

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

Present:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
 Emily Bishop, District 1
 Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
 Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
 Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt.
 Al Bergstein, Environment
 Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
 Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC
 Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.
 Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
 Neil Harrington, Tribal
 Dale Moses, Recreation, NWS Representative

Absent:

Andrew Palmer, District 2
 Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Alt.
 Wade Crouch, District 3, Co-Chair
 Sarah Fiskens, District 3
 Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
 Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
 Gordon King, Commercial Interest
 Nam Siu, Marine Science
 Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.

Guests:

Betsy Carlson PTMSC; Roy Clark WDFW; Duane Staple

Staff:

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. Members were reminded to complete travel vouchers. Please report volunteer hours on Electronic Forms.	A quorum was present.	All members – please sign in and complete travel vouchers. Please report volunteer hours on Electronic Forms.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Ashley asked for amendments to the agenda. Bob is filling in for Cheryl who is out sick. Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the October Minutes.	Anna Bachmann moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Neil Harrington. Approved as amended. Neil Harrington moved to approve the minutes. Anna Bachmann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	BoCC report: Kate reminded the group of issues the County was having with a Commercial geoduck farming permitting for Shine area. There was a question on vesting rights with the newly adopted Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Decision was it is under the new SMP and requires a Conditional Use Permit. That decision has been challenged and will be before the Hearings Examiner later this month. Black Point Master Planned Resort permitting is also moving along. Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe is concerned with water quality and habitat impacts. County is working on a development agreement balancing property rights and concerns of the Tribe. CAO Update - first draft has been through Planning Commission. Anticipate revise draft in next week or two. County has until end of June 2018 to adopt. Bob will route the draft to MRC members. Kate reminded us of upcoming deadline, December 22 for a letter of registration is due to the PSP on Near Term Actions (NTA). The letter must go through the LIO first. PSP Ecosystem Coordination meeting tomorrow is on shorelines. She'll provide	Bob will route the draft CAO to MRC members	

	update at our next meeting.		
ADMINISTRATIVE	<p>Reports on ideas from MRC Conference – Members thanked Kate for her participation on the How to Communicate with County Commissioners - a great session. AI recorded sessions which will soon be posted by NWSC. Previous conferences were also posted and recorded. (Billy Frank Jr. excellent past one). Kudos for many sessions. Ignite was a great communication tool. Always good to ask, 'how does this session tie into the mission and work of the MRC?' Ashley noted the potential for citizen science and partnership with DNR on pH monitoring related to "halo effect" of eelgrass (measuring beneficial effects of eelgrass outside edge of eelgrass bed). Betsy noted PTMSC would also be interested- good tie-in to their current work. Discussion ensued of past eelgrass monitoring proposal by PNL; removal of creosote piling removal. Q: Are there additional pilings within Jefferson County that we want removed? AI will follow up with Lisa Kaufman. A possible NTA Action.</p> <p>Our long-range Priority Projects & NTAs - Bob provided a draft MRC Long-range Planning Overview (Nov 2017). Goal: Identify program areas (and/or specific projects) that the Jefferson MRC feels are the most important ones for us for the next 4-5 years. He noted the relationship between MRC strategic plan and PSP Action agenda. The MRC Strategic Plan was last updated in 2013. NTAs are projects eligible for funding for the next four years (previous cycle was two years) Neil: PSP will hold Workshop for Straits LIO on 11/29 and 12/1. Kate: 11/14 and 11/21 for Hood Canal LIO. Bob and Neil are both on the Straits Technical Committee and could help with projects of a regional nature. If you want an NTA to be renewed - you must resubmit it. (Should be a cut and paste). Shannon attended a meeting on NTAs with NWSC and NWSF staff. The NWSI is planning to submit NTAs that would be all encompassing. Neil and Shannon noted that this time they are trying to improve coordination between various entities. Discussion ensued as to the structure of the PSP and the Action Agenda and how it fits with MRC Strategic Plan, funding opportunities etc. Kate: In addition to the overarching PSP priorities, each LIO also has regional priorities which your NTA would need to align with. Neil & Shannon volunteered to help Cheryl and Bob. Dale suggested another full membership brainstorming event at next meeting. Ashley noted that Executive Committee will be discussing this further and will put this on the December agenda. Bob to send out info on the workshops.</p> <p>Nomination Committee for 2018 & MRC Vacancies (for vacant Executive Committee positions) - Dale and Wade are interested in stepping down. Jeff is interested in moving to NWS Rep. Emily & Dale volunteered to be on the Nominations Committee. Kate and Ashley noted there is some discussion of revisiting member representation (e.g. replace Navy rep with PTMSC or WDFW). Dale - reminder that when your term expires, the opening is advertised and incumbent must reapply.</p> <p>Eelgrass side-scan sonar update - Briefly, Dale noted it went fast and was surprisingly accurate!</p> <p>No-discharge zone update - Ecology has a draft rule regarding no-discharge zones for all types of vessels universally. He sent an email to members. Not enough pump outs out there.</p>	<p>AI to follow up with Lisa Kaufman on creosote piling removal.</p> <p>Neil, Shannon volunteered to help Cheryl and Bob.</p> <p>Dale suggested another full membership brainstorming event at next meeting.</p> <p>Ashley noted that Executive Committee will be discussing this further and will put this on the December agenda.</p> <p>Bob to send out info on the workshops.</p> <p>Emily & Dale volunteered to be on the Nominations Committee.</p>	
Juvenile Salmon in the Local Nearshore (Emily Bishop)	<p>Juvenile Salmon in the Local Nearshore - Emily provided an overview of the Port Gamble Tribe draft report - Port Gamble is part of HCCC. Tribe wanted to test the theory that juvenile salmon congregate at the nearshore area at the mouth of the rivers where they spawn. Found that they were congregating at: Port Gamble Bay, Killisut Harbor, and Port Ludlow Bay. All are shallow productive bays. Findings support the proposal to open up Killisut Harbor causeway. They also found congregations at the Hood Canal Bridge - lots of data being gathered there to assess how the structure is impacting fish passage. The Port Gamble report identifies specific recommendations for protecting these locations including community outreach, removing creosote, property acquisition, and oil spill equipment at marinas.</p>		

Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Mussel Watch (Anna) Deployment canceled for month of November. Rescheduled for December 1. With some coordination with PTMSC for picking up cages & materials. AI will take photos. Anna has enough people to help.</p> <p>No-Anchor Zones (Dale) Winter buoys went out two weeks ago and we already lost one. Still working to recover lost buoys.</p> <p>No reports for other projects.</p>		
Recent Meetings Report	No report.		
Public Comment	Public Comment – Duane commended the group, Good Job!		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>Anna: Chimacum and Ludlow Creeks open house - 11/16 - please promote.</p> <p>Shannon: Delivered a thank you card to Ashley from OPEPO class.</p> <p>Dale: PSP recent press release re: Orca decline as chinook decline.</p> <p>Shannon and Bob: Governor Inslee is working on a response plan for Orca.</p> <p>Ashley: Director of USGS Western Resources Center is speaking on Sunday 3:00 at Fort Worden Chapel for the PTMSC lecture series.</p> <p>Bob: Kurt Grennel is speaking on 11/16 at 5pm on Jamestown S'Klallam Aquaculture at NWMC.</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM	Jackie Gardner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dale Moses	