

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Virtual Zoom Meeting
May 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Brenda Johnson, Chair, District 2
 Troy McKelvey, Vice Chair, Recreation
 Neil Harrington, Tribal
 Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWSC Rep.
 Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
 Betsy Carlson, Envir/Conserv
 Gordon King, Commercial Interest
 Roy Clark, Recreation Alt.
 Brent Vadopalas, Marine Sci Alt
 Sarah Fisken, District 3, NWSC Alt.
 Bryan DeCaterina, Env/Conserv Alt.
 Solenne Walker, District 1
 Janette Mestre, District 1
 Joanie Hendricks, District 3 Alt
 Liz Hoenig-Kanieski, District 1 Alt.
 Heather Burns, District 3
 Heidi Eisenhour, *ex officio*, BoCC District 2

Absent:

Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
 Nam Siu, Marine Science
 Carol Hasse, Port of Port Townsend

Guests: Amy Wilcox, Lucas Hart, Bee Redfield,
 Kara Cardinal, Dana Oster

Staff: Monica Montgomery, MRC Coordinator

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Brenda Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Welcomed guests and MRC members.	A quorum was present.	All members – please send volunteer hours to Monica
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Brenda noted that Carol Hasse will not be in attendance. Brenda asked for approval/amendments to the agenda. Motion to approve by Troy, which was seconded by Solenne. Agenda was approved. Brenda asked for approval/amendments to the March 2022 Minutes. Neil moved to approve, which was seconded by Betsy. Minutes passed as written.	Troy moved to approve the agenda. Solenne seconded. Motion passed. Neil moved to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Betsy. Motion passed.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.		
DISCUSSION Congressionally Directed Spending-funded projects	Group Discussion: Congressionally Directed Spending Lucas: There is opportunity for funds beyond \$200,000 if needed, MRC should reach out to NWSC Brenda: Are there additional projects members would like to add? Note project prioritization criteria (including is there an MRC lead, existing and future funding opportunities, project capacity, and five ranking criteria) Solenne: Additional funding for education and outreach is needed. Outreach for the derelict vessel program is important. Monica: Possible internship opportunities - Intern for derelict vessel outreach, intern for storm surge monitoring, and intern for ROV survey work for mapping lost crab pots. Jeff: Storm surge project – National weather service contacted emergency prep in Port Townsend, want to develop warning for flooding conditions using storm surge monitoring and predicted tides. Forwarded to Steve King, Public Works. NWS is going to add wave run-up to their forecasting. Total water level is based on tides, storm surge and wave runup. Tides are predictable, there are models that estimate storm surge based on atmospheric pressure, but		

