

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Port Commissioners Bldg.
333 Benedict Street
Port Townsend, WA
June 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Jackie Gardner, District 3 Alt. 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 Fiskén, District 3, NWS Alt.
Al Bergstein, Environment
Anna Bachmann, Environment Alt.
Steve Tucker, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Judy D'Amore, Marine Science Alt.
Kate Dean, *ex officio*, BOCC
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Neil Harrington, Tribal
Troy McKelvey, Recreation Alt

Absent:

Ashley Mackenzie, District 1, Co-Chair
Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.

Guests:

Roy Clark (WDFW), Tarrell Kullaway (NWSF)
Anne Murphy (NWSF), Megan Selva

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.	A quorum was present.	All members – please 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. Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the May Minutes.	Gordon King moved to approve revised agenda. Sarah Fiskén seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Andy Palmer moved to approve the minutes. Wade Crouch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.		
BoCC REPORT	(Kate Dean) 1) On June 4, the BOCC approved the Brinnon Master Plan Resort finding that the developer had met the conditions for approval. BOCC made many changes to the development regulations and the development agreement based on public input. 2) Kate was in D.C. last week with the Puget Sound Partnership and several tribal representatives. Focus was on funding for the PSP and it was an educational opportunity to bring our state representatives up to speed on Puget Sound issues. She also enjoyed connecting with representatives from the Great Lakes region who face similar issues. 3) The recent PT Piloting event attracted Senators and students alike. 4) BOCC held their first hearing on the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan GMA Update last night. Public comment closes on Friday.		
NWSF Update	(Tarrell Kullaway) Tarrell started as the Development Director with the NWSF in January. She has 25-years of experience in fund raising. Working on ideas around 20 th Anniversary and the annual MRC conference to be held at Fort Worden November 2018. She asked members to send photos of MRC activities. Anne Murphy reiterated the importance of diverse funding.		
ADMINISTRA-	Misc.: (Cheryl)		

TIVE (Cheryl)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Executive committee recommends rescheduling July meeting to July 10 and cancelling the August meeting. She will look for option on meeting space for July. Jeff Taylor may host a social event in August. 2) WBF – Cheryl asked for members to volunteer with planning. Sarah, Bob, Ashley, and Frank volunteered. 3) November Annual MRC Conference – Emily has volunteered to be part of the Program Planning Committee. 4) Membership renewals – 5 members are ending their term. 4 would like to renew. Next step is for MRC to recommend to the BOCC the reappointment of Al, Troy, Sarah and Frank. Dale’s position will need to be filled. Roy Clark expressed interest. 5) NWSF Opportunity Fund – NWSF has funded a part-time program assistant position to help with education and outreach focused on rain gardens/stormwater. Al, Andy and Wade volunteered to help Cheryl review applications. 6) Membership Changes – based on the discussion from the May meeting, the Exec. Committee agreed to limit revisions to correction of inconsistencies and clarifying the role of technical advisors. Cheryl will likely work on this in the Fall. Kate noted that the County is looking into the broader issue of tribal representation/engagement. <p>Marine Debris Action Plan– (Gordon King) In December of 2017, Gordon attended a NOAA workshop. Following the workshop, NOAA developed a draft strategic plan. A meeting was held last week to review the draft. 15 actions involve MRCs, some we are already doing. Jackie noted they all seem consistent with MRC goals. Sarah, Jackie, Neil and Gordon volunteered to review the draft.</p> <p>Proposed 2018-2019 MRC Grant – (Cheryl) – This is for final review and approval of this grant application. Cheryl provided an overview and led the group through the summary handout. Discussion ensued, and members made suggested refinements.</p>	<p>WBF planning: Cheryl to work with Sarah, Bob, Ashley, and Frank.</p> <p>Gordon King moved to recommend reappointment of Al, Troy, Sarah and Frank. Seconded by Judy Surber. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Al, Andy and Wade to help Cheryl review applications.</p> <p>Cheryl will email the draft out to Sarah, Jackie, Neil and Gordon.</p> <p>Andy Palmer moved to approve the Proposed 2018-19 project list. Seconded by Neil Harrington. Approved unanimously.</p>	
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Olympia Oyster - (Neil)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Permits for cultch placement by lagoon population in Discovery Bay are pending. 2) Cultch in S. Quilcene Bay – not doing well. Neil, Cheryl and Brady to discuss more test plots before recommending additional cultch. 3) Cheryl has been communicating with Bill Kalina, US Navy. They have agreed to a survey of Beach 9 on Killisut Harbor. No restoration is planned at this time. 4) Jackie, Frank, Neil, Cheryl, Puget Sound Restoratin Fund staff, WDFW staff and several community members recently surveyed N. Quilcene Bay – scattered but surprisingly large number of Olys. See PT Leader article. <p>Forage Fish (Jeff) Sampled yesterday but he does not believe eggs were present.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob and Anna)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Volunteers from YES! helped weed the Chetzemoka rain garden – it looks great! 2) Clay and Taylor rain garden maintenance coming up 3) New rain garden in Uptown to be constructed on June 26 – volunteers needed. 4) Flyer is being circulated in the County to help MRC identify potential rain garden sites. <p>Fort Townsend Monitoring (Cheryl) On June 27 WDFW will be conducting annual (and last) monitoring of post-restoration conditions.</p> <p>No-anchor Zones - (Troy) Dale has given Troy all the project information, now that Troy is the new Project Lead for this task. Saturday, Nam, Gordon, and Troy plan to re-install the 2 missing anchors in Port Hadlock.</p> <p>Kelp Monitoring (Judy D) – Emily, Judy and Cheryl participated in a conference call. Jefferson MRC’s N. Beach data has contributed to ongoing research assessing the association</p>		

