

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Virtual Zoom Meeting
June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Troy McKelvey, Vice Chair, Recreation
Neil Harrington, Tribal
Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWSC Rep.
Betsy Carlson, Envir/Conserv
Gordon King, Commercial Interest
Sarah Fisken, District 3, NWSC Alt.
Bryan DeCaterina, Env/Conserv Alt.
Janette Mestre, District 1
Joanie Hendricks, District 3 Alt
Heidi Eisenhour, *ex officio*, BoCC District 2

Absent:

Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Nam Siu, Marine Science
Carol Hasse, Port of Port Townsend
Heather Burns, District 3
Liz Hoenig-Kanieski, District 1 Alt.
Roy Clark, Recreation Alt.
Brent Vadopalas, Marine Sci Alt
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt.
Brenda Johnson, Chair, District 2
Solenne Walker, District 1

Guests: Barbara Moore-Lewis

Staff: Monica Montgomery, MRC Coordinator
Bob Simmons, WSU Staff

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Vice Chair Troy McKelvey 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	Troy asked for approval/amendments to the agenda. Motion to approve by Sarah, which was seconded by Neil. Agenda was approved.	Sarah moved to approve the agenda. Neil seconded. Motion passed.	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Troy asked for approval/amendments to the May 2022 Minutes. Jeff had a correction to the storm surge notes from the last meeting. Related to total water level: Sum of tidal level, storm surge based on pressure, and how much wave ride-up adds to that. Janette moved to approve with corrections, which was seconded by Joan. Minutes passed with corrections.	Janette moved to approve the May minutes with corrections. Seconded by Joan. Motion passed.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.		
DISCUSSION Congressionally Directed Spending-funded projects	<p>Group Discussion: Congressionally Directed Spending Lots of interest and discussion in the past about a derelict vessel removal project, but so far no one has expressed interest in taking on a Project Lead role. Skipped discussion of derelict vessels for now and discussed the rest of the projects list.</p> <p>Staff Support – one or two part time fellows, \$20/hr for 20 hrs/week for 6 months or 40 hrs/week for 3 months to help with general admin support, community outreach, data management, project assistance, etc.</p> <p>Bob: New projects will need a lot of administrative time and assistance.</p> <p>Janette: Monica fills in for positions where there is a lack of MRC volunteers; if there were a funded fellow, they could fill in those gaps.</p> <p>Everyone is in support of using funds for a fellow(s).</p> <p>Internships – 1 intern for crabber outreach, 1 for rain gardens, 1 boater outreach/education, 1 storm surge monitoring, 1 ROV surveys. \$18/hour for 20 hrs/week for 3 months each. Timing of internships will vary depending on the project. Discussion of age requirement for interns, difficulty finding interns unless they are local due to housing shortages, and the possibility of creating hybrid or remote internships. After discussing, everyone decided to remove the internship for developing a boater outreach/education project. Everyone is in support of using funds for 4 internships.</p>		

	<p>Rain Gardens – Decision to allocate \$1000 anticipating material cost increases for signage. Should include funds for replacing plants and mulch in already established rain gardens.</p> <p>Olympia Oysters – Estimate of \$50-80k for culch and contract work to spread up to 100 cubic yards.</p> <p>Gordon: Need to ask the Port what kind of barges are available; transport is the expensive part of the process.</p> <p>No-Anchor Zones – Discussion of decommissioning the Mystery Bay buoy field as it's quite a large effort to get out and regularly service the Mystery Bay buoys. Will need to reach out to the Marrowstone community and review any agreements for managing the buoys. Mystery Bay is in poor condition – will need to update buoys, new ropes, anchors, etc.</p> <p>Gordon: Brenda has offered use of her boat. We should get supplies and get out there when Brenda returns.</p> <p>Bryan: Would like to add another buoy to the buoy field in Port Townsend, between the ferry terminal and boat haven.</p> <p>Monica: Will check with DNR.</p> <p>Bull Kelp Linear Extent Surveys – East Jefferson County floating kelp surveys using motorized vessels. Approved funding to reimburse volunteer boaters for fuel.</p> <p>Temperature sensor buoy at North Beach – concerns with kelp entanglement, extreme tides, and overall management.</p> <p>Education & Outreach – Approved funding for interpretive signs at PT waterfront and Fort Flagler SP, though commissioned artwork may be much more costly than estimated.</p> <p>Side Scan Sonar for Lost Crab Pots – Other locations to use side scan sonar to look for pots?</p> <p>Heidi: Kilisut Harbor, near PT paper mill, lower Hadlock, Irondale beach, Kala Point, boat launches at PT and near Ajax in Hadlock</p> <p>Bob: Quilcene and Dabob Bay.</p> <p>New project idea – monitoring PT sewer outfall near North Beach.</p> <p>Bryan: Monitoring if eutrophication is leading to growth of Ulva which is suffocating other species.</p> <p>Bob: Responsibility of the city to do this monitoring. Another potential issue is increase in epiphytes on kelp.</p>		
BoCC REPORT	<p>Commissioner Eisenhour – Update from BoCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Focused on forest issues for the last two months o Update on Shoreline Master Program with Ecology – submitted last fall, still waiting for response from Ecology o State Trust Land issues and intersection with marine environment in Dabob Bay. Expansion of Dabob Bay Natural Area – working on getting proposals together. Commissioner Franz is going to visit Dabob Bay Natural Area for the first time next week. o Two proposed timber sales in Jefferson County which have drawn a lot of attention, both legacy forests (naturally regenerated 80+ year old forests). Have asked DNR to pause on those timber sales/harvests. Requested pilot project for Jefferson County (carbon credit pilot project through DNR). 		
Port of PT UPDATES	None.		
RECENT MEETING REPORTS AND ISSUE UPDATES	<p>NWSC Update (Jeff) – As the pandemic continues to evolve, the in-person NW Straits Initiative conference planned for November might be changing. Executive committee is divided. Proposal to do a social gathering outside in the summer.</p> <p>Derelict vessel meeting coming up with NW Straits.</p>		

