

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
 Port Commissioners Bldg.
 333 Benedict Street
 Port Townsend, WA
 September 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

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

Absent:

Shannon Davis, District 1 Alt.
 Sam Gibboney, Port of Port Townsend Alt.
 Cheryl Lowe, Coordinator
 Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend

Guests:

Janine Boire (PTMSC)

Staff:

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 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. Dan Van Hees, the speaker for the evening, was absent, Jeff was volunteered to answer questions about actions to impacts as best he could. Steve Tucker was moved up to speak first about the Port's Point Hudson Plans. Jackie asked for amendments to/approval of the July Minutes. Jeff Taylor reported that he was present in July but recorded as absent.	Andy Palmer moved to approve agenda. Sarah Fisken seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nam moved to approve the minutes as changed. Gordon, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.	
Local Topic Presentation- Steve Tucker and	Port of PT's Plans for Pt. Hudson: It's been appx 4 years of planning. The design ended up being a steel wall with a rock box in front to help with wave deflection. Fish window is July 15- February 15 which leaves a limited amount of time for in-water construction, and the public wanted the work to wait until after WBF, which further increased costs. Final costs exceeded the bond capacity with all the changes/additions. What are the options now? Possibly hammer hollow steel piles into existing breakwater which requires a feasibility study because there are some unknowns and risks but this approach will retain bottom habitat. Port is doing repairs as needed and looking into funding options and possibly some state funding. Breakwater is working for now. Change in management: Sam Gibboney came in as an engineer "change agent", achieved a huge amount of budget overhaul and "things you cannot see" and parted on good terms. Anna asked about Dept of Ecology & stormwater permit: Steve confirmed that the Port is no longer under an advisory order. They have done some waste water improvements. Also a failing tide gate allowed seawater into waste treatment area but they will be adding		

	<p>a gate further up at a narrower portion of the pipe.</p> <p>Infrastructure: Port has put money into the Cupola House and Sail Loft since the NW Maritime Center backed away from taking over Pt. Hudson as a master lease holder. Steve likes the idea of moving RVs off the point to the "back 40". Assured people there was no need to worry about Condos; no commissioner will vote for that. Sea level rise is a concern, with info from DNR sea level rise map, WA Sea Grant, & tsunami risk maps.</p>		
BoCC REPORT- Kate Dean	<p>Delaying CAO till after main part of comp plan is done. Working on main part of comp plan now. Lots of changes to draft due to feedback. State requires more stringent protections while the agriculture community wants more flexibility. Most counties have had property rights challenged by real estate, agriculture and property rights groups. Clallam's narrower buffer was challenged by environmentalists, but upheld. Takes time, ticks some people off, some have willingly done 300 ft buffers but haven't seen improvements, want flexibility for smaller buffers. Lots of voluntary conservation is happening, but with unintended consequences (beavers for one). Trying to find a way to manage for food and for conservation.</p> <p>BRINNON update- 1st legal challenge. Court upheld decision but agreed to hear the appeal? Inconclusive so divided into two cases. PSP Orca task force: they are developing specific recommendations. Tricky issue is Chinook—working on prioritization of watersheds for enhancement of chinook runs.</p> <p>On a positive note, Hood canal summer Chum will begin the de-listing process.</p> <p>US supreme court case found the State of WA responsible regarding the replacement of culverts that block fish runs. Cost lots of money.</p>		
ORCA Task Force Meeting- Troy McKelvey and group discussion	<p>Troy attended the Task Force meeting last Tuesday (August 28th) in Swinomish. Discussion of immediate/near/long term issues such as boat speeds, but no discussion of food at this meeting. Troy stated that hatcheries are currently operating at less than capacity for production. Nam said considering habitat is important, and so is preserving genetics.</p> <p>Jeff noted Orcas in Discovery Bay being chased closely by pursuit boats. How would you enforce the distance rules?</p> <p>Comments by group regarding Orca task force included what about Columbia River, what about Puget Sound, and one of important foods is Fraser and Snake River Chinook.</p>	<p>This was a very heated topic for the group, it was suggested that we revisit it or potentially conduct a forum with this as the focus.</p>	
My Coast App- Jeff Taylor	<p>Rolling out in a few weeks. Funded for entire state, but slowly rolling out to and focus on specific sites reduce amount of poor quality data. For Jefferson MRC, we'll start with same locations as the King Tides locations and maybe add Fort Worden/North Beach to get baseline regarding the lighthouse and bulkhead.</p>		
Current and Upcoming Projects	<p>Wooden Boat- (Ashley) This weekend! In addition to activity Jeff has flags from a pilot whale-wise program to encourage responsible boating and whale behavior.</p> <p>Olympia Oyster - (Neil) July survey under the power lines. Disco Bay cultch spread in 2014 & 2015 looks good. New permits will allow for more spreading of shell near the lagoon area near the original population. Planning for 80 bags in the first phase. October 6-7 tentative spreading date, depending on when permits are finalized. There will be an email for volunteers if permits arrive in time. In August, volunteers helped deploy more seeded cultch in Quilcene Bay. Brady and Cheryl put in a marker buoy at low tide and Gordon delivered 50-60 bags by boat on the following high tide, that were then spread by volunteers into 5 plots after initial size measurements were taken.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob and Anna) Team has been looking at potential sites in Quilcene, where stormwater drains into the creek. Tom Brotherton was agreeable to rain garden on his property, but it will be delayed to coordinate with County Public Works and some of the road work they have planned for next year. On September 25th, we'll install a rain garden at Lincoln and Van Buren in Port Townsend which would catch runoff from St. Mary's church parking lot and streets near the high school. This catches stormwater headed to the Lawrence St conveyance and down to Kearny Street outfall to PT Bay.</p> <p>NWSF Opportunity Fund: Michelle was at the All County Picnic and will be at the Quilcene Fair this Saturday. Two YES! students will be helping us at WBF. Michelle is also helping assemble some school curricula for local teachers. The PTSD OCEAN Program (serving home-schooled students) contacted Bob about doing a rain garden.</p>		

	<p>No-anchor Zones - (Troy) Pt. Hadlock buoys look fine during a recent check. Drive by of Pt Townsend buoys indicates all are upright, if not a little mossy. This weekend (Wooden Boat Festival) is the big test about if boats comply with voluntary no-anchor zone boundaries. Troy will be doing the compliance monitoring.</p> <p>Kelp Monitoring (Judy D/Jeff) – DNR Survey is scheduled for Sept 10-11 including use of a drones (Russ McMillan, DNR contractor). Several MRC members might assist.</p>		
Recent Meetings Reports	<p>NWSC August Meeting (Jeff) – August budget reports, grant from Boeing. Plastics Task Force will be part of job of Lucas’ replacement.</p>		
Public Comment	None.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	<p>Shannon Davis will hopefully back soon!</p> <p>Green Crabs: Indian Island- Neil is working with Navy Environmental staff (Bill Kulina/Chelsea). No green crabs found after setting out 87 traps.</p> <p>Bob- Tony Petrillo is helping with Coastal MRC, representing Jefferson County. Also, WSU/NOSC stream stewards training @ tribal center in Blyn to serve both Clallam and Jefferson Co. Received a grant so they can offer course for a nominal fee of \$25.</p> <p>Salish Sea Day of Action- Sept 15th includes a Dana Lyons concert</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned before 8 PM	Andy Palmer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Neil Harrington. Passed unanimously.	