Central Oregon Coast
Blue Water Task Force
2005 Summary

Oregon Coast Aquarium
&
Surfrider Foundation
Program History

• **Surfrider & OCAq – BWTF**
  - Grassroots water quality monitoring network
  - Fecal bacteria

• **DHS/DEQ Beach Monitoring Program**
  - Clean Water Act
  - EPA Testing and Minimum Counts
  - Financial Limitations
Newport BWTF

- Sample Sites
- Sampling
- Testing
- Posting
Identifying problems

- Sites of consideration
- Nye Beach
- Agate Beach/Wayside
Nye Beach
Agate Beach/Big Creek
Nye Beach Band-Aids

• More signage

• Locations
  – Bottom of Memorials
  – Nye Beach Turnaround
Agate Beach Big Creek Band-Aids

• Improved Signage

• Locations
  - Add sign at Wayside
  - Big Creek Trail
  - Big Creek Outfall
Nye Beach Solutions

• Better testing
  – City records?
  – Sourcing the problem
  – CADDIS – EPA WQ problem solver

• PCR 2-hour method
  – Contact: Suzanne Ackerman
Big Creek Solutions

- Identify sources

- Speculations
  - Low system points
  - Failing infrastructure
Benefits of Notification

- Public health
- Beaches are an asset
- Bad PR/ Good PR
- Future development
Notification Challenges

• Testing turnaround
• Bad PR
• Solutions are better than notifications of a problem
Future Agendas for Solutions

- Assessment of historical data
- Sourcing Plan
- Notification Plan
- Technical/Infrastructure improvements