

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Port Commissioners Bldg.
333 Benedict Street
Port Townsend, WA
April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt. Co-Chair
Emily Bishop, District 1
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Wade Crouch, District 3
Sarah Fisken, District 3, NWS Alt.
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Dale Moses, Recreation
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt.
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal

Absent:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Rep.
Al Bergstein, Environment
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC

Guests:

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 5:59 PM. Cheryl reviewed by-laws and confirmed a quorum was present.	A quorum was present.	All members – please sign in and record volunteer hours (other than meeting attendance) electronically.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the Agenda. Kate unable to attend, no BoCC report. Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the March Minutes.	Dale Moses moved to approve agenda as amended. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dale Moses moved to approve the minutes. Sarah Fisken seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	None as Kate was out.		
ADMINISTRATIVE (Cheryl)	Misc.: Call for new 2019 MRC Grant - preliminary proposal is due end of April. Cheryl will create a proposal based on the MRC's long-range plan. We should have details by August. There was brief discussion re: EPA funding in Federal budget. A MRC Sub-committee is looking at MRC membership structure and will bring it forward for discussion at the May meeting. Send comments to Cheryl. It's a long process that ultimately will need BOCC approval. Pleasant Harbor MPR sub-committee recommendations – Members thanked the subcommittee and staff for their efforts on providing the draft letter. Group discussion ensued. Should BoCC delay decision until concerns are addressed or will these concerns be addressed through subsequent permit processing? What should be monitored to ensure shellfish beds are protected? (Emily arrived). Wade moved to approve the letter. Seconded by Dale. Discussion ensued. Wade accepted revisions to include mitigation/contingency plan and possibly bonding to ensure that shellfish beds and the aquifer are protected. Dale seconded. (Anna Bauchman arrived). Motion passed.	Wade moved to approve the letter. Seconded by Dale. Wade accepted revisions to include mitigation/contingency plan and possibly bonding to ensure that shellfish beds and the aquifer are protected. Dale seconded. Motion passed.	

Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Education/Outreach Task List - Cheryl noted that if an item on the Ed/Outreach list does not have a champion it will be dropped from the project list. Please consider volunteering. Jackie noted subcommittee discussion about aquaculture – which is broader than net pens.—has been postponed until next year.</p> <p>Shoreline Landowners Outreach – NWSF/MRC Vegetation Management Workshop in March (Sarah and Cheryl attended)- Lisa Kaufman and Ben Alexander spoke to 49 in attendance! As a result, many requests for NWSF site visits. Materials are available via the MRC website. There was a waiting list for the workshop. Clallam MRC is hosting similar workshop in May. Cheryl will work on a Shore Stewards newsletter article follow-up.</p> <p>Olympia Oyster - (Neil) May 16 shoreline reconnaissance of the E. Side of Quilcene Bay with PSRF. Cheryl noted PSRF is interested in W. Side too. She will inquire about volunteer training opportunities. Neil continued stating that population surveys had been/will be conducted at Quilcene and Discovery Bay. Cheryl continues to work on permitting for Disco Bay.</p> <p>Forage Fish (Troy) last month Troy and Jeff did a survey at Discovery Bay. While Jeff is away, Troy needs another volunteer to help around April 14-15? Troy will coordinate with Sarah and Jackie. Troy found herring and sand lance in the stomach of a Chinook this morning!</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob and Anna) - They hope to install one RG within City of PT and one outside but are having challenges identifying a site/permitting for the latter. One site is near a shoreline, which would require a County permit fee (maybe \$1400?) and extra time (3 months?). MRC may end up doing two RG in PT this year. RG group plans to do outreach in Quilcene to ask for input on a location for rain garden. Awaiting specific site recommendations from Samantha Harper at City of Port Townsend. Subcommittee will look at the sites and assess based on MRC criteria matrix. Cheryl will look into bidding requirements.</p> <p>Fort Townsend Shoreline Planting (Cheryl) - Friends of Fort Townsend helped plant 200 dunegrass plugs purchased with MRC donations. WDFW restoration team had been monitoring Fort Townsend as a target site since early 2016 and they have enough funds to do one more monitoring in June 2018. They will be asking for volunteers.</p> <p>No-anchor Zones - (Dale) lost a buoy in Mystery Bay - shackle broke. Found it ashore and towed it back. Total of seven buoys missing! Replacement buoys purchased last year. Lots of work coming up. DNR Permit lease expires in 2019 - will need to renew.</p>	Please consider volunteering for a project; Cheryl will send the current project list.	
Recent Meetings Reports	<p>NWSC March meeting - Sarah attended. - Entire meeting devoted to interviewing and selecting an Executive Director. Hope to make announcement soon.</p> <p>Kelp Recovery Webinar/Workshop (Judy D) – Judy D. was unable to attend. Emily attended, reporting it was a think tank of kelp-minds discussing trends & satellite images. Grad student spoke about salmon and rock fish use of kelp. Suzanne Shoal will be presenting at Salish Sea Conference and the value/results of volunteer monitoring the MRCs have been doing. Snohomish kelp beds appear to be in decline while other areas within the NWSI area show typical 20% shrink-swell.</p> <p>Neil, Emily, Bob, possible Sarah to attend Salish Sea Conference.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/Announcements	<p>Dale - ECY was going to set a No Discharge Zone - but apparently, they don't have the authority to do so.</p> <p>Dale - Leader Article - County CAO pushed back about 3 months.</p> <p>Judy - City CAO draft available on City website. PC Hearing April 12.</p> <p>Bob - YES program for high school students - Cheryl had promoted opportunities with MRC, and two interns worked with Bob to construct a rain garden at PT high school parking lot. Members recommended an article and photo. Cheryl will ask if they'd like to come speak to MRC. Members noted we should</p>	Cheryl to look into recognition, an article and photo? Would they like to speak at MRC meeting?	

	<p>recognize them.</p> <p>Cheryl working with PTSD Maritime Discovery Program. Jointly applied for another B-Wet grant to train teachers about OA (2 days in August). It is likely they will get it again.</p> <p>Jackie - referred to Betsy's email on PTMSC exhibit and Bio-Blitz. Pinto abalone exhibit.</p> <p>4/9 Black Point BOCC - Judy D plans to attend.</p> <p>4/9. 6:30 Neil and Paul McCullom will be on Panel Discussion at QUU on the <i>This Living Salish Sea</i>.</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM	Dale Moses moved to adjourn. Seconded by Wade Crouch. Passed unanimously.	