<p>CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS</p>	<p>Forage Fish Monitoring (Jeff & Sarah) – Both sampled this month.</p> <p>No-Anchor Zones (Troy) – Three more buoys will be added in Port Townsend this month, and maybe in Hadlock.</p> <p>Kelp Monitoring (Monica) – June 24th or 25th will be the first survey date. Liability forms are needed from volunteers who want to participate in kayak surveys.</p> <p>Olympia Oysters (Neil) – Did a survey of the new parcel south of the powerlines in Discovery Bay in May. Small corner of the parcel has a little plot of oysters that have drifted south from north site. Estimated up to 20,000 oysters in the small section (600 sq m). Lots of different age classes (seeing recruitment, a good sign). Outside of that, very few Olympias. This survey set the baseline for the South Powerlines Site going forward.</p> <p>Spreading of cultch at the Lagoon Site next week (17th) will be led by Gordon. Survey on the site north of the powerlines will be July 15th.</p> <p>Mapping Lost Crab Pots (Jeff) – Side scan sonar survey conducted in two locations in Discovery Bay. Found 31 possible pots near Adelma Beach and 92 between the Cape George marina and Beckett Point. Will attempt to retrieve with an ROV next week, though anticipate challenges with visibility and navigation.</p> <p>Rain Gardens (Bob) – Looking for a new rain garden site before the end of September. Contact Bob if you have a good location in mind.</p> <p>Education and Outreach (Joan) – Tabled Shrimpfest in Brinnon over Memorial Day weekend. Made 266 direct contacts and 9 people signed up to be notified of meetings and volunteer opportunities. Great to meet other MRC members in-person and talk to the public about the MRC. Featured a filter feeding demonstration with oysters and algae from Taylor Shellfish, which effectively drew in kids and parents. It was a great opportunity to communicate about MRC efforts. Three other events coming up – Forever Streamfest, Wooden Boat Festival, and Crabfest. Request from Quilcene Fair for the MRC to attend, though not sure if there is capacity. Potential for next year.</p> <p>June 21st – virtual Dungeness crab talk by Emily Buckner.</p> <p>June 22nd – live demonstration of larval crab monitoring.</p> <p>June 25th – Forever Streamfest, need MRC volunteers to sign up for tabling.</p> <p>Shoreline Landowner Outreach (Sarah) – NW Straits Foundation and Blue Coast Engineering put on a shoreline landowner outreach workshop on May 24. Great workshop coupled with a beach walk at East Beach Park on Marrowstone. Had 27 participants. Potential to offer another one in the fall.</p> <p>Crabber Outreach (Sarah) – In-person crabber outreach workshop scheduled on June 23rd at WSU classroom in Port Hadlock. Presenters from WDFW, Jamestown, NWSF and Troy.</p>	<p>Submit a liability form to Monica if you would like to participate in kelp monitoring kayak surveys.</p> <p>Send Bob new rain garden location suggestions.</p> <p>June 21st Dungeness crab talk Webinar Registration - Zoom</p> <p>June 22nd live demonstration Live Demonstration of Larval Crab Monitoring Tickets, Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 9:30 AM Eventbrite</p>	<p>Anyone interested in helping with the kayak-based kelp surveys.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>None.</p>		
<p>MRC Roundtable/ Announcements</p>	<p>Joan: Green crab discovered by WA Sea Grant team in Seabeck, Hood Canal. Are the MRCs involved in green crab detection/monitoring? If not, should we become involved?</p> <p>Jeff: Can talk to the NW Straits. In the San Juans there is an 'adopt a beach' program doing marine debris monitoring which could be expanded to include green crab. We could adopt a similar program.</p> <p>Neil: The WA Sea Grant Green Crab Team is a very well-established program. We could collaborate with that program in terms of helping them find volunteers for monitoring sites. Recently gave a green crab presentation to the Audubon Society. For outreach to the public, MRC could encourage people to look for green crab molt and teach volunteers how to identify the carapace.</p>	<p>WSG Crab Team has great resources on identification, information about what to do if you find a green crab or a molt, and how to report: https://wsq.washington.edu/crabteam/getinvolved/</p>	

	Betsy: Outreach about what to look for, what to do if you find a molt or a crab, could be the right function for MRC. Monica: Pam shared that the Port of PT is having a public workshop tomorrow focused on the Point Hudson jetty project.		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. Next meeting will be August 2nd.	Neil moved to adjourn, seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.	