

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Port Commissioners Bldg.
333 Benedict Street
Port Townsend, WA
January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Emily Bishop, District 1
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Rep.
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Sarah Fiskén, District 3, NWS Alt
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt., Co-Chair
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC
Dale Moses, Recreation
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal
Wade Crouch, District 3

Absent:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Al Bergstein, Environment
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.

Staff:

Guests:

Roy Clark, Ruth Blyther, Betsy Carlson

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator; Robert Simmons, WSU Faculty

| Topic | Update or Issue | Decisions/Follow-Up | Responsibility |
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| CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS | Jackie Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. There was a round of introductions as guests were present. | A quorum was present. | All members – please record volunteer hours electronically. |
| AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the Agenda. Jeff Taylor added Satellite Tech Webinar to end of project reports. Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the December Minutes. | Nam Siu moved to approve agenda as modified. Andy Palmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Andy Palmer moved to approve the minutes. Sarah Fiskén seconded. Motion passed unanimously. | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | Ruth Blyther announced the NWSF was recently awarded a USFW grant for Orca recovery which may provide some funding for MRC projects. Betsy Carlson announced this Sunday, 1/14, SLR and Climate Change lecture by Eric Grossman of USGS at Fort Worden. | | |
| BoCC REPORT | BoCC report: Kate Dean: State Legislative session has begun. She will be tracking bills including those related to net pens. During the two-month legislative session, PSP has offered weekly calls to provide updates on bills related to marine conservation. In regards NTAs, both HCCC and Straits received a record number of applications that will need to be ranked. Many steps are involved. Stay tuned. In regards B-N-D's proposal for a commercial geoduck farm in the Shine area – the court has ruled in favor of County affirming that a conditional use permit will be required. The decision is likely to be appealed. Black Point Resort in Brinnon - On Tuesday the draft development agreement and regulations will be presented to the Planning Commission for first time. Commissioners will have a public hearing and there will also be opportunity for public comment. Another version of the working draft of the CAO is available for public review. Public meeting 1/23 at Chimacum Grange. It's an iterative process. Cheryl: Port Gamble Tribe is slated to come speak to the MRC re: their perspective on the Black Point Resort at our March | | Cheryl to contact the lead County planner on Black Point prior to March meeting. |

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| | <p>meeting. Kate noted the Skokomish Tribe has primacy and there are some complexities related to tribal perspectives/comments. She asked that the Skokomish also be invited. Neil noted the complexities of tribal rights and Usual and Accustomed harvest area jurisdictions. Judy Surber recommended checking in with the lead county planner given that this involves a pending quasi-judicial permit.</p> | | |
| <p>ADMINISTRATIVE</p> | <p>Misc. updates (Cheryl) CAO updates will be on next MRC meeting agenda - Cheryl noted that County Planner Donna Frostholm has been invited to speak about the CAO update at the February MRC meeting. Informational only at this point. Judy Surber offered to speak about the City's CAO Update at the same meeting.</p> <p>Rich Childers resigned as NWSC Executive Director. Search for replacement is on.</p> <p>NTA Update (Bob) - WSU and other collaborators put in three NTA applications. He briefly described each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rural stormwater management NTA would provide trainings and a range of resources to draw from (e.g., YouTube videos). 2. Continuation of community outreach & volunteer engagement program in Clallam and Jefferson now underway. 3. Expand the WSU Shore Stewards Program Puget Sound-wide <p>Cheryl noted other NTAs related to MRC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One regional projects sponsored by NWSF to continue the education and outreach to shoreline landowners program 2. Second regional project sponsored by NWSF to collaborate on monitoring shoreline restoration projects in region. 3. Three site-specific Jefferson County Projects for shoreline armor feasibility and removal: in Disco Bay, at Seal Rock Park (USFS) and feasibility for a set of 4 county shoreline parks. <p>5-year project Planning (Cheryl) – A handout was provided. Cheryl explained the idea is to create a broad list of goals that can be fleshed out later. Is anything missing? Or anything we should take off? The list is not concrete; MRC can add more if new issues emerge. Cheryl ran through the list and answered clarifying questions. Bob responded to question re: monitoring rain gardens. Members provided suggestions - e.g. #7. add creosote logs/pilings, #9. specify European green crab, #12. Retain, but low priority. It was suggested that the Education subcommittee review items 13-15 and clarify language.</p> <p>Cheryl then asked the group to help identify priorities. Group noted that the "on-going" commitments must be kept and also some items require funding while others do not, so prioritization is difficult. Group decided not to prioritize now, but look for consistency in wording of the objectives: "Support" for certain actions implies a secondary role while "Promote" suggests a leadership role.</p> <p>Guest Ruth Blyther noted that the USFW Orca grant is designed to fund MRC work that supports Orca recovery through focus on forage fish and eelgrass/kelp. NWSF grant has 3 main components 1) Education and outreach which would provide for 3 interns managed by NWSF, to work with the MRCs on two events per MRC related to above topics as well as joint MRC meetings and annual MRC conference. 2) Support for Jason and Lucas to continue supporting MRC monitoring work. 3) Prioritizing sites for armor removal (assisting Lisa with next priority projects). Must be completed by 2020. Grant budget for all admin and programs is \$138,000 total.</p> <p>Cheryl: NWSF Opportunity Fund Grant - we have until end of February to apply. Exec Committee will bring an initial list of ideas for the groups consideration at February MRC meeting.</p> <p>2018 Sub-committee assignments. Cheryl asked for all MRC members to consider serving on at least one sub-committee. Non-members can also serve on these committees. Sign-up sheet passed around for members to update. Also sent to those not in attendance.</p> <p>The Education Outreach Committee will meet 1/24/18 to vet issues/events that the MRC should focus on for this year. What suggestions does this group have? Members suggested: derelict crab gear; Port Ludlow shoreline land owners (contaminants);</p> | | <p>Cheryl to contact the lead County planner regarding the MRCs role in quasi-judicial proceedings.</p> <p>All members, consider being on at least one sub-committee.</p> |

