

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Port Commissioners Bldg.
333 Benedict Street
Port Townsend, WA
May 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt. Co-Chair
Emily Bishop, District 1
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Wade Crouch, District 3
Sarah Fiskén, District 3, NWS Alt.
Al Bergstein, Environment
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Steve Tucker, Port of Port Townsend
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Nam Siu, Marine Science
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.
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Rep.
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.

Guests:

Roy Clark

Staff:

Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Ashley Makenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was a round of introductions.	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	Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the Agenda. Crabber outreach and an update on a salmon report added to current projects. Ashley asked for amendments to/approval of the April Minutes.	Wade Crouch moved to approve agenda as amended. Andy Palmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nam Siu moved to approve the minutes. Neil Harrington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	Kate announced the May 8, Puget Plunge hosted by PSP. PSP is looking for groups to participate/host. Many are doing 10:00 am but you can choose a time. Location is up to the group. Kate noted cause to celebrate that most EPA and National Estuary program funding was retained in Federal Budget. Kate will attend the May 22-24 PSP Day on the Hill. Locally, she thanked MRC for the letter regarding Pleasant Harbor/Black Point Resort. Staff is preparing a response to concerns raised at the Public Hearing. Given the extensive public comment, she estimates it will be several weeks before deliberation and action. The public comment period for the Draft Comp Plan has closed. It is currently being reviewed at Planning Commission. Another comment period will follow. The County has uncoupled the CAO from the Comp Plan and will process the two separately. Critical areas concerns are primarily from the agricultural community re: wetlands.		

	<p>PSP Social marketing study showed "recreational fishing" key message in protecting the Puget Sound. (Guest Roy Clark WDFW arrived) A letter will be distributed soon to our congressional delegation in DC on economic benefits of protecting the Puget Sound. (600 signatures) She will cc: MRC.</p>		
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE (Cheryl)</p>	<p>Misc.: (Cheryl) 1) Read an email from Shannon re: her illness and temporary absence. 2) Reminded members to log hours, other than meeting hours. 3) Strait ERN in Blyn May 11 - Al may attend. 4) Member vacancy - 5 members have reached end of term (Frank, Dale, Al, Troy, Sarah). Following standard procedure, ads have been placed in the paper. May 7 deadline to apply. Let Jackie know if you'd like to be part of the vetting committee. 5) June speaker ideas? Tarrell Kullaway will give a brief update about NWSF programs; ECY on how best to participate/resources required for Shoreline Mater Program updates 2020; presentation from new NWSC Director; Update on Point Hudson. (Steve noted more info will be available after the bid opening - he'd be happy to speak on it).</p> <p>MRC membership structure discussion - Ashley: subcommittee met twice. Referred to handout and gave a summary of the committee's intentions. Cheryl reiterated, this is up for discussion not decision. Open to ideas. This is not being initiated by BoCC. Staff wanted to clean up some inconsistencies. Members commented: Neil has been uneasy in that he only represents his employer - not all the tribes as "tribal rep". Tribes may have very divergent views/concerns and he only reports back to JSK. However, he acknowledged it may be difficult to get consistent attendance from other tribal reps. Five other tribes have U&As in the area: Swinomish, Tulalip, Lummi, Skokomish, and Port Gamble. Troy thought it could be as many as 11 tribes. Al noted that historically, MRC Tribal seat was often vacant. MRC reached out and Jamestown responded. Goal was to have some representation who could share info with other tribes. Kate: County still must maintain government to government relationships; she supports keeping positions open if other tribes wish to become members. Anna: are we limited by the BoCC Resolution? What happens if 3 tribes apply for only one position? Cheryl - part of this effort is to update the BoCC Resolution. Al: In 15 years, only one tribe present. Others can participate. Murray-Metcalf Act called for Tribal and Environmental representative on each MRC. Outreach with all is important. Ashley: can we create ex-officio or some other solution for this? Wade: Meeting minutes should go to all tribes. (Natural Resources Directors). Nam: value to having tribes at the table but not necessary to have a rep here at every meeting. Andy - suggests opening on board for each/open invitation. Neil: Clallam has 3 tribes participating.</p> <p>Dale: noted we rarely vote. Usually consensus. Al: it may be rare but some key issues. Dale, it's what you bring as a person (experience and expertise) rather than who you report to. Al, disagrees. And he does not feel "Conservation" is same as "Environmental" interests.</p> <p>Andy: We are one of the most successful MRCs. Cautions against changes that fragment the group. To change is a big effort. Judy Surber agrees. Commented on purpose of alternates and feels it is working. Nam - suggested alternates become voting members. Judy D - noted she is happy as an alternate and it is key to getting a quorum. Kate: Cautioned about too large of group.</p> <p>Dale: feels Commercial interest scant and other areas of expertise that are not represented (e.g., WDFW). Ashley - broader community representation was key in the committee's discussion. Clallam has marine trades/ marine tourism/ and development community. Discussion ensued. Kate noted "Commercial" accurately denotes private interest. Al: we usually have to recruit to fill many of the positions. Nam: if we make new positions, will we be back in the position of having to recruit to fill? Emily: Offered an option - 1 of each category & district and more at-large positions? Discussion ensued with pros and cons of at-large positions.</p> <p>Cheryl: will take it back to subcommittee. Asked who wants to</p>		

