

**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)**

**MEETING Summary**

**Legislative Hearing Room  
55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA  
Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 2015, 8:30-10:30am**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Tom Temple, Terry Turner, Bob Wilson, Greg Ayers, Wes Heinmiller, Johannes Krieger (phone)

**Members Absent:** Ken Sebens(w/notice), Sam Gibboney(w/notice), Chuck Schietinger(no notice), Phil Green (w/notice).

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) is currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Erin Corra (Minutes)

**Guests:** Jamie Stephens (County Council), Ed Hale (SJC Stormwater)

**Convene MRC Meeting:** Meeting called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:30am

**Citizen Input** – None

**\*\*Approval of Minutes 1/7/15**

Greg motions to approve, Tom seconds, Wes abstains

**Upcoming Events/Assignments**

- **2015 Marine Managers' Workshop- Laura/Marta**  
Still seeking and trying to find speakers, looks at environmental impacts with boat traffic.
- **Ag Summit**

Happening last week of February on Lopez Island. Shellfish is contained in an agricultural designation. Shared awareness of what different committees do.

- **March 7 Oil Spill Conference**

Being provided by Northwest Straits Foundation, open to public, preregistration requested. Looking at preparedness for oil spills and what citizens and agencies should do. Elected officials are invited and involved.

### **County council Liaison, Jamie Stephens**

- **SJI NTA# 1, 2 update**

Jamie is not here. Marta explains near term action number 1. See letter from Jamie. San Juan County is supporting NTA #1. Still being worked out budget wise, but PSP has just announced a SJI #13 NTA that will result in money for a study (to be completed by June 2015) coming into the county.

Sam adds that it was adopted last Thursday. Looking at assessment of spill responses. San Juan will own #13 NTA. Report will be done by June.

### **Working group Meetings-updates, assignments 8:52am**

Assign work plans to members of the MRC. Will be assigned at least one lead position to every member. Need to get work done for county council. Potential to change to two meetings or do better job at just one. Minimal of 15 hours a month of time. Marta and Barbra Bentley will be looking at work plan to see tasks that are going to be assigned. Feb 18 meeting for assigning tasks.

- **Executive**

Barbra says thank you to everything getting done by executives. Working on 2015 grant plans

- **Policy**

Nothing has moved from last meeting in Jan. No drafts of SNP. Moving forward to council. March will be when drafts start to come out. Drafts for planning committee available on website

- **Science**

Tom says that Marc Broman will be joining the team of science and technologies. Marc will help with bull kelp research.

- **Outreach**

Working on the most frequently hit rocks around the San Juan's. Maps use to be funded by grant or were donated. Everyone really likes the maps. Maps will be given for free, Wes motions, Kathleen seconds. Vote: approved by majority.

- **NW straits liaison-Greg/Tom**

Adopted strategic plan and now available online. MRC summit will be put together for end of February in Olympia. Retreat will be on march 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> and is limited to one representative. MRC RFP grant will go out march 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **Oil Spill Preparedness/Response workshop**
- **Meeting report from January 2015 meeting**

- **LIO liaison- Barbara/Marta**

Continuing effort on the North West fishers industry and tribes. Looking at funding and how it is received so that on the ground the actions are achieved. People believe that the environmental protection agencies can be taught about the salmon restoration. Marta will no longer be LIO coordinator. Looking at NTA and designing 2016 agenda. Tribes have been looking at weather patterns, climate change and flooding.

- **Storm water Liaison-Wes**

Problems with membership help. Storm water ends up in marine waters. Looking at oil run off going into storm drains then into ocean.

## **Questions/Citizen Input**

Meetings are open to citizens

**Meeting adjourned by Barbara at 9:46**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MRC meeting as:**  
**Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group**

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**Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory group meeting** Barbra Bentley,  
Chair Salmon CAG; 9:47AM

**Presentation:** Resident and Migrant Salmon and trout near shore and  
marine habitat use in WRIA 2 Report (CAG)- Thomas Quinn

Migration with salmon. Juveniles must decide whether to migrate to sea or remain in freshwater. These are research questions. How does a salmon know when to go to sea? Patterns of Ocean migration for different types of fish. Use coded wire tagging for data. It defines the ocean range of that population or release group. Area from release affected residency. There is no sweet spot to which fish from all regions converge, nor do they distribute evenly to all areas. Fish from each release region tend to be recovered and remain in that region, though some fish from each region were recovered in different regions. Lots of agencies involved in this research. Fish detectors noted that fish seem to stay in the same area they are released in.

**Citizen Input**

**Adjourn Salmon Advisory Group Meeting at 10:39am**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

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**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Tom Temple, Terry Turner, Marc Broman, Bob Wilson, Johannes Krieger (via telephone,) Wes Heinmiller, Phil Green, Megan Dethier

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:34am

**Citizen Input – none**

**MRC Meeting:**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from February 4, 2015. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Laura, seconded by Bob. Eight committee members voted to approve minutes, two voted to abstain.

**Business:**

**Upcoming events/assignments**

- 2015 Marine Managers' Workshop – Kathy reported that a second round of invitations have been sent out to potential participants. Also, 90%ofthe agenda has been set. If

any of the MRC members are going, please let Kathy know. Marta noted that the workshop will be structured to give marine managers preference for attending the workshop. The workshop will be transboundary. There will be opportunities for some static displays and an option to sponsor breaks by providing snacks and meals.

- San Juan MRC and the Northwest Straits Commission are holding a public conference on Saturday March 7, 2015 from noon till 4pm at the Friday Harbor Labs that will focus on policy discussions and oil spill topics.
- Marta reported for Jamie Stephens on the county council. Funds from the Puget Sound Partnership for an oil spill response study have been awarded. They are working on the contract now. The study should be completed by June.
- Working group meetings:
  - Executive: Laura reported that planning