



MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE DRAFT SUMMARY

Scheduled for: February 1, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Please note adjusted meeting time.*

Place: PW Civic Building, Garden Level Conference Room

1.		Introductions
2.	5:00	February Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		January Meeting Summary Action: Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		Public Comment Period
5.	5:05	Continued Impacts of Sea Star Wasting Disease: Melissa Miner, Researcher, UC Santa Cruz Objective: Impacts of sea star populations at both the coast-wide and local scale will be presented, as will recruitment patterns, which drive recovery.
6.	6:00	MRC Applicant Introduction Objective: Allow MRC applicant to meet the committee and outline qualifications and interest in joining the MRC.
7.	6:10	MRC Staff Update: MRC appointments, Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
8.	6:15	MRC Subcommittee Updates: Education and Outreach, Project Development, Executive, Speaker Series, NWSC, Advisory, County Council Objective: Provide subcommittee members with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
9.	6:45	Partner Committee Updates: BBAT, WWIN, Salmon Recovery Objective: Provide partner committees with opportunity to relay info and updates to the full MRC.
10.	6:55	Review Action Items and Adjourn

In Attendance: Eleanor Hines (Chair), Chris Brown, Bob Seaman, Pete Granger, Elizabeth Kilanowski, Bob Cecile, Atina Casas, Glen "Alex" Alexander, Alan Chapman, Kristin Murray, Jim Hansen, Ryan McLaughlin, Doug Stark, Pete Sim

Staff: Robin Klein (WCPW)

Others: Judith Akins, Dana Oster, Lyle Anderson

- 1) **February Agenda:** The February agenda was approved.
- 2) **Introductions:** Eleanor began the meeting with roundtable introductions.
- 3) **January Meeting Summary:** The January meeting summary was approved.

- 4) **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.
- 5) **Continued Impacts of Sea Star Wasting Disease:** Presentation by Melissa Miner. Monitoring is done from California to Alaska. Current event has been going on for 4 ½ years and is different from prior events. Prior events were tied to warm water, like El Nino, and when water cooled the disease would disappear. At least 20 species have been impacted by current disease. There was a question and answer session after the presentation.
- 6) **MRC Applicant Introduction:** Dana Oster gave a brief self-introduction, which included her previous experience.
- 7) **MRC Staff Update**
- No update at this time. Austin will update at a later date.
- Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference - Northwest Straits Commission is paying for one conference registration. Austin is looking for an equitable way to share that registration.
- 8) **MRC Subcommittee Updates**
- **Executive**
 - Went over agenda and discussed MRC applicants.
 - **Speaker Series** – There are several presentations coming up.
 - On March 1, a speaker from Friday Harbor labs will be talking about eelgrass wasting disease.
 - In the spring there will be an update on the Salish Sea Institute.
 - **Project Development**
 - Work is being done on finalizing the Olympia Oyster Study draft for the monitoring study and getting permits.
 - North Sound Stewards are considering applying to the Opportunity Fund by the February 28th deadline to help cover costs, as well as a stipend for an intern to help with volunteer coordination.
 - It was discussed that a meeting be coordinated with Skagit Salish Sea stewards to see how we can collaborate more.
 - Dr. Brooke Love’s class from Western will be presenting to the MRC for their final project. They are helping develop Citizen Science protocols for our Olympia Oyster Monitoring Project. They will present at 4:00 pm on February 28 in the Garden Room before the regular MRC meeting at 5:00 pm.
 - In April the MRC may be involved with Green Drinks at the Local the first Wednesday of the month. They will be highlighting the North Sound Stewards program and activities.
 - **NWSC**
 - Notes went out to the group and information is up on the website.
 - Ken did a presentation on electric boat propulsion.
 - Puget Sound Partnership representative reported 800 near-term actions registered.
 - The Foundation hired a director of Philanthropy, who has extensive experience with fund raising.
 - Snohomish currently has a film series going on at two locations.
 - **Policy/Advisory**
 - There is a work group that feels they could use technological solutions on cleaning up Lake Whatcom
 - There is a movement to start aquacultures on dry land, which could potentially limit the pollution of water involved in aquacultures. It still could be threatening to local fishers industry.
 - **County Council** – No report

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- **Jerry's Journey**—The last sign will be done in about a month. There will be a combined event in April.

9) Partner Committee Updates

- **BBAT** – No meeting. Next meeting will be in April. Eleanor will send out a tracking list.
- **WWIN** –No report
- **Salmon Recovery Team** –They are getting organized to do the LIO roll that includes salmon recovery as part of the NTA evaluation. Funding is good through June. Skagit is trying to get someone to underwrite an electric ferry.

10) Review Action Items and Adjourn –

- Ask Mark Personius to speak to MRC regarding the Shoreline Master Plan Update and what involvement the MRC would have.
- Anyone interested in attending Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference please contact Austin.
- The next meeting will be March 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm, with presentation by WWU students starting at 4:00 pm.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.