



# Oregon Coast Trail

**Statewide Landowners Group Meeting**

**Friday June 14, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Local Government Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**1201 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301**

**Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/SMXiSdMGjgK2>**

## AGENDA

- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Co-Conveners – State Rep. David Brock Smith & Oregon Parks Commissioner Doug Deur.
- 9:10 am**      **Review of agenda, 3/15/2019 kickoff meeting & purpose statement**      Attachment 1.  
Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions.
- 9:15**            **Oregon Coast Trail *Action Plan***  
MG Devereux, Deputy Director, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department.
  - Expected contents for the OCT Action Plan and timeline.
  - 2019-21 OPRD budget for the OCT.
  - Discussion.
- 10:00**          **Oregon Solutions Declaration of Cooperation & Draft Vision Statement**      Attachment 2.  
Pete Dalke, Oregon Solutions.
  - Discussion.
  - Ground rules – for consensus approval.      Attachment 3.
- 10:25**          **Developing Oregon Coast Trail Guidelines and Standards for Connections**  
Robin Wilcox, Senior Planner, OPRD
- 10:45 am**      Break
- 10:55**          **Updates from the 3 County Solutions Segment Groups:**  
Greg Wolf, Director, County Solutions.
  - North Coast Group – Tillamook County Commissioner Bill Baertlein, convener.
  - Mid-Coast Segment Group – Lincoln County Commissioner Doug Hunt, convener.
  - South Coast Segment Group – Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins, convener.
- 11:45 am**      **Wrap up and adjourn**

For additional information please visit the Oregon Solutions webpage <https://orsolutions.org/osproject/oregon-coast-trail> and the Oregon Coast Trail Action Plan website: <https://oregoncoasttrailplanning.com/>

## ATTACHMENT 1.

# Oregon Coast Trail - Statewide Landowners Group

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The objectives for the Oregon Solutions Statewide Landowners Group kickoff meeting on March 15, 2019 included

- Creating a shared understanding of the history and background of the OCT and related legislation (Oregon House Bill 3149 from the 2017 Legislative session).
- Seeking agreement on next steps toward adopting an action plan to be developed by Oregon State Parks and the needed to by the Group to identify and recommend a governance structure.

A purpose statement for the Group was reviewed and discussed at the meeting. The purpose statement is updated and slightly revised to reflect discussion at the 3/15/19 Kickoff Meeting and subsequent conversations:

*The purpose for an Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) statewide landowners group includes:*

- *enabling the completion of the Trail in a manner that will result in a world class experience*
- *increasing the safety of trail users and motorists alike*
- *~~adopting~~ concurring with an action plan to be developed by Oregon State Parks, and*
- *~~identifying~~ recommending a sustainable governance structure to operate, maintain and enhance the OCT.*

Governor Brown's Oregon Solutions project designation directs the statewide landowners group to identify the governance structure needed for finalizing the action plan and moving forward with implementation.

An agreement on the governance structure will:

- provide the OCT a coordinated framework for adopting and advancing the implementation of an action plan including how to reach collaborative agreements on overall project priorities and trail management functions,
  - identify the means to perpetually engage a broad group of key stakeholders from the public, private and non-profit sectors in the ongoing efforts to achieve implementation of the plan in an orderly and timely manner, and
  - identify fiscal responsibilities and leverage opportunities for capital construction, operation and maintenance of the Trail.
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**ATTACHMENT 2.**

**Oregon Coast Trail  
Vision Statement**

**Working Draft Version June 3, 2019**

The Oregon Coast Trail is a continuous, 382-mile walking trail offering safe passage along the Pacific coast of Oregon, stretching between the Columbia River and the California border.

**The Oregon Coast Trail is envisioned as:**

- A nature-and-town experience that connects visitors with breathtaking coastal landscapes, diverse coastal communities, and places of historical importance to all Oregonians as well as additional cultural significance to Native Americans.
- A destination for multi-day treks or short hikes that can be combined with other recreation along the way.
- A place for walking on the beach, wherever possible, and on well-maintained, well-marked paths on other public and private lands where the trail leaves the beach.
- An amenity for coastal residents that provides safe community walking paths and opportunities to improve health.
- A sustainable economic development initiative that brings visitors into local restaurants, lodging, and retail stores while conserving the integrity of our natural resources and places of special importance.

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**Collaboration Required for Achieving the Vision:**

Achieving the vision for the Oregon Coast Trail will require collaboration among many entities and jurisdictions.\* Working through Oregon Solutions and County Solutions at the Association of Oregon Counties, the intent is to form an integrated collaborative approach to bring this vision to full fruition. The current framework for establishing the vision includes a coordination team, a statewide landowners group, three coastal segment groups and multiple local connection teams to assess individual trail gaps.

This collaboration is a key to ultimately identifying options for an on-going governance structure for the long term management and operation of the trail.