	<p>between kelp beds and higher ocean surface temperatures. Next kayak monitoring on 6/23 (7-10 AM) Al, Emily Judy D. and Jeff plan to monitor. 60-Minutes recently produced a clip on kelp beds – see the link on the NWSC website. Emily will be the contact person for the NWSC kelp committee.</p> <p>Outreach (Cheryl) –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Digging for Dinner June 30th event – registration open. July 27th event registration will open soon. Spread the word! 2) Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) – Jude Rubin’s students have been assisting with several MRC projects (pulling thistle at Fort Townsend, monitoring, construction of PTHS rain garden). 3) Crabber Outreach - Jackie continues to work with retailers in placing brochure and biodegradable cord in crab pots. She has organizes an educational event for June 24th. 4) June 29 NWSC meeting - What and who should present? Members suggested Cheryl present on our proposed shellfish/aquaculture forum, it’s a good opportunity to get feedback. 		
Recent Meetings Reports	<p>Al reported: Seattle District Court is reviewing a case filed by Washington Environmental Council, Friends of San Juans and Sound Action v. Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE). Petitioner’s charge that the ACOE has not been implementing its Clean Water Act jurisdiction over a portion of the intertidal. ACOE’s assertion that their jurisdiction ends at MHHW leaves a band of intertidal un-regulated by the federal government. If the petitioners prevail, more shoreline armoring projects will come under federal regulation. Judy Surber suggested collaborating with Cathy Angell to conduct a discussion forum where each agency clearly defines their geographic jurisdiction and what they are charged to protect. Are there gaps? How can protection of the intertidal be better coordinated?</p> <p>NWSC Meeting (Jeff) – The meeting covered Lucas’ visit to Washington DC on behalf of the NWSC. Lucas encourages us to reach out to include politicians in our monitoring efforts to keep them appraised of our work. There was an update on the Ocean Acidification Workshop.</p> <p>Annual August Picnic – Jeff and Cindy plan to host. Date to be determined.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/Announcements	None.		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM	Gordon King moved to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Tucker. Passed unanimously.	