

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee  
Port Commissioners Bldg.  
333 Benedict Street  
Port Townsend, WA  
January 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

Wade Crouch, District 3, Co-Chair  
Emily Bishop, District 1  
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Alt.  
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.  
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt.  
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.  
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend  
Nam Siu, Marine Science  
Dale Moses, Recreation, NWS Representative  
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.  
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend  
Neil Harrington, Tribal  
Chris Eardley, Tribal Alt

**Absent:**

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair  
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.  
Andrew Palmer, District 2  
Sarah Fiskén, District 3  
Al Bergstein, Environment  
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.  
Gordon King, Commercial Interest  
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.  
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, Jefferson County Commissioner

**Guests:**

Betsy Carlson, John Cambalik

**Staff:**

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator  
Robert Simmons, WSU

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER	Co-Chair Wade Crouch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.	A quorum was present.	All members – please sign in and record volunteer hours by project.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Wade asked for amendments to the agenda.  There was a round of introductions as guests and new members were present.  Wade asked for amendments to/approval of the Minutes.	Judy Surber moved to approve the agenda. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  Steve Tucker moved to approve the December minutes as is, seconded by Nam Siu. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
GUEST SPEAKERS	<b>John Cambalik, Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network (Strait ERN) Update</b> – The Strait ERN is one of the 9 Local Integrating Organizations (LIOs) in the Puget Sound. The 9 cover all geographic areas except the Skagit, which has yet to form an LIO.  The Strait Ecosystem Protection and Recovery Plan is now in Final Draft form and was submitted last Sept to Puget Sound Partnership (PSP).  John provided an overview of the Strait ERN including geographic area, mission, structure and decision making process. He noted that Jefferson MRC is also within the Hood Canal Coordination Council LIO. Each LIO is structured differently to allow local flexibility. Strait ERN decision-making is bottoms up and requires full membership (over 30 members). If the item is time sensitive, the Steering Committee may approve. Quarterly meetings are held. Strait ERN has a Steering Committee and various task force groups. Bob and Neil serve on the Technical task force group.  John reviewed the Final Draft Strait ERN Plan which consists of: 24 specific near-term actions; 20 2016 Salmon Recovery actions and 3 Near term Actions from 2014-2015  The overall funding is complex. For the near-term actions (NTAs) funding can be provided by the National Estuary Program from EPA and administered by three different state agencies. PSP, a small state agency, updates the Action Agenda and tracks the program. They are currently vetting the final draft plan and thus his visit to the MRC today. The plan is on line. Cheryl has the	Cheryl will distribute the key documents. If members have input (i.e., gaps/priorities) please funnel through Neil, Bob or Cheryl and we can review at future MRC meeting.	

