

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee  
Port Commissioners Bldg.  
333 Benedict Street  
Port Townsend, WA  
February 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.  
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.  
Nam Siu, Marine Science

**Guests:**

Ruth Blyther, Donna Frosthalm

**Staff:**

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator; Robert Simmons, WSU Faculty

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Jackie Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was a round of introductions as guests were present. Members reported problems with electronic volunteer reporting form. Cheryl suggested, if you have problems, just email her your hours and related tasks. Cheryl may try it as a Google doc.	A quorum was present.	All members – please sign in and record volunteer hours electronically.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the Agenda.  Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the January Minutes.	Ashley Mackenzie moved to approve agenda. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  Dale Moses moved to approve the minutes. Andy Palmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	<b>BoCC report:</b> Kate Dean provided an update on the Washington State legislative session. Senator Rankor's bill on oil transport does not look to be moving ahead but his Orca protection bill does. Of the three bills on non-native net pens, Senator Rankor's (the most restrictive) looks to be moving ahead. The agenda for the 2/23 Strait ERN meeting includes a report on three agency findings on the Cyprus Island net pen event followed by a panel discussion on net pens with local governments. Pleasant Harbor has been set for BOCC hearing on April 9, check the County website for related documents. 2/7 Navy will hold an open house at Blue Heron Middle School, this is an informational session on Navy Seal operations proposed for up to 30 sites in Jefferson County. The NEPA comment period is now open for Indian Island's proposed weapon silos upgrades. Kate will provide links to Cheryl. Q&A – Members discussed proposed Orca bill which may include		Kate to send Cheryl a link to the NEPA for Indian Island.

	<p>wider berth around whales unless a special permit is granted, noise protection, increase in Chinook hatchery production, and limitations on boat speed.</p> <p>Members briefly discussed Senate Bill 6269 Strengthening Oil Transportation Safety.</p> <p>Kate noted there are more bills in this session due to back log created by the McClearly decision.</p>		
GUEST SPEAKERS	<p>Donna Frostholm - County is drafting an update to the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) as required by GMA. Donna reviewed the five critical area types and key revisions (handout). She noted the CAO's relationship to Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Donna will send Cheryl the draft CAO electronically. County is accepting comments. Donna responded to Q&amp;A. Re: clearing - a permit is required for land clearing of greater than 7,000 square feet of ground disturbance. In regards possible takings issues, Donna noted that the CAO update will be reviewed by the County Attorney.</p> <p>Judy Surber – The City is also in the process of a CAO Update - Judy provided information on the schedule and the relationship of the CAO update to the proposed Storm Water Management Plan. She noted the ARC approach to protecting CAO - First <b>A</b>void impacts if possible, where impacts cannot be avoided, <b>R</b>educe impacts and <b>C</b>ompensate for adverse impacts to functions and values of critical areas. In the City, small lots make avoidance challenging.</p>		Cheryl will forward draft CAO to MRC members.
ADMINISTRATIVE (Cheryl)	<p><b>Misc. Administrative updates:</b> WSU Jefferson Extension's Interim Director is Clea Rome. Jackie will present the MRC annual report to BOCC on 2/26; all are welcome. MRC and NWSC took part in the Citizen Science Summit organized by the PTMSC last week. Betsy Carlson is doing a follow up report and next steps. Ian Miller convened a conference call for agencies and volunteers working on monitoring storm surge, sea level rise etc. to begin a conversation about improving reporting procedures. Cheryl and Jeff took part. An associated NTA has been submitted by DNR.</p> <p>For the MRC March meeting Cheryl has invited Port Gamble Tribe to give their perspective on the proposed Black Point (Pleasant Harbor MPR) Resort. At the January MRC meeting, Kate had questioned whether additional tribes should be asked to speak? Ashley recalled the Executive Committee's discussion in which they had recommended asking interested parties if they'd like to submit written comment to the MRC. Neil suggested a speaker who could summarize the EIS. Neil noted that tribal staff often collaborate on comments. What is the goal? Educational only, get the tribes concerns on the issue. Interested members should review public comments on record. Cheryl will ask if other tribes want to provide written input to MRC. The final draft of the development proposal has gone to the Planning Commission, it goes to BOCC on April 9. If the MRC decides to comment, we'll have a very short time frame to do so.</p> <p><b>2018 Sub-Committee assignments</b> – Cheryl posted the list to Dropbox and asked members to review the assignments for accuracy.</p> <p><b>NWSF Opportunity fund</b> - Deadline is end of February. Cheryl reviewed the criteria. Executive Committee discussed issues with MRC staff capacity. Based on last year's experience, Executive Committee suggested focus efforts on one topic (storm water issues) with the funds supporting a part-time program assistant to coordinate activities, maybe including some rain garden plantings. Bob is receptive to managing this person. Areas of focus could be Port Ludlow or Port Hadlock. Jeff noted NWSC recommends having "shovel" ready projects ready if funding becomes available. Passed by consensus, MRC voted in favor of using opportunity fund for storm water and rain garden focus.</p> <p><b>Eelgrass sonar survey update</b> -Cheryl passed around map showing the results from using this technique last fall.</p>	<p>A motion to focus opportunity funds for storm water and rain gardens passed by consensus.</p>	<p>Cheryl will ask if other tribes want to provide written input to MRC.</p> <p>All members to review the 2018 assignments for accuracy.</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p><b>Education -Outreach</b> - Cheryl provided handout. Ashley recapped ideas. Given recent staff turnover, NWSC will not be putting on a forum about net pens. If you are interested in helping with the ideas on the list, let the Education Committee know.</p> <p><b>Shoreline Landowner Outreach</b> - Cheryl and Lisa have invited Discovery Bay landowners who have property with armoring but</p>		Any members interested in forwarding or participating in the ideas on the Education-outreach list,

	<p>no buildings - to a neighborhood meeting next Tuesday 2/13. The idea is to get them interested in removing armoring. On March 22, the public is invited to a program on Shoreline Landowner Vegetation Management. Cheryl met with DCD yesterday re: new brochure "Are you Concerned About Erosion on Your Shoreline? Tomorrow, she meets with County Parks on potential removal of armoring. She provided copies of the brochure.</p> <p><b>Olympia Oyster-</b> Neil and Cheryl are working on permitting. Neil spoke with Bill Kalina about a site visit for a possible Olympia oyster restoration site on Indian Island.</p> <p><b>Forage Fish</b> - 200 eggs in the Fort Townsend December samples! Thanks to volunteers! Jeff Taylor also reported that sand lance eggs were found at the Adelma Beach monitoring site in November.</p> <p>Gordon will share the draft Washington Marine Debris Action Plan to MRC members.</p> <p><b>Mussel Watch, No Anchor Zones, Rain Gardens, kelp</b> – no report.</p>		<p>contact the Education Committee.</p> <p>Gordon will share a copy or link about the WA Marine Debris Action Plan to MRC members.</p>
Recent Meetings Report	<p><b>Off-shore oil and gas plan meeting</b> - Andy reported that yesterday's meeting in Olympia was cancelled. Press conference was moved to Governor's Office. The Attorney General intends to sue if the federal government does not remove WA from the Plan. Deadline for comments is March 9th. Several organizations are sending opposition letters.</p> <p><b>Chumsortium-</b> Bob reported that NOSC's Kilisnoe Harbor project is going to go out to bid soon, with hopes that construction will start this summer. NOSC is also starting to explore the potential to reconnect Snow Creek with Salmon Creek in Discovery Bay.</p> <p><b>NWSC January 26</b> meeting highlights were sent via email.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/Announcements	Anna - Mussel Watch team will pick up cage on 2/25. She asked for volunteers to check on the cage in the interim.		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM	Steve Tucker moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ashley Mackenzie. Passed unanimously.	