

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Port Commissioners Bldg.
333 Benedict Street
Port Townsend, WA
June 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Emily Bishop, District 1
Wade Crouch, District 3, Co-Chair
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Alt.
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt.
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Al Bergstein, Environment
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC
Dale Moses, Recreation, NWS Representative
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal

Absent:

Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Sarah Fiskens, District 3
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Chris Eardley, Tribal Alt

Guests:

Betsy Carlson, Roy Clark, Rich Childers,

Staff:

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator; Robert Simmons, WSU Faculty;
Tim Weissman, Program Assistant

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Co-Chair Wade Crouch called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Members gathered for a quick group photograph. There was a round of introductions as guests were present.	A quorum was present.	All members – sign in and record volunteer hours by project.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Wade asked for amendments to the agenda. Cheryl asked to add one "Port" item under Administrative. Wade asked for amendments to/approval of the May Minutes. Neil noted a typographical error "obtain" should be "abstain".	Steve Tucker moved to approve the agenda as amended. Someone seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Steve Tucker moved to approve the minutes as amended. Neil Harrington. Motion passed unanimously.	Cheryl will correct the typo and finalize the May minutes.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Betsy Carlson announced that PTMSC got funding from ALEA for refreshing exhibits and an Abalone/Oly Oyster display.		
UPDATE ON GREEN CRAB MONITORING	Update on Green Crab Monitoring (Neil) - European green crabs are a species of shore crab about 4 inches in size. Generalized feeders. Highly adaptable. Native to Europe. Spreading across E. Coast for about 100 years - likely in ballast water. Larvae can float a long way. Displaces native species. Hit aquaculture industry hard on E. Coast. They will eat eelgrass. Neil thinks of them as "ecological change agents". In 1989, they appeared on W. coast (San Francisco) likely introduced along with lobster packing material. In El Niño years, larvae travel up the coast on the current. Until a few years ago, had not been seen inside the Straits but now established in Sooke Harbor and Barclays Harbor BC. Based on currents, there is concern that larvae from Sooke will end up in Puget Sound – a few found in Westcott Bay and Padilla Bay. WA Sea Grant has a surveillance program. Recent monitoring at Graveyard Spit (Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge) found seven crabs initially. Invasive species team began trapping. Total 68 caught so far. Hopeful, they've knocked the population back so they won't get established there. Difficult to eradicate once established. Jamestown S'Klallam is working with WDFW and WA Sea Grant to conduct reconnaissance sampling of potential habitat sites in other areas (including Jimmy-Come-Lately Creek, Discovery Bay,		

	<p>PA Bay, Dungeness Bay, Sequim Bay, Washington Harbor, etc.)</p> <p>For identification characteristics, Neil recommends going to the WA Sea Grant Green Crab Monitoring webpage.</p> <p>Q&A: What should MRC do? WA Sea grant currently maxed out on volunteers. Some other MRCs have sponsored teams. Rich Childers noted recent NWSC provided a letter of support to a UW student who was applying for funding of green crab sampling. If funded, he anticipates MRCs will be involved. Cheryl noted MRC has cosponsored trainings in past. What's being done about the population in Sooke? Neil: Does not appear that they are doing anything. Trapping in Barclay was not effective. WA Fish and Wildlife has written a letter to Canada government expressing concern about the Sooke population.</p>		
ADMINISTRATIVE	<p>Port of PT Point Hudson Study – (Cheryl) The Port has retained a consultant to conduct stakeholder interviews about development strategy for Point Hudson (upland areas). Focus groups are scheduled for near future. Is anyone interested in participating? Dale and Bob volunteered. Judy is likely to attend on behalf of city. (Wed 14th pm or TH 15th between 8 and 3pm.)</p> <p>Joint MRC meeting: (Cheryl) Jefferson MRC will have a joint meeting/potluck with Clallam and Island MRCs on July 11 at the Point Hudson's Marina Room. This is In lieu of our regular July 4 meeting. Cheryl shared list of potential topics and asked MRC to weigh in on top three preferences. Rich offered to present 5 minutes on the future of NWSC funding. There was support for outreach; derelict vessels; time to share what each MRC is working on.</p> <p>BoCC report: Kate Dean thanked the group for providing input on the halibut season. BoCC was briefed and they plan on digging further into the issue. Kate recently traveled to Washington DC (with several others from the area including Rich Childers and tribal reps) to meet with 11 members of Congress on programs serving Puget Sound. Key take-a-ways included: our message needs to be broad and bi-partisan; tie it to jobs; keep up the good work; infrastructure funding may be more available (e.g., stormwater infrastructure); a resolution for continuing EPA was signed; expect a battle for 2018 budget. Rich added that there was great amount of uncertainty. They shared info on link between jobs and Puget Sound. Health of PS critical to economy. PSP put together one pager on stats which Kate will share with Cheryl. Patty Murray told them that NWSI is part of her legacy. Kate noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County's first draft of CAO Ordinance is with the Planning Commission. • HCCC is prioritizing their strategies; there is potential for shellfish funding. • Strait ERN near-term actions are mechanism by which PSP determines funding so now is a good time to think about MRC projects. Funding beyond this year is in question. 		<p>Dale and Bob to attend Port meetings on Point Hudson.</p> <p>All – don't forget your potluck dish!</p> <p>Kate to send PSP one pager on stats to Cheryl; Cheryl to distribute.</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>NWSC Projects</p> <p>1) Forage Fish (Jeff and Cheryl) Jeff reported sampling in Discovery Bay has continued. They found nothing but that is to be expected in summer.</p> <p>2) Oly Oyster (Neil) - Team spent two days sampling test plots in Quilcene Bay and placing about 80 new bags of overwintered seeded cultch on the test plots (after collecting data on numbers and size of Olympias on the cultch). Very successful.</p> <p>3) Outreach WBF (Cheryl) WSU extension will be moving from Cupola House to Port Hadlock in mid-July. Thus, MRC will need to pay \$350 fee to have a tent at the WBF. She'll ask if WA SeaGrant would like to split a tent again. Members discussed ideas for message including a broader message of why is the health of the PS important (ecosystems, jobs etc.). Dig4Dinner (Tim) - 49 people participated. Fun! Next one is this Friday June 9th. Oysters and clams at Dosewallips State Park - 56 people signed up. WDFW posted on their webpage and social media.</p> <p>4) No Anchor Zones (Dale) - 8 lost winter floats (not visible—</p>	<p>Gordon King moved to support \$350 for a tent at WBF. Seconded by Ashley Mackenzie. Passed unanimously.</p>	

	<p>may be trapped underwater or gone). However, this Saturday Gordon and Emily will do a reconnaissance dive to see what's been happening underwater and what needs to be done.</p> <p>5) Rain Gardens (Bob) Last Wednesday subcommittee met. School of Wooden Boats declined to host a RG on their site until they complete their overall site plans. Doing reconnaissance to select another site outside of City of PT. Bob continues to work with City Parks Department on the Chetzamoka rain garden- seems City Attorney feels an MOU is required. This has slowed the process but we hope to install in September. Had 50 (K-8) OPEPO students at the site for an educational activity. Did work party for maintenance of rain gardens today. They look great!</p> <p>6) Kelp Monitoring (Jeff) - Last winter several meetings with Lucas/WDNR/other MRCs/University of Victoria. Use of infrared/satellite imagery may be effective monitoring option for Jefferson County. Jeff discussed the benefits and limitations of satellite images. Aerial photos scheduled for this summer. Working with PTMSC to gather data on turbidity and temperature. Also plans for underwater photos.</p> <p>7) Derelict Boats (Steve) At a recent meeting of all WA Port Commissions, there was a session on Derelict Boats. Clearly there are issues with the ABCs that are supposed to be in place. DNR/Attorneys will regroup. In meantime Port of PT is working with DNR and Jason Avery (runs the Sheriff's boat) to look at how to do monitoring, verify, document, and ticket boats.</p> <p>NWSF Projects</p> <p>1) Crabber outreach (Tim) - open weekend dates were announced. Will try to be present to put information into the hands of the crabbers. June 28 volunteer training.</p> <p>2) Shoreline Landowner Outreach (Cheryl) - in interest of time, we skipped this.</p>		
Recent Meetings Report	<p>NWSC May (Dale/Jeff) - Dale referred to minutes emailed previously. NWSC has a proposal into Olympia (WA State legislature) about providing some funding.</p> <p>Strait ERN (Cheryl) Last meeting was about approving the Strait ERN LIO regional plan and preparing for fall. NTAs Kate covered more detail in her report above.</p> <p>Bainbridge Community Conference - Gordon/Anna/Frank attended. An amendment to Bainbridge Island SMP would create a defacto ban on aquaculture which led to this meeting. The meeting was attended primarily by people in opposition to aquaculture. No tribal representatives were present. Frank had relayed to Cheryl, thathe learned a lot but would like to have heard the other side. He suggested a future MRC forum that provides all perspectives. Al said about 100 were in attendance.</p> <p>Chumsortium (Cheryl) Featured topic was about various agencies involved with fish passage programs. Local Conservation District is very engaged.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>Bob - new raingarden signs are out at City's rain gardens. In July WSU Extension will be recruiting volunteers to test revised rain garden assessment.</p> <p>Judy Surber noted that the City's CAO Update is currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission.</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM		