



## MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE JANUARY SUMMARY

Scheduled for: January 4, 201~~8~~<sup>7</sup>  
 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: PW Civic Building, Garden Level Conference Room

1.		<b>Introductions</b>
2.	6:00	<b>January Agenda</b> <b>Action:</b> Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		<b>December Meeting Summary</b> <b>Action:</b> Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		<b>Public Comment Period</b>
5.	6:05	<b>MRC Officer Elections:</b> Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, NWSC Rep., NWSC Alt. Rep.) <b>Action:</b> Roundtable elections
6.	6:10	<b>Sound Action and the Work They Do:</b> Amy Carey, Sound Action Executive Director <b>Objective:</b> Share information about Sound Action’s work in reviewing shoreline HPAs from WDFW.
7.	6:45	<b>"Tracking surface source water microbial communities in Scott Ditch using traditional culture-based methods and next-generation DNA sequencing"- Ryan McLaughlin</b> <b>Objective:</b> Informational presentation about a local DNA testing and Molecular Source Tracking water quality study
8.	7:15	<b>MRC Staff Update:</b> MRC meeting poll results, Net Ecosystem Improvement <b>Objective:</b> Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
9.	7:20	<b>MRC Subcommittee Updates:</b> Education and Outreach, Project Development, Executive, Speaker Series, NWSC, Advisory, County Council <b>Objective:</b> Provide subcommittee members with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
10.	7:45	<b>Partner Committee Updates:</b> BBAT, WWIN, Salmon Recovery <b>Objective:</b> Provide partner committees with opportunity to relay info and updates to the full MRC.
11.	7:55	<b>Review Action Items and Adjourn</b>

### Upcoming Events:

- **Sound Waters**, February 3, South Whidbey High School in Langley, WA  
<https://soundwaterstewards.org/sw/sound-waters-2018/>
- **Eelgrass Wasting Disease (Morgan Eisenlord and Jude Apple)**, March 1, 5:00PM – 6:00PM, Marine Resources Committee Meeting
- **Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference**, April 4-6, WA State Convention Center, Seattle

**In Attendance:** Eleanor Hines (Chair), Alan Chapman, Glen “Alex” Alexander, Bob Cecile, Doug Stark, Jeremy Brown, Bob Seaman, Kristin Murray, Jim Hansen, Pete Granger, Chris Brown, Ryan McLaughlin, Atina Casas

- 1) **Staff:** Austin Rose (WCPW, Robin Klein (WCPW)**Introductions:** Eleanor began the meeting with roundtable introductions.
- 2) **January Agenda:** The January agenda was approved as final.

- 3) **December Meeting Summary:** The December meeting summary was approved as final.
- 4) **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.
- 5) **MRC Officer Elections:** After review of nomination, no other nominations were made. The following were unanimously appointed.
  - Chairman—Eleanor Hines
  - Vice Chair—~~Bob Cecile~~[Kirstin Murray](#)
  - NWSC Rep—~~Doug Stark~~[Bob Cecile](#)
  - NWSC Alt Rep—Pete Granger
- 6) **Sound Action and the Work They Do:** Amy Carey gave an overview of Sound Action’s history and their current functions. Sound Action’s goal is to protect habitat in Salish Sea Recovery. They are looking for opportunities to share information with MRCs to help facilitate projects.
- 7) **Tracking surface source water microbial communities in Scott Ditch using traditional culture-based methods and next-generation DNA sequencing:** Ryan McLaughlin shared a presentation that shows how DNA sequencing and molecular source tracking are being used in the Scott Ditch study. He is also working with Whatcom Conservation District for future use in septic tanks, water treatment plants, farms and urban runoff.
- 8) **MRC Staff Update:** Results from the poll on changing the MRC Committee meeting time showed tie between Wednesdays 6 pm-8 pm and Thursday 5 pm-7 pm. It was decided that the meeting day will stay as Thursday, but the time will change to 5 pm-7 pm. This will be reevaluated at the end of 2018. **Net Ecosystem Improvement (NEI) Project:** Lucas Hart, Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) described NEI and why it is important for the Northwest Straits Initiative (NWSI). The project will provide a method to evaluate and quantify the effectiveness of actions taken by the NWSI. A simple conceptual model will be developed to illustrate the connection between recovery and protection actions and effects on ecosystem elements and functions. It gives a way to explain to legislators and funders what is being done and the impacts. The NWSC is currently looking to hire an ecosystem coordinator who will visit all MRCs and work with them to determine what projects will best work with this model.
- 9) **MRC Subcommittee Updates**
  - **Education and Outreach** – An adhoc group met in December to discuss the future of the North Sound Stewards and potential partnership with the Skagit Salish Sea Stewards. Skagit and Whatcom may be able to submit a joint proposal to the NWSF Opportunity Fund to support a coordinator for the program.
  - **Project Development** – There was no project development meeting in December. Two adhoc groups met: 1) to discuss N Sound Stewards (above); and 2) to discuss the Olympia Oyster Project in Chuckanut Bay. Austin developed a draft monitoring plan and is waiting for feedback from committee members.
  - **Executive** – The group met to set up the January meeting agenda.
  - **Speaker Series** – There are a number of topics drafted for 2018. Austin will share that info when ready and is in process of lining up speakers. Melissa Miner will speak on Sea Star Wasting Disease at February MRC meeting. Morgan Eisenlord will present at the March MRC meeting on Eelgrass Wasting Disease.
  - **NWSC** - There was a conference call meeting. Austin attended and shared meeting minutes with full group. Director Rich Childers has resigned as of December 31, 2017 and his position will be posted. Three letters of support for Northwest Straits Foundation NTA submittals have been drafted. Austin has shared these with the full MRC and will provide finals to Lisa if no MRC member disapproves.
  - **Policy/Advisory** – Jim Hansen mentioned the Shoreline Master Plan will be updated in 2018. Will need to see how the County would like MRC to participate in the process. Jim also provided information about the Cedarville dump and permit rights and monitoring that will be happening.
  - **County Council** – No report

- **City Council** – No report

**10) Partner Committee Updates**

- **BBAT** – The study on woodwaste report revealed that more studies are needed. Cornwall Avenue landfill is out for public comment January 31, 2018.
- **WWIN** –No update.
- **Salmon Recovery Team** –The team is continuing internal work to look at work plans for the future and entering salmon recovery items into the near-term action solicitation.

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**11) Review Action Items and Adjourn** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. The next meeting will be February 1, 2018.