

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee  
Port Commissioners Bldg.  
333 Benedict Street  
Port Townsend, WA  
February 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:**

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair  
Wade Crouch, District 3, Co-Chair  
Emily Bishop, District 1  
Andrew Palmer, District 2  
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Alt.  
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.  
Sarah Fiske, District 3  
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.  
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend  
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC  
Dale Moses, Recreation, NWS Representative  
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.  
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend  
Neil Harrington, Tribal  
Al Bergstein, Environment

**Absent:**

Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.  
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt.  
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.  
Gordon King, Commercial Interest  
Nam Siu, Marine Science  
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.  
Chris Eardley, Tribal Alt

**Guests:**

Betsy Carlson, Rich Childers, Jeff Gallant

**Staff:**

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Co-Chair Wade Crouch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was a round of introductions as guests were present.	A quorum was present.	All members – please sign in and record volunteer hours by project.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Wade asked for amendments to the agenda.  Wade asked for amendments to/approval of the Minutes.	Andy Palmer moved to approve the agenda. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  Steve Tucker moved to approve the January minutes as is, seconded by Sarah Fiske. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Public Comment: Betsy Carlson of the PTMSC announced that the hydrophone at the pier is working again. This Sunday, PTMSC hosts speaker Ian Miller re: Elwha restoration. Peter Bahls with NW Watershed Institute is looking for volunteers for fish seining and identification.		
ADMINISTRATIVE	<b>Strait ERN</b> (Cheryl) At the last meeting John Cambalik gave an overview of Straits ERN and asked for MRC feedback on regional goals. She suggests adding a specific goal about removing armoring in Discovery Bay. Short term goal: remove 200 feet. Long term: 750 feet. Also that the MRC recommend adding a few more details on Olympia oyster goals. Members approved by consensus.  Cheryl added that, per her conversations with Brady Blake, native abalone populations are also of concern. Discussion ensued. Rich and MRC members briefly summarized current efforts and thoughts on future speakers (e.g. Shannon Pt.)  (Kate Dean joined the meeting)  Betsy added that PTMSC is looking at possibility of rearing pinto abalone and providing public education. They are currently conducting a trial and will apply for ALEA funds.  <b>MRC Project Planning 2018</b> - Cheryl referred to a handout		

