks partnering with West Marin Environmental Action Committee in an MOU to provide docents at Agate Beach in an effort to educate the public about Duxbury Reef. Morgan Patton from WMEAC will present on the MOU when it is complete.

GFNMS: Brown – Cordell Bank is merging with GFNMS. She is hiring for coordinator positions (Resource Protection Coordinator, Education Outreach Coordinator). Brought up Blue Carbon literature review. Mentioned update on the American Challenger shipwreck in Tomales Bay.

GGNRA: Forrestel – The Air Tour Management Plan is out right now for comment period. Stinson Beach Parking Lot Repairs Environmental Assessment undergoing November 18 virtual public meeting.

PT. REYES NATL. SEASHORE: Forrestel – Opportunity for monitoring and enforcement here for commercial use of Air Tour guidelines. Black Bear sighting all around but most significantly in the 5 Brooks Area. Coho Salmon report to be presented next meeting.

## **NO OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

## **Council Member Comments**

### **Notes**

FERRIS (Bolin Rod and Boat Club) – The Boat club has been less crowded recently. Very foggy weather has meant good fishing conditions. Lots of anchovy, surf smelt.

MUELLER (College of Marin Lab) – Update on the Field Station. Funding sources, \$4.5M project half through Measure A, also a \$650,000 donation. Design update, the architecture team is currently developing the indoor and outdoor lab areas. He expressed disappointment that in the demolition of the old building the wood was not salvaged for reuse.

LOOMANS (Stinson Beach) – No bears sighted, but there has been flooding recently at Eskoot Creek.

HEISTAND (ACR) – The Black Bear was also sighted at Audubon Canyon Ranch property. Also they would be doing more burn work (chainsaw/burn piles). New CEO (Tom Gardali). Modus tower on Griffin Preserve land.

STENZEL (Point Blue) – Point Blue in the process of a shorebird survey.

**Additional Comments:**

Staff update from Kate Bimrose (GFA) – Kate is leaving GFA to return to school, has recently completed 9 Kent Island cleanup events and the Coastal Cleanup event in September.

LOOMANS – would like to commemorate Kate’s long service to the BLAC. An action item was suggested to have the BLAC compose a letter for Kate at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date  
(Action Item)**

**Motion: Approve the date for the next BLAC meeting. Staff recommended Friday April 29, 2022 as the date for the next meeting. The next meeting will take place in person, location to be determined.**

M/S HEISTAND/LOOMANS  
AYES 9  
NAYS 0  
ABSTAIN 0  
ABSENT 0

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.