The statewide group will need to consider and recommend a trail governance structure that will:

- Provide the OCT a coordinated framework for to support and advance the implementation of the action plan to be developed by OPRD,
- Include a collaborative process to reach agreements on overall trail project priorities, management functions and related responsibilities,
- Identify the means to perpetually engage a broad group of key stakeholders from the public, private and non-profit sectors in the ongoing efforts to achieve implementation of the action plan in an orderly and timely manner, and
- Identify fiscal responsibilities and leveraging opportunities for management, capital construction and maintenance of the Trail.

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## Statement of Need for a Declaration of Cooperation

The OCT crosses multiple land ownerships – lands under separate state, federal, local government and tribal jurisdictions as well as privately owned lands. Some of these lands have also been important to native peoples since time immemorial. Governor Brown’s Oregon Solutions project designation for the OCT directs the statewide landowners group to consider and recommend the governance structure needed for finalizing an action plan and moving forward with implementation.

The purpose of an initial Declaration of Cooperation for the OCT includes a “written handshake” commitment on the part of each landowner hosting the trail to indicate their support for the trail in numerous ways including:

- Coordination of existing trail wayfinding, construction, operation and maintenance needs across multiple land ownerships.
- Increasing the safety of trail users, particularly in places where the trail is shared with bicyclists and motorists.
- Reaching agreement to support an action plan for completing the trail to be developed by OPRD.
- Enabling the completion of the Trail in a manner that will result in a world class experience and valued community amenity.
- Making recommendations for a sustainable collaborative governance structure to operate, maintain and enhance the OCT in perpetuity.

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\* Stakeholders working with the statewide landowners group include:

- State agencies including
  - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,
  - Oregon Department of Transportation,
  - Oregon Coast Visitors Association (Travel Oregon),
  - Department of Land Conservation & Development
  - Governor’s Regional Solutions Office
- County governments (7),
- Cities (28),
- Numerous small unincorporated communities,
- Private landowners,
- Native American tribes (5-7),
- Non-profit and civic organizations, and
- Federal agencies including
  - Bureau of Land Management,
  - US Forest Service,
  - US Fish and Wildlife.

## ATTACHMENT 3.



### Oregon Coast Trail Team Member Ground Rules

The co-conveners and partners in the Oregon Coast Trail (OCT) project are committed to the following these general principles and “ground rules” for how we conduct our business with one another:

#### **General Principles**

- We agree to approach problems with creativity and with open minds.
- We each have a unique perspective and contribution to make.
- We recognize that we must work to involve any person or group who could help us or hinder us from achieving our goals.
- We agree to focus on taking incremental “do-able” steps towards success.

#### **Ground Rules**

1. We recognize that the best outcomes depend upon cooperation and collaboration among all entities at the table.
2. We commit to openly communicate ideas, potential contributions, and concerns, and also to engage in respectful, active listening to each other. We respect all questions as good questions, and important part of achieving a shared understanding and vision for the outcomes of our efforts.
3. We will focus on the future we would like to create for the OCT rather than any past problems and past history of issues.
4. We will work toward agreements that are fair and constructive for everyone. When consensus is not possible, we will acknowledge and accept our differences and work toward the best possible outcome.
5. We agree to commit to the agreed-upon solution, in whatever way we can. If we, individually, are unable to make a commitment for our organization, we will work to identify what will make that commitment possible.
6. We commit to building trust by doing what we say we will do.
7. We agree to notify each other before taking outside actions including communications such as newsletter and blog posts that might impact the work we are doing together.
8. We agree to attend all meetings or designate an alternate. We will be individually responsible for keeping our alternate updated as well as the entity that we are affiliated with and representing at the table.

9. We commit to reviewing agendas and materials in advance of meetings. If we have suggestions for an agenda or materials to share for review and discussion, we will contact one of the Co-Conveners or the project manager well in advance of the meeting.

10. Everyone shares in the solution, everyone shares in the credit.

Governor Brown appointed two Oregon Solutions project co-conveners for the OCT:

- Oregon State Representative David Brock Smith
- Oregon Parks Commissioner Doug Deur

The County Solutions conveners for the OCT Coastal Segment Groups are:

- North Coast Segment – Tillamook County Commissioner Bill Baertlein
- Central Coast Segment – Lincoln County Commissioner Doug Hunt
- South Coast Segment – Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins

The OCT Coordination team contacts include:

- Association of Oregon Counties – Greg Wolf
- Oregon Coast Visitors Association – Marcus Hinz
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – Robin Wilcox
- Oregon Department of Transportation – Jerri Bohard, Susan Peithman, Jenna Berman

Oregon Solutions staff:

- Pete Dalke

Note: **Public participation** will be allowed with the consent of the Co-Conveners.

- Generally, the respective segment group and statewide project team stakeholders will be given priority in all discussion, and in some situations it will be limited to just these stakeholders. All meetings are open to the public.
- Any communications with the press and other media are most representative when they come on behalf of the segment group and statewide teams.