	participate? Andy, Gordon, Neil, Al. This will come back to full committee. Kate departed.		
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Salmon Report (Emily) A Final Draft of the report on key salmon habitat, previously presented at the December meeting, is now available. She will send a pdf version to the group.</p> <p>Shoreline landowners outreach (Cheryl) 2 days of site visits were conducted as follow up from Shoreline Landowners Workshops. Met with several who are good stewards and want to do better. Improving riparian vegetation even when no armoring.</p> <p>Olympia Oyster - (Neil) May 16: Quilcene Olympia Oyster survey. May 18 Quilcene Olympia Oyster plot monitoring. Further on down the road, seeded cultch in Quilcene - Gordon suggests late July/August. Neil mentioned plans for future Discovery Bay surveys. Cheryl, there have been some delays on Discovery Bay permits. Expects results on Mussel Watch in November 2018.</p> <p>Forage Fish (Troy) Group went to Discovery Bay to conduct forage fish sampling - He suggested a checklist of the items that need to be done would be helpful. Took samples to lab.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Anna) They have confirmed location within the City: Tyler and Franklin. Idea for new site near Disco Bay became problematic, so committee will meet again on selection of a second site.</p> <p>Fort Townsend Shoreline Planting (Cheryl) June 27-29 Fort Townsend Monitoring with WDFW.</p> <p>No-anchor Zones - (Dale) All ten buoys are out in PT Bay! Mystery Bay missing two of seven buoys. He and Gordon will go out soon. Need to replace two in Hadlock as well.</p> <p>Crabber Outreach (Jackie) She's been visiting vendors and inserting into crab pots the educational information. West Bay Marine asked if MRC would do a presentation. Looking at mid-June. Everyone very receptive. (Sarah, Troy, Jackie). Cheryl: Opportunity fund requires collaboration with other MRCs, Clallam MRC intern will participate in our trainings. NWSF applied to NOAA for a grant that measures effectiveness of crabber outreach. It is being recommended for full funding! It includes crab pot removal in PT Bay for 2-3 years.</p>	Emily will send a pdf version to the group.	
Recent Meetings Reports	<p>Chumsortium (Nam) His first one. Agenda included Chimacum and Discovery Bay Snow-Salmon project. He recognizes the importance of providing solutions/options for farmers in low lying areas subject to flooding.</p> <p>NWSC April Meeting (summary will be forwarded)</p>	Cheryl will send summary.	
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>Dale: Copper-based paint, used on ship hulls to keep debris off, was outlawed in WA state Jan. 1, 2018. It was determined that alternatives are worse than copper, so State has reversed the decision.</p> <p>No Discharge Zone goes into affect in about another week. Lack of pump out stations for Commercial boats continues to be problematic.</p> <p>Dale: will miss us. And we him!</p> <p>Anna: just finished wet season sampling. Has results for S. County, all streams low for bacteria and only one high level on the shoreline (just south of Geoduck Tavern).</p> <p>Request for Salish Sea conference report update next month?</p>	Salish Sea conference update from those who attended next month.	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM	Nam Siu moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gordon King. Passed unanimously.	