



MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: Kristin Murray (Chair), Austin Rose (Staff), Robin Klein (Staff), Bob Seaman, Ryan McLaughlin, Elizabeth Kilanowski, Jim Hansen, Pete Granger

Others: Brittany Palm-Flawd, Shay Haller, Adriana Santiago, Megan Hintz

- 1) **Introductions:** Kristin began the meeting with roundtable introductions.
- 2) **October Agenda:** There was not a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting to approve the agenda.
- 3) **September Meeting Summary:** There was not a quorum so the September meeting summary was not approved at this time.
- 4) **Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.
- 5) **Training the Next Generation of the Blue Revolution:** Presentation by Brittany Palm-Flawd, PhD Candidate, Hatchery Manager & Instructor, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Fisheries & Aquaculture Program. Brittany shared her education and history of programs she has been part of over the last several years, prior to coming to BTC. This included: Cod and mussel farming in Norway; habitat restoration in Trinidad and Tobago; shark reproduction technology, monitoring gestation under different climate changes, in Maine. She then worked for NOAA out of Mississippi and finished her Masters during that time. Brittany then accepted a Fulbright and went to Ireland and applied her experience to salmonids.

The program at BTC is expanding and they have a new curriculum. Since 1979 the program has produced over 1,000 graduates. Many are employed locally. Program staff are currently looking for community partners, projects and internships, guest speakers, field opportunities and employer feedback. Students in the program have choices in the path they take within the program, such as:

1. An Associates in Applied Science in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences which can be modified to a transfer degree.
 2. Bellingham Technical College has a transfer agreement with WWU and Northwest Indian College and is currently in negotiations with Oregon State University.
 3. BTC offers a one-year certificate in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences.
- 6) **MRC Subcommittee Updates**
 - **Project Development:** No Update.
 - **Executive:** No report.
 - **Speaker Series:** Elizabeth met with Sue Blake and they discussed speakers for the rest of 2018. Brad Smith from the Orca Recovery Plan will speak some time in November or December.
 - **Northwest Straits Commission:** Austin will send out the minutes from the last commission meeting on September 28, 2018.
 - **Advisory:** Jim reported that he was able to attend the last meeting. Jim invited MRC members to the Environmental Caucus annual meeting December 3, 2018, 5 pm to 8 pm at WECU in Ferndale. There will be a barbeque and a speaker from the Orca Task Force. Please let Jim know if you are interested in attending.
 - **County Council:** No report. Austin shared that the MRC grant was accepted.
 - **City Council:** No report.
 - 7) **Partner Committee Updates**
 - **BBAT:** Austin forwarded the information from Lucy McInerney to the full group.
 - **WWIN:** WWIN is going to hold their general membership meeting on November 27, 2018. It is going to be a training session on facilitation basics, with instructor Ann Weaver from the NOAA Office of Coastal Management.
 - **Salmon Recovery:** No report.

8) Review Action Items and Adjourn

- Seafeast—The first part of the day the weather was very windy and raining. The attendance was lower than expected at 9,000 people. We need to be better prepared next year for inclement weather.

There is a new project in Squalicum Harbor to build a “Fishermen’s Pavilion” in the spot of the current bone yard. This will be a place in the winter where fishermen can work on nets and projects out of the weather. It would then be available middle of May through Seafeast for weddings, receptions and events. They will allocate some Port funds and looking for private money. This could be a future location for Seafeast.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.