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| | <p>Rose theatre ads; King Tides; Remote imaging; Mussel Watch results (results not available until Nov. 2018); stormwater management; pet waste; targeting school age children, HOAs (newsletters/trainings); WBF, support teachers in curriculum development (Cheryl noted recent coordination which linked teachers with potential place-based activities); sewer outfall (proper disposal of medications); high school senior projects; community workshops, shoreline armoring workshops (drainage and erosion); develop a list of MRC speakers ready and willing to speak; plastics; etc. Ruth noted need for Rotary Park renovation.</p> <p>Eelgrass sonar update - Webinar this Friday, 11:30 am. Talk to Cheryl for more details.</p> | | |
| Current and Upcoming Projects | <p>Mussel Watch (Anna) – Anna will work with the original team on retrieving the cage in February and delivering it to Olympia.</p> <p>Oly Oyster Discovery Bay - Neil and Cheryl met with PSRF and WDFW to discuss PSRF work in Quilcene Bay. They discussed volunteer opportunities. Cheryl and Neil will meet tomorrow re: Discovery Bay permitting – they will create a punch list.</p> <p>Forage Fish (Cheryl and Jeff) – Found sand lance eggs at Aldema Beach in December. Forage fish eggs have also been found at Fort Townsend SP.</p> <p>No Anchor Zones - no report.</p> <p>Rain Gardens – no report.</p> <p>Satellite technology webinar – Jeff is organizing a satellite technical workshop aimed at shoreline monitoring. 1/20/18 at 2:00pm. It may be possible to access satellite imagery which is gathered daily. Jeff has received interest from NOAA, WWU, and WDFW. See Jeff if interested.</p> | | |
| Recent Meetings Report | <p>Strait ERN focused on NTAs and advocacy.</p> <p>Chumsortium held a round robin – “show and tell”</p> | | |
| Public Comment | <p>Betsy Carlson announced PTMSC will be updating exhibits at Fort Worden. Ideas on the Oly Oyster exhibit are welcome—especially other species using or associated with Olympia oyster habitat.</p> | | |
| MRC Roundtable/Announcements | <p>Andy expressed concern over the federal proposal to open off-shore drilling in WA and OR 2021. Hearing is to be held in Olympia. WA state has stated opposition.</p> | | |
| ADJOURNMENT | <p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM</p> | <p>Andy Palmer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Nam Siu. Passed unanimously.</p> | |