	<p>link. He provided a handout list of NTAs and touched on key items including one submitted by Jefferson MRC. John summarized a second handout - Short-term goal statements. He asked members to review it and see if there are any gaps. Finally, he reviewed the 13 local strategies from the draft plan.</p> <p>Bob noted that Kate Dean will be the County BoCC representative on both the Straits ERN and MRC.</p> <p>John would like feedback by March for consideration at their May quarterly meeting. Cheryl will distribute the key documents. If members have input (i.e., gaps/priorities) please funnel through Neil, Bob or Cheryl and we can review at future MRC meeting. NTAs are updated every 2 years by legislative requirement.</p>		
ADMINISTRATIVE	<p><b>MRC planning/general discussion</b> – (Cheryl) - Are we doing okay in terms of the process we use to determine projects? And the role we play in the community? Is there a different process for planning future projects? Discussion ensued with some suggestions including earlier brainstorming, checklists, template for each project; synopsis of each project early on, grouping ideas, method of voting process (with numbers/hand vote/dots); retreat or regular meetings, use of preliminary surveys.</p> <p><b>Program Assistant</b> –(Cheryl) - We have received the Opportunity Fund Grant. She will draft a seasonal part-time position description over the next two weeks. Jackie and Bob and Emily agreed to review the draft. She hopes to have position filled in March.</p> <p><b>Speaker ideas/discussion</b> (Cheryl) - She referred to back of agenda for past presentations (2015 &amp; 2016) and preliminary ideas for 2017. Input included: WDFW speaker (crab/shrimp surveys); candidates; NWSF, NWSC, invite new Executive Director; Patty Charnas of Jefferson DCD: Shannon Miller from Point No Point on forage fish spawning. Eelgrass trends, Battelle labs; DNR; Donna Frostholm on Jefferson County SMP implementation. Surf Riders Association. Other MRCs with success in projects we are considering.</p>		
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p><b>Outreach - PT School District</b> – (Cheryl) A meeting was held with school district in early December. It led to grant proposal submitted to NOAA for teacher professional development. If grant comes thru MRC would work with the school on Oly Oysters and raingardens.</p> <p><b>Forage fish monitoring</b> - (Jeff) - He and Troy did another sampling at Aldema Beach and found no eggs. Several neighbors contacted them during the sampling. Cheryl asked Jeff to track number of contacts and their names. He would like an expert to come help ensure they are sampling correctly - he will talk to Lucas. Neil volunteered to go in the field with them. Next sampling likely 1/20/17. Timing and method of feedback on samples was discussed.</p> <p><b>Derelict boats</b> - (Steve) - Troy and Steve recently pulled up derelict debris along the Larry Scott Memorial Trail. While it is DNR's responsibility, it is low a low priority for them. Once a boat breaks free and grounds on upland, it becomes the landowner's problem. Steve will continue to pursue how best we can coordinate with other agencies on derelict vessels/develop a protocol/be proactive. Jackie requested notification of future meetings of this group.</p> <p><b>Oly Oyster</b> (Chris) - subcommittee met last month. Focus was to get all members oriented. WDFW brought them up to date with latest methods. They discussed sites and goals for 2017. He will distribute subcommittee meeting notes to the MRC.</p> <p><b>Rain Garden</b> (Bob/Anna) -Hopes to have sites identified by end of month. Wants group to meet early-mid February for next steps. He has asked City for input on additional sites. (Subcommittee: Troy/Wade/Anna/Judy d'Amore).</p> <p><b>No Anchor Zones</b> (Dale) - Some of our buoys have disappeared including the one large summer buoy and up to five winter buoys. Will need to hire a diver to determine if line is still in place.</p> <p><b>Nearshore Restoration</b> (Cheryl) - We will be getting NWSF funding for education programs in Discovery Bay to reach out to landowners on armoring. Idea is to do outreach on a</p>	<p>Jeff to track number of contacts and their names.</p> <p>Neil to go in the field with Jeff and Troy.</p> <p>Steve to notify Jackie of future meetings.</p> <p>Chris to distribute subcommittee notes to full MRC.</p> <p>Dale to explore hiring diver to check on buoy tackle.</p> <p>Cheryl to discuss with Education Committee and contact Pat Pearson/Kevin Long/Darcy on previous events.</p>	

	neighborhood-friendly approach with a good weather event with a broad array of topics to attract interest. She will discuss with Education Committee. Someone suggested a dessert potluck. Neil suggested checking in with Pat Pearson/Kevin Long/Darcy on previous events.		
Recent Meetings Report	<b>NWSC update</b> - Dale referred to reports that are circulated with summary of NWSC meetings. He is not optimistic on federal funding. He and Cheryl will check into distribution of NWSC and NWSF newsletters.	Cheryl will check into distribution of NWSC and NWSF newsletters.	
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	Dale shared NPR report: Hood Canal has just been approved for expansion of a conservation area (Dabob Bay & Devil's Lake). Neil - President Obama approval of National Infrastructure Fund, which authorizes funds for projects including Duckabush highway bridge. Bob - Recent Supreme Court Case - re: 2015 Stormwater management regulations - if you have not broken ground, must conform with current regulations. Nam shared info on recent research vessel findings re: mapping of methane seeps in CA. 1/13/17 - Strait ERN meeting: Neil and Bob plan to attend. 2/4/17 - Sound Waters University - recommend signing up early if interested. Highly recommended. 2/7/17 - Next MRC monthly meeting.		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM		