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ABOUT THE SAN JUAN COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Overview: The San Juan MRC was the first marine resources committee established in the region. The Committee was created in 1996 as a local management alternative to a federal initiative for establishing a national marine sanctuary in the San Juans. The MRC provides a citizen forum to advise the County Council on marine issues. In addition to policy issues, the MRC supports marine research and provides education and outreach.

Composition of the Committee:

The committee should broadly represents the make-up of the county and of marine interests by inclusion of the following population segments:

- San Juan County Environmental Resources Director
- Tribal—(one position, Liaison)
- Relevant Scientific Expertise (e.g. Friday Harbor Labs)
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Affected Economic Interests (such as ports and commercial fisheries)
- Affected Recreational Interests (such as fishing, boaters, whale/wildlife observing operators)
- Conservation and Environmental Interests
- Citizens at large

San Juan County MRC Vision Statement

Adopted 11/17/2001

A healthy marine ecosystem in San Juan County waters will provide benefits including cultural and spiritual values, existence values, ecosystem services, and direct use benefits (harvest, recreation, tourism). San Juan County places a high value on this because of benefits to today's county residents and a duty to restore and maintain this ecosystem for future generations. Given the large numbers of people that visit our islands, we have a unique opportunity and an obligation to demonstrate responsible resource stewardship to visitors who can follow our example in the many places they come from. We will incorporate both scientific and indigenous knowledge to inform implementation and adaptation of this plan.

Selection of Committee Member

The San Juan County Council selects the members of the committee from applications of interested citizens. Any person may apply and pick up an application form at the County Council Administrative Office at 55 Second Street, 1st Floor. MRC members will also contact potential members. Members serve 4 years terms.

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