	<p>listing the projects. Exec Committee reviewed and agreed we should start with our ongoing projects and discuss either expansion/modification of existing or adding projects. By the April meeting, we need to decide on our projects. Cheryl summarized projects on the list and members provided input. Jeff clarified that "Kelp Monitoring" is an on-going project but not sure what next year's effort will look like (completed this year?).</p> <p>Jeff noted that they plan to continue forage fish spawning surveys at Adelma Beach next year--likely through Sept. 2018. Neil added: Oct-March best window for finding eggs. However, he does feel it is worthwhile sampling year-round.</p> <p>The "Oly Oyster" committee is looking at the potential to expand into Killisut Harbor in next year or two. Neil recommended data loggers to gather more useful data. Neil and Chris Eardley would like to do a site visit to the Quilcene and Disco Bay sites this spring.</p> <p>"Rain gardens": (Cheryl) we've committed to two sites this year. She assumes we'll continue into 2018 with two a year. This year, rain gardens had the largest share of the project portion of the budget.</p> <p>"Shoreline Restoration" (Cheryl): NWSF has funding to support this effort, so our commitment is more in terms of hours. Steve spoke of Fort Worden Lighthouse and Larry Scott Memorial Trail (LSMT) as potential sites - dune replacement/erosion prevention. Cheryl informed WSP that MRC is interested in being included in the on-going discussions about the Lighthouse. Cheryl, Lisa Kaufman and Steve will meet re: LSMT opportunities.</p> <p>Additional Ideas on the handout -</p> <p>1) Derelict Boats - Steve sees MRC potential role as monitoring and helping to contact boat owners. Potential to develop protocols and/or brochure to be model for others. Great topic for WBF booth. DNR has some guidance. It was agreed more information is needed.</p> <p>2) Update 2013 JCMRC Strategic Plan - AI suggested waiting until 2018 given current unknowns at the federal level &amp; NWSC funding. NWSC will be updating their strategic plan at an upcoming retreat.</p> <p>3) Maintain or expand Maritime Discovery Program connections - we will know more later in 2017. MRC reps (Cheryl and Wade) will be on the PTSD panel with teachers to discuss opportunities. Raingardens and water quality/Oly Oysters ties in with their curriculum.</p> <p>4) Program Assistant for next year - This year, we qualified for special funding. What do we want to do for future years? - Apply each year for NWSF opportunity fund or include in NWSC budget? (\$7K)</p> <p>Andy requested list of the agencies/groups MRC participates with and how much time that involves (PSP, Protection Island, etc.)</p> <p>Of new ideas, Pinto Abalone (Investigating Stage) and Derelict Gear seem to be of most interest.</p> <p>Cheryl clarified this is to help develop our work plan and budget for 2018 fiscal year (begins Oct. 2017). Cheryl will flesh out with input from others and we'll go over the list again. Executive Committee to regroup on next steps.</p> <p><b>Program Assistant Selection-</b> (Cheryl) Application deadline 2/14. Ashley, Neil and Judy S. volunteered to help. Judy shared Internship link.</p>		<p>Cheryl, Lisa Kaufman and Steve to meet re: LSMT opportunities.</p>
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Current and Upcoming Projects	<p><b>Project Status Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Forage Fish</b> (Jeff, Jackie, Cheryl) - covered previously. Cheryl to send email invite 2/14 @ 2:30 from Jamestown Sk'lallam re: tour to demonstrate processing of samples.</p> <p><b>Derelict boats</b> (Steve) - already covered.</p> <p><b>Kelp Monitoring</b> - no update</p> <p><b>Oly Oyster</b> -Neil will work with Chris on a plan for next year. He will connect with Cheryl/Gordon to visit Disco/Quil sites.</p> <p><b>Outreach/PT</b> - (Cheryl) - panel next week.</p> <p><b>No Anchor Zones</b> (Dale) 21 buoys. Tough weather resulted in loss of five: three small and two big buoys. Two were recovered. (About \$300 each). A diver has offered to inspect lines to try and determine why we lost the buoys. Subcommittee will put together equipment list and arrange for reinstallation. Andy suggested we may need to retain an engineer to help us determine best design/equipment.</p> <p><b>Rain Gardens</b> (Anna) - Committee met yesterday. Bob heard from City that they want to work on Chetzomoka site first. Installation will likely be at the end of May/early June in partnership with City. We will be looking for volunteers. Need more info before selecting second site. Also, signs will be going up at Courthouse raingarden.</p>	Cheryl to send email invite 2/14 @ 2:30 from Jamestown Sk'lallam re: tour to demonstrate processing of samples.	
Recent Meetings Report	<p><b>NWSC update</b> (Dale) Highlights were sent via email. Retreat at end of month. Welcome Rich Childers. Topics included EPA under new administration, net pens, friend-raisers, etc.</p> <p><b>Strait ERN meeting</b> - Neil and Kate attended. Clallam MRC's Sequim Bay Oly Oyster restoration ranked second for selecting a task paid for with regional LIO funding allocation, but another task was selected to receive that funding..</p> <p><b>Chumsortium</b> (Cheryl) - Topics included Point Wilson Lighthouse challenges and options, Killisut Harbor project update (extension of grant money looks likely) Jan. 2018 possible start date, NOSC shared draft interpretive signs for Maynard Beach project. MRC is helping fund the signage.</p>		
Public Comment	Jeff Gallant – There are still many people that are not aware of the potential impacts of climate change. CAC is not doing a lot of outreach. Need outreach especially to 20-35 year olds. Judy S. responded re: CAC status.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>AI - VIDA SB168 is a bad bill. It would do away with prohibitions of dumping ballast water in the Puget Sound. To be voted on in the next week or so. Invasive species concerns. Maria Cantwell opposed. Jay Inslee has already sent a letter. AI highly recommends reading the Kitsap Sun "watching our waterways" column reposted to AI's blog. Andy and AI provided tips for commenting.</p> <p>Jeff and Dale suggested Steve contact Snohomish MRC as they</p>		

	<p>have some experience with derelict vessels.</p> <p>Anna shared Jefferson Co. Health Dept draft newsletter.</p> <p>Dale asked Kate for input on MRCs upcoming report to the County.</p> <p>Cheryl shared copies of a mailing that went out to Hood Canal shoreline residents, Beach Naturalist Program brochure and posters announcing upcoming classes.</p> <p>Dale asked if members were getting email from NWSC - check your email spam if you didn't.</p> <p>Rich noted 3 job openings at WDFW in Port Townsend. Shellfish policy coordinator, vessel operator and Rich's position.</p> <p>Jeff is not able to attend the NWSC retreat 2/24 - let Cheryl know if you want to attend in his place.</p>		<p>Contact Cheryl if you want to attend NWSC retreat.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.		