	<p>wave runup is site specific. We are using a site near the tide gauge in Port Townsend to get a better estimate of what the total water level, and flooding risk will be during storms. An intern for this project would have the responsibility of making the data more accessible. Open to being a mentor to interns for storm surge monitoring and crab pot removal.</p> <p>Solenne: The internship for DVRP should be changed to boater outreach and education.</p> <p>Janette: Would like to work with/support marinas to identify boats before they become derelict. This could be part of the outreach and education.</p> <p>Funding for education and outreach for the rain gardens (signage) would be valuable to include.</p> <p>Betsy: Derelict vessel prevention should be added to intern for boater outreach and education.</p> <p>Liz: Another task for an intern – using MRC eelgrass dataset to create usable maps accessible to the public.</p> <p>Heather: Would be happy to do some preliminary research; need to decide what level of detail to include.</p> <p>Dana: Sound IQ is a mapping tool to share MRC data publicly.</p> <p>Neil: Potential larger project for the entire Northwest Straits. Could also be useful for boater education.</p> <p>Monica: Another eelgrass survey is being contracted in PT Bay but there is not funding allocated for analysis.</p> <p>Bryan: DNR has great eelgrass maps for Puget Sound. Good place to look for eelgrass presence/absence mapping.</p> <p>Dana: Described social marketing campaign NWSC. Lots of opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>Derelict vessel removal program discussion</p> <p>Solenne: Estimate of \$50,000 for seven vessels that were identified for removal.</p> <p>Lucas: Federal funds would not be reimbursable through DNR derelict vessel removal program. Funds could still be used to remove derelict vessels, just don't expect reimbursement. It would be a good idea to reach out to DNR directly about these vessels.</p> <p>Solenne: Showed map of Jefferson County outline with derelict vessel GPS locations. All 35 ft or less. Seven vessels from Pleasant Harbor to Port Townsend Bay. Three in Port Townsend Bay, one Indian Island, one in Mats Mats Bay. Two vessels indicated by the Port for removal. Several on the Coyle. Explained the laws that would need to be followed for vessels aground (e.g., vessel tagging and vessel owner notification, 30 days prior to removal). Vessels that are sunk can be put on the list for removal and removed from the water. Need to be held for 30 days before disposal. Logistical issues - where do the vessels go? Suggests boater outreach that promotes and shares info on insurance, registration, boater education card, safe anchoring and no anchor zones, aquatic land rules.</p>	<p>Link to Friends of the San Juans "Green Boating" resource: Green boating - Friends of the San Juans</p> <p>Link to Sound IQ: Our Work SoundIQ Mapping the Sound (nwstraits.org)</p> <p>Link to DNR Eelgrass Maps: Puget Sound Eelgrass Monitoring Data Viewer WA - DNR</p>	
BoCC REPORT	<p>Commissioner Eisenhower – Update from BoCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Started role as statewide shoreline hearings board member, as well as an alternate ○ Septage capacity – septic solids are an issue, locally, regionally, and statewide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not have adequate facilities to dispose of solids coming out of septic systems ○ Certain counties have relied on municipal partners to use their wastewater treatment plant to process septage, but those systems are nearing capacity ○ Working with DOE (Ecology) ○ State forest land: DNR talking about updating old growth policies ○ Crafting other policies around carbon ○ Working on Dabob Bay NA expansion ○ State trust land transfer work group 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code compliance issues along streams and shorelines that are impacting water quality ○ Chimacum Creek issues – derelict vehicles, RVs ○ Working with multiple partners to ensure habitat protections are meaningful ○ Wildfire mitigation on county parklands 		
Port of PT UPDATES	None.		
RECENT MEETING REPORTS AND ISSUE UPDATES	<p>NWSC Update (Jeff) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eelgrass protection and social marketing campaign ○ Foundation effort to connect public with sites for restoration, opportunity for outreach and education group ○ Puget Sound Day on the Hill, May 11th 		
Administrative Updates	<p>Meeting Format Discussion</p> <p>Monica opened a group discussion regarding the return to in-person or hybrid meeting format. In the future, talk of rotating meetings across three commissioner districts. Feelings about hybrid meeting in June?</p> <p>Group decided an outdoor meeting in the summer would be plausible. For now, prefer to have virtual meetings. Will revisit the topic of meeting format at August meeting.</p>	A virtual meeting will be held on June 7 th . There will be no meeting for the month of July.	
CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS	<p>Forage Fish Monitoring –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeff – Need to send samples to DFW ○ Sarah – Sampled last week, also need to deliver samples to DFW ○ Monica – Training on July 13th for WDFW index sites, email sent to subcommittee members <p>No-Anchor Zones (Troy) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Putting in summer buoys on May 14th, if Port boat and driver are available. Bryan and Gordon will be diving. ○ Roy – WDFW has a large buoy that could be used for this project. <p>Kelp Monitoring (Solenne) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelp team met twice in April, covered protocol and data collection. Next meeting will be on May 25th and will be covering kayak safety and gear. ○ Linear extent surveys – discussion of doing some this year, hope to initiate two this year. Concern that floating kelp beds are not mapped in Jefferson County. ○ Requested a meeting with Brenda for input on datasheets. <p>Olympia Oysters (Neil) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olympia oyster meeting yesterday, decided summer dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 19th survey on new powerlines site (south of current restoration section, pre-survey before spreading shell) ○ June 17th spreading culch at lagoon area ○ July 15th survey on existing site ○ Gordon – need to figure out how to get culch on new powerlines sites this year. ○ Discussions about Kilisut Harbor and Dabob Bay reconnaissance <p>Mapping lost crab pots (Jeff) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting ready to go out on the week of May 16th ○ Coastal Sensing & Surveys contracted, will be using side scan sonar to map crab pots ○ Sites are Adelpa Beach and Cape George ○ Two days on the water using side scan sonar ○ Liz Tobin from Jamestown gave suggestions from Tribal fishers about where pots may be found near Cape George ○ Neighborhood involvement – photography from shore, etc <p>Rain Gardens (Janette) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second work party completed doing maintenance and clean-up at rain gardens in Port Townsend. More work than expected, but pretty good turnout of volunteers from beach naturalists, stream stewards, and master gardeners ○ Goal is to come up with a way to have regular maintenance and do outreach to find local caretakers ○ Monica – Bob asked if anyone has suggestions for a new rain garden site. Let Monica know <p>Education and Outreach (Brenda) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRC will be tabling at several local festivals: Shrimpfest (Brinnon) May 28 & 29; Forever Streamfest (PA) June 	Reach out to Monica if you are interested in the forage fish training and need the registration information.	Let Monica know if you have new rain garden site suggestions

	<p>25th; Wooden Boat Festival (PT), Sep 9-11th; and Crabfest (PA) October 7-9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuation of speaker series in June – Emily Buckner (PSRF, Larval Crab Monitoring) will be the speaker, followed by in-person demonstration with crab larvae traps (evening talk followed by morning demonstration) <p>Shoreline Landowner Outreach – (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NWSF and MRC is hosting a Shoreline Landowner Outreach workshop, May 24th 10-1:30. Beach walk after class at East Beach on Marrowstone Island. Free to the public. Presenters from Blue Coast Engineering. <p>Potential site visits on June 15th in Quilcene if landowners are interested/willing. Bulkheaded shoreline properties.</p> <p>Crabber Outreach – (Roy)</p> <p>Subcommittee meeting on May 11th, distributing materials and crabber workshop. This will potentially be in-person. NWSF, WDFW, Liz Tobin, and Troy will be presenting.</p>		
PUBLIC COMMENT	Barbara M-L: On May 25 th , Hood Canal Environmental Council is going to review water quality monitoring grant from Brinnon Group. WQ monitoring in Duckabush. Data includes some from Port Gamble; Paul McCollum (PGST NR Director) will be at presentation.		
MRC Roundtable/ Announcements	None.		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM. Next meeting will be June 7th.	Gordon moved to adjourn, seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.	