**Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group**
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**
**December 10, 2003**

*Steve Gunther took these minutes. The attendance list will be added after the January meeting, as it was not available to the Secretary.*

Meeting Commenced at 6:10 PM. Attendence taken. List with Robin P.

Minutes from November CAG Meeting were amended.

CAG attendees to the **prior week's meeting**, held at the Port of Portland building with Lower Willamette Group (LWG), reported that LWG reps' from the Port and from NW Natural relayed their progress with EPA. LWG met directly with officials from EPA Region 10 HQ. LWG rep's said EPA negotiations have been ongoing. LWG says they've asked EPA for clarification on what it wants, and EPA has responded by saying show us what you propose (as a sampling work plant) and we'll let you know if it meets EPA's requirements.
EPA Proposed 276 Core Samples. LWG hasn't agreed on Core Sampling Plan. 20-30 ft. core samples are likely to be the norm with some from 40-50 ft. depths. Vin (from Oregon Center for Environmental Health) attended meeting with LWG and challenged Core Sampling Plan proposal by LWG as inadequate.

Jim Robinson proposed we add to January CAG Mtg. Agenda, Election of CAG Officers.

Larry Talbert did not attend, Per Robin, Absence excused.
Joe, Dorothy and Rhett did not attend due to conflict with Sierra Club Event (absence excused)

Open Meadows School may involve a student in CAG related activity.

Jane asked about Fish Tissue Sampling, specifically Sturgeon.

EPA's Chip Humphrey says Sturgeon, Lamprey & Salmon samples and analysis data can be made available to Willamette River Keeper (WRK) and CAG. WRK can interpret this data and its impact on RI/FS.

Jim Robinson asked about Life Cycle info on Fish.

Field Sampling Plan is due to EPA from LWG by 12/22/03
LWG expects it back from EPA in January '04.

CAG can highlight issues important to CAG

CAG Holiday Party was discussed.

CAG rec'd comments from Regina, WRK's Technical Advisor. Per Regina, regarding the level of sampling, the Goals (either EPA's or LWG's) are not clear and consistent.
The nature and extent of contamination must be defined.
Where the hot spots are going to be is not yet determined.
Programmatic Work Plan criteria not a clear enough picture of where they (LWG) are going.
Regina noted that LWG acknowledged numerous communications w' Jurisdictional authorities but still lacks a clear vision.

EPA said they are anxious to have work plan move forward.

Initial Area was defined, yet sampling may result in broadening of the cleanup area.

Regina asked (EPA) again about ISA definition

EPA will determine the boundary of the ISA.

Per EPA, LWG will assist in identifying other PRP's. The Record of Decision (ROD) will identify all RP's

Per Jim Anderson, Oregon Dept. of Env. Quality (DEQ), the site is defined by contiguous contamination. Details are still being worked out.

Travis Williams (WRK) addressed DEQ's challenges with enforcement of state rules on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's)
Travis expressed interest in receiving a presentation on TMDL's from DEQ.

The Port of Portland responded to questions on dredging.
The Port has 5 yr permit to perform maintenance dredging.
Army Corps of Engineers is heavily involved in dredging issues.
20 Truckloads of non-haz sediment was removed from T-4 October 2003.
The last dredging of the river occurred in 1997.
Port conducts sediment characterization prior to any dredging.

Jane asked for feedback on the report made to Port of Portland on the loose emissions (100+ tons of Potash) from T-4. An employee onsite reported that the contaminated material was loaded onto the ship's surface for an unknown method of disposal.
Jane asked Port for name of contact at Kinder Morgan (the Port's leasee of the site) and for the name of the pilot of the vessel.

Port is still reviewing the issue and will be prepared to report when review is complete.

Steve asked if the CAG is interested in evaluation of this Superfund's Costs and Benefits
LWG reported that it has spent $11 million so far, and EPA reported that its costs for the first 20 months are estimated at $600,000. WRK announced it has received $75,000 in Technical Assistance Grants to date.

Steve proposed that jurisdictional authorities, and other involved groups could report to CAG on their respective, significant accomplishments. This information could be presented to the public by the CAG.

LWG responded that it could provide the CAG such a report.

No interest in this line was of inquiry was expressed by other CAG members.

Steve asked if any Tribal Organizations involved in the Superfund Process could be invited to present information to the CAG.

Robin said he will contact a tribal rep'.