

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

Present:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Rep.
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Dale Moses, Recreation
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal

Absent:

Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt. Co-Chair
Emily Bishop, District 1
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Wade Crouch, District 3
Sarah Fisker, District 3, NWS Alt.
Al Bergstein, Environment
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC

Guests:

Roma Call, Barbara Jo Blaire, Betsy Carlson, Mark Jochems, Ron Staggs, Sam Phillips, Lucas Hart

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 6:02 PM. There was a round of introductions as guests were present.	A quorum was present.	All members – Record volunteer hours (other than meeting attendance) electronically.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the Agenda. Kate out sick, no BoCC report. Steve Tucker sick. Neil and Anna requested moving Oly Oyster and Mussel Watch updates to immediately after guest speakers. Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the February Minutes.	Gordon King moved to approve agenda as amended. Shannon Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dale Moses moved to approve the minutes. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	None.		
GUEST SPEAKERS	Guest Speakers: Roma Call and Sam Phillips, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe – Overview and Tribe's concerns with water quality issues for proposed Pleasant Harbor/Black Point Master Resort MPR development conditions, now in public comment period. Roma provided an overview and Sam focused on water resource concerns. Roma and Sam are in the process of reviewing the MPR documents and will prepare Tribe's comments for submittal. Roma covered project history, review process and project description dating back to 2002. The County issued an EIS with conditions in 2008 and a Supplemental EIS in 2014 (Final Supplemental EIS in December 2015). The environmental review was programmatic; future development would require additional review. In January 2018, the Draft Development Agreement was released for public review. On April 9, 2018, the BoCC will hold a public hearing on the Development Agreement and associated development regulations. Public comments are being accepted. Roma noted it has been a difficult process to follow. The site is about 250 acres in size, located between two river deltas/estuaries (Duckabush and Dosewallips). The proposal is for 890 units, approx. 50,000 sf commercial use, and a golf course to be constructed in three phases. Marina aspects of the project have been removed from this proposal. The proposed		

	<p>development would more than double Brinnon's population. Unique kettle wetlands exist on the site. Site is in an Aquifer recharge area. To prevent discharge to marine waters the proposal would direct stormwater to Kettle B; with mitigation at Kettle C.</p> <p>Sam provided a brief summary of issues of concern including: loss of integrity to the landscape; removal of opportunity to explore for cultural resources; wildlife; shellfish harvesting; water quality; water balance and water supply; increase in vessel traffic; etc. They would like the USACE to revisit their determination that the wetlands are isolated. Also that the Tribe had concerns about how development might impact nearby shellfish harvesting.</p> <p>Anna asked whether this proposal may increase development pressure in the adjacent area. There are several undersized, undeveloped lots in the area that might be a water quality concern if occupied with sub-standard septic. There are already existing complaints of sub-standard sanitation in the area. There was discussion about the uniqueness of the kettles on-site.</p> <p>Roma asked for input. Neil noted apparent inconsistencies in the use of Kettle B (infiltrate/line/fill)? Someone asked about the track record of the Statesman's Group (developers)?</p> <p>Mark Jochems noted that the Planning Commission wrote 8 pages of concerns in July 2016. Nutrients from the golf course is another concern. (Anna had to leave the meeting early).</p> <p>Neil noted we have another MRC meeting prior to the April hearing. Cheryl suggested a subcommittee to draft comments to be reviewed by the group in April. Shannon asked if the BOCC wanted the MRC to weigh in? We are advisory to them. Cheryl agreed to contact Kate, if Kate says MRC should comment, subcommittee will prepare a draft comment letter for full MRC consideration at the April Meeting. Bob, Neil, Dale, Gordon volunteered to help. Cheryl will notify MRC members not present at this meeting.</p> <p>Planning Commission will be having two more meetings on their review of the PUDA agreement (Philip Morely assured them they could review). Dale confirmed with members that a MRC letter would be limited to marine-related issues - there was confirmation by consensus.</p>	<p>Cheryl to call Kate to confirm MRC advice is appropriate. If Kate agrees, MRC subcommittee will draft a letter for full MRC consideration at the April meeting.</p>	
<p>Current and Upcoming Projects</p>	<p>Oly Oyster - (Cheryl) started the JARPA application to enhance the Discovery Bay Oly population. At the Quilcene Bay site, on May 16 volunteers will conduct a survey of the Bay in cooperation with the PS Restoration Fund, doing a reconnaissance survey to locate other small pockets of Olympia oysters.</p> <p>Mussel Watch (Troy) - team went to the Discovery Bay site to retrieve the mussel cage. It was in perfect shape. Turned mussels over to Neil for delivery to the lab. Results expected in Oct-Nov.</p>		
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE (Cheryl)</p>	<p>(Cheryl) Misc: Thanks to members who contributed to purchase of dune plugs - to be installed in March.</p> <p>Next MRC Meeting date changed to Monday April 2. Meeting location option - WSU Port Hadlock Extension Office. General consensus was to consider meetings in Port Hadlock a couple of times a year. Membership Committee - moving forward. Group will report back to MRC in May.</p> <p>CAO Updates – should a sub-group be created to review? Consensus, no.</p> <p>BoCC update - Cheryl, Bob and Troy thought it went well. There were no tasking or directional changes.</p>		
<p>Current and Upcoming Projects (continued)</p>	<p>Education and Outreach (Ashley) 2 Digging for Dinners scheduled this year (June 30 and July 27) WBF also planned.</p> <p>Shoreline Landowner Outreach (Cheryl) - March 22 Vegetation Management for Shoreline Landowners - she expects a full room. RSVP if you plan to attend. 12 people attended the Discovery Bay shoreline landowners meeting in February.</p> <p>Adelma Forage Fish (Jeff). Not seeing any more eggs in recent</p>	<p>RSVP if you plan to attend March 22.</p>	

	<p>samples. Jeff may need to purchase a new pump.</p> <p>Fort Townsend Forage Fish (Cheryl) checking with monitoring partners (Point No Point Treaty lab). If no eggs in latest sample, then we've reached the end of the monitoring season here.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob) – Next sub-committee meeting is Thursday March 8 at 4:30 meeting at JHealth. Looking at Port Ludlow, City of PT and Discovery Bay sites. Cheryl will be applying for NWSF Opportunity fund for a part-time assistant to help Bob with planning.</p> <p>No-anchor Zones & Kelp - No report.</p>		
Recent Meetings Report	<p>Strait ERN - Several members attended the meeting. Topics were NTA and presentation by ECY and DNR and WDFW on a joint report Cypress Island Net Pen Collapse, followed by a panel discussion.</p> <p>NWSC retreat (Jeff) Jeff's first NWSC retreat. Good history of NWSI. 20th anniversary, strong push to get our name out more. Director's search continues. Lucas added that the first round of interviews are next week, with finalists going to second round with the NWSC at their March 30th meeting.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>Gordon spend 1.5 days at a shellfish conference. Good presentation on OA conditions. Looks depressing. 7.5 pH by the end of the century - corrosive to shells. Worse in Puget Sound.</p> <p>City's Stormwater Management Functional Plan – Draft should be available for public review next month.</p>	Judy Surber to send link to draft Stormwater Management Plan when available.	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM	Shannon Davis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gordon King. Passed unanimously.	