

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

Present:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Emily Bishop, District 1
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Alt.
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Sarah Fiskén, District 3
Al Bergstein, Environment
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Dale Moses, Recreation, NWS Representative
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal

Absent:

Wade Crouch, District 3, Co-Chair
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt.
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC

Guests:

Ruth Blyther NWSF; Rich Childers NWSC; Betsy Carlson PTMSC; Amy Carey Sound Action

Staff:

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator; Robert Simmons, WSU Faculty

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Ashley Mackenzie 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	Ashley asked for amendments to the agenda. Jeff requested adding Forage Fish to Current Projects; Steve will cover Derelict gear for Wade. Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the September Minutes.	Steve Tucker moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Neil Harrington. Approved as amended. Steve Tucker moved to approve the minutes. Gordon King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	BoCC report: Kate Dean was not present.		
SOUND ACTION	Sound Action and The Work They Do - Amy Carey, Sound Action Executive Director, expressed her appreciation for the work of the MRC. She provided an overview of the Sound Action's work history, what they do and why it is important. Sound Action originally stemmed from a grass roots organization on Vashon which formed to oppose a 1997 proposal to mine Maurey Island. They won their appeal in 2010. During the nearly 15-year fight, the group grew and gained expertise. They recognized Puget Sound was suffering a death by a thousand cuts due to regulatory gaps. In 2013 they launched Sound Action as a regulatory watchdog group. Regulations on the books are not being applied and enforced. Amy discussed the Hydraulic Code under WDFW, which purpose is to protect marine and freshwater species. The standard is no net loss. It has huge gaps. Internal review found that less than 20% of permits issued met that standard. Sound Action now reviews every HPA permit issued from Point Roberts to South Sound (including Port Townsend area, southward from		

	<p>just west of Point Wilson) and files appeals when warranted. Reviewing HPAs gives a good snapshot of what activities are occurring. Informal administrative appeals are the first step. They often get resolution with an administrative appeal but if not, they file a formal appeal to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). WDFW does not deny permits. Sound Action's goal is to help WDFW improve permits; it's a unique partnership. There is also dialogue on legislative fixes. Sound Action was appointed to State-wide committee on implementation of the Hydraulic Code.</p> <p>Forage fish is a focus. The lack of forage fish documented habitat is problematic. Because of third party appeals, WDFW scientists proposed protection around 1.2 kilometers (634 meters on either side) of a positive surf smelt data point. It was adopted March 2017. As a result, an estimated 500 additional miles of shoreline are protected. They are evaluating whether similar regulations should also apply to sand lance.</p> <p>Around 2013-14, they helped WDFW get \$750K earmarked in the state budget for forage fish surveys and they have worked every year to retain funding. During the Q&A session, Amy explained: Sound Action is funded by donors and grants. They review about 500 plus permits per year. Sound Action looks for regulatory gaps and appropriate implementation. In regards single-family bulkheads, there is a minor gap in the regulations, but the bigger issue is implementation.</p> <p>WDFW recently claimed "for the first time, less armoring going in than being removed" but that's not technically accurate when you include repair and replacements. Shannon added: repair and replace permits are very easy to get and often misused.</p> <p>While the Hydraulic Code has broad application, aquaculture and associated structures do not require an HPA. Currently, Sound Action does not have the capacity to monitor compliance. Amy is staff, she retains consultants and attorneys as needed. She described Sound Action's relationship with tribes. Discussion of various permitting overlaps and gaps (Fed. State, local) ensued.</p>		
ADMINISTRATIVE	<p>MRC Conference Registration (Cheryl) reminded people to register. Rich Childers said conference agenda will be posted by next week. Al hopes to audiotape. Hotel reservations due by 10/13. Cheryl encouraged carpools and room sharing. She passed around NWS Initiative Annual report which is also available online.</p> <p>WBF evaluation (All) – Members gave feedback- some suggested booth design be primarily focused on adults vs. kids. Ideally attract both. Passport to Adventure was great! WDFW and Jefferson County Health reported Passport helped bring in 1200 people! Cheryl requested more help for prep next year.</p> <p>Elgrass multibeam sonar follow up. (Cheryl) For those who expressed interested in the boat survey, Cheryl is coordinating with Albert Foster, to go out maybe early next week.</p> <p>Membership revisions and updates (Cheryl). Exec Committee proposes to review business rules. They'd like a small group to review it. Gordan, Al, Sarah and Neil volunteered.</p> <p>Crabber Outreach 2018-19 (Cheryl). Jason Morgan from NWSF is putting together a grant proposal for additional Derelict Gear work for 2018-19 FY - they want to measure impact of outreach. She needs to know, are we interested in having Jason include us in the grant proposal which would pay for Natural Resources Consultants to do crab pot removals? Cheryl noted, this would commit Jefferson MRC to doing Crabber Outreach in 2018-19. Neil Harrington moved to approve inclusion of Jefferson MRC in the grant proposal. Seconded by Andrew Palmer. Approved unanimously. Jeff is interested in helping- especially near Aldelma/Discovery Bay if that's included.</p> <p>Derelict Boats (Steve) - Met with Bridget of DNR and Jason Avery at the Sheriff's Department to discuss preventing derelict boats. Sheriff's Department issues citations. Bridget can assess fees if illegally anchoring on DNR land, but she needs documentation to do it. It would require monitoring and documenting. Steve sees a need for a map showing where you can anchor and for how long (every 30 days). Steve noted there is a program to give your boat away if maintenance proves too</p>	<p>Neil Harrington moved to approve inclusion of Jefferson MRC in the grant proposal. Seconded by Andrew Palmer. Approved unanimously.</p>	<p>All – remember to register for the MRC Conference</p> <p>Gordan, Al, Sarah and Neil to assist Cheryl with business rule updates.</p>

	<p>costly. We could request a weekly patrol. (He referred to a recent news article). Derelict boats/illegally moored have recently caused two shellfish closures: Mystery Bay shellfish closure and Hamma Hamma temporary closure at Port Hadlock. Does the MRC support? If yes, we would need a MRC member to commit to go on weekly patrols with Jason.</p> <p>Cheryl summed up: Two issues: 1. Are we interested in pursuing derelict boat monitoring? 2. Need volunteers to monitor.</p> <p>Dale Moses moved to include derelict boat monitoring as an MRC project; seconded by Gordon King - passed unanimously.</p> <p>Volunteers: Troy, Sarah, Gordon, Andy, Al, Dale, Jeff.</p> <p>Steve will coordinate with volunteers and Jason.</p>	<p>Dale Moses moved to include derelict boat monitoring as an MRC project; seconded by Gordon King - passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Steve will coordinate with volunteers and Jason.</p> <p>Volunteers: Troy, Sarah, Gordon, Andy, Al, Dale, Jeff.</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Outreach – previously covered with WBF evaluation and Crabber Outreach.</p> <p>No-anchor Zones (Dale). All ten buoys are in place at PT Bay. Compliance during WBF was good. Tackle seems to be performing well. Plan is to haul in buoys and set winter floats October 18.</p> <p>Lost a buoy at Mystery Bay but recovered it. Will need to put it back. Identified weakness in open-end shackles and will look into replacing them. Last Spring, we lost 3 of 4 buoys in Port Hadlock. Found one. Gordon and Dale will follow up on a lead for one of the missing anchor lines.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob) - Installed two rain gardens in late September. Chetzamoka challenging but Bob got City/BoCC contract signed. Thanked everyone for their efforts. First Security Bank rain garden went well. That makes six rain gardens installed! Bob will report on data loggers at Garfield Street site.</p> <p>Olympia Oyster - report in December</p> <p>Fort Townsend & Kelp (Cheryl). About to start forage fish monitoring at Fort Townsend again - Emily, Neil, Al, and Frank volunteered to help.</p> <p>Forage Fish (Jeff) - He is looking for volunteers for Aldema Beach monitoring. Erin Dilworth from WDFW came to provide tips in the lab. Ashley will send info on lab equipment that may be available.</p>		<p>Gordon and Dale will follow up on lead for missing buoy.</p> <p>Bob will report on data loggers at Garfield Street site.</p> <p>Emily, Neil, Al, and Frank to help monitor at Fort Townsend.</p> <p>Ashley to send info on lab equipment to Jeff.</p>
Recent Meetings Report	<p>Strait ERN (Neil) - There will be a call for new near-term action items (NTA) in the Fall and we will need to resubmit for any continuing NTAs. Bob added - ERN sent letter of support regarding the Snake River Dam removal. \$100k for WSU/NOSC's education outreach proposal to be used in Clallam and Jefferson Counties which will compliment MRC efforts (Jan 2018-2020). Cheryl added, Lucas arranged a conference call to coordinate better for next round of near-term actions. Rich Childers noted next opportunity would be 4 years from now.</p> <p>NWSC Sept (Dale) Last Friday the commission met via WebX, he emailed draft notes and will forward final notes. They've found 50,000 Atlantic Salmon all had empty stomachs! They are starving and virtually none had diseases.</p> <p>Rich Childers - Netpen aquaculture is a topic of interest and NWSC is considering a 1-2-day conference likely Feb or March 2018.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/Announcements	<p>Gordon: Recently, EPA requested tour of Dabob Bay Taylor Shellfish hatchery. Gordon provided pamphlets about Jefferson MRC.</p> <p>Neil: Jamestown has new Director of Natural Resources, Hansi Hals. About 20 staff in that dept.. Salmon return in Jimmie Come Lately Creek is way down.</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM	Neil Harrington moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gordon King	