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SRO at the Savoy By Evan Kramer

It was standing room only at the Savoy Theater for the Green Fire Productions film, "Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean" on Friday night. There were approximately 200 people in attendance filling the seats, sitting in chairs against the north wall, standing in the back and even up in the balcony. The evening began with a packed reception at the Wild Wind Café featuring smoked salmon and albacore, shrimp cocktails, cheeses and breads, and lots of conversation.

The film's director, Karen Meyer introduced the 28 minute film and spoke of the importance of sustainable fisheries. She said many fishermen had helped out in the making of the film and continued that she wanted to encourage a dialogue to come up with solutions that would benefit all Oregonians.

Common Ground featured many beautiful scenes filmed underwater off Oregon's 300 mile long coast and some great close-ups of many rockfish and other species. The movie featured several short interviews with fishermen including Port Orford fisherman Blane Steinmetz and Gold Beach fisherman Scott Boley, various scientists, Leesa Cobb from the POORT (Port Orford Ocean Resources

Team) and fishermen from areas in New England and Florida where marine reserves have been implemented. POORT is an organization working for managing fisheries on a local basis, known as area based management.

In remarks made by narrator Russell Sandler, the film advocated the establishment of marine reserves. Scientist Mark Hixon explained in the film the need for the establishment of marine reserves along Oregon's Coast because of their importance in rebuilding the rockfish population. He said that marine reserves protect the ocean ecosystems. Rockfish are very long lived and can live for 50 to 100 years. The film stressed the importance of the older rockfish females which lay more, and better quality, eggs.

The film was followed by a panel discussion with questions from the public and answers from the panel. Port Orford was represented on the panel by Leesa Cobb and fisherman Jeff Miles. Jim Good, vice-chair of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, was on the panel as well as Mark Hixon. Good was asked about the process for establishing a marine reserve. He said in 2002 OPAC had recommended the establishment of a number of marine reserves and that since then Governor Kulongoski has asked OPAC to undertake the project. OPAC will work

on the criteria for establishing reserves and work with local communities to decide where they will be located. Good said there would be an OPAC sponsored public meeting in Port Orford sometime in April through June to discuss marine reserves. Leesa Cobb later emphasized the importance of the fishermen being at the table. Marine reserves are areas that would be off limits to fishing and where the fishing stock could repopulate and the physical environment would be protected from trawlers using drag nets on the bottom of the ocean.

A common theme arose throughout the questions and answers was that there should be a "bottom up approach" to the issue of marine reserves from the local communities rather than from on high (Federal and State governments). The State of Oregon controls the waters from the shore to three miles out (nearshore) with the federal government having jurisdiction for the waters from 3 to 200 miles off the coast. A second theme running through the discussion was the importance of having everyone involved from the scientists to the fishing community.

A question was asked about how fishermen would know where the boundaries were in a marine reserve. Jeff Miles said

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Tide Predictions For Port Orford - 42° 44.735 N 124° 30.832 W

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
02-09	02-10	02-11	Fu11 02-12	02-13	02-14	02-15	02-16
L0248 4.4	L0344 4.1	L0429 3.8	H0006 6.2	H0031 6.4	H0055 6.6	H0118 6.7	H0142 6.8
H0839 7.5	H0931 7.5	H1015 7.6	L0509 3.4	L0546 3.1	L0622 2.7	L0659 2.5	L0736 2.2
L1608 -0.2	L1648 -0.3	L1723 -0.4	H1055 7.6	H1132 7.5	H1209 7.2	H1245 6.9	H1324 6.5
H2307 5.9	H2338 6.1		L1754 -0.3	L1822 -0.2	L1848 0.1	L1914 0.5	L1939 1.1

SRO at the Savoy

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the fishermen would use their GPS units to determine the lines. There is a new system of tracking fishing boats being used in Alaska and other places called Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). VMS enables a central location to monitor the exact location of each boat and in Alaska has resulted in severe fines for boats going in areas that were closed off to fishing.

Leesa Cobb said no one wants the marine reserves imposed from the top down and spoke again of local control. Jeff Miles said marine reserves would make a big impact on the community. He said it would be hard to give up the income and that the fishermen were afraid of marine reserves.

Two DVD copies of the film were given to the Downtown Fun Zone by Ralf and Karen Meyer and they are available to rent for free. If you missed seeing Common Ground at the Savoy check the DVD out and see it.

Fire Plan Grants

Communities in Oregon and Washington are invited to apply for National Fire Plan Community Assistance Grants. This federal multi-agency community assistance program is designed to reduce threats from wildfire and enhance local economies. The U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs will again pool grant programs and funds to provide community assistance through one collaborated grant application as part of the National Fire Plan.

For Fiscal Year 2007 grants, applications must be submitted on line by 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2006. The agencies expect to award between \$2 and \$4 million for Fiscal Year 2007. Grants for individual projects will have a maximum limit of \$200,000. Awards will be made after October 1, 2006, when fiscal year 2007 funds become available; the probable timeline is February or March 2007.

In a change from previous years, federal wildfire agencies only seek proposals for

two categories: 1) fuels reduction in the wildland-urban interface, and 2) fuels utilization and marketing. To best use extremely limited funding, federal wildfire agencies will collaborate with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Washington Department of Natural Resources to identify options to provide seed money to complete county-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) in high fire risk counties. In addition, federal and state prevention specialists will work together to develop a prevention and education project or program.

Proponents seeking funding through this grant program are expected to have completed CWPPs, and the proposal must be identified in the CWPP. Projects in the wildland-urban interface with adjacent projects on federal and/or tribal land are encouraged. More information on eligibility, project evaluation criteria, and a link to the electronic application database can be found on line at: www.nwfireplan.gov/CommunityAsst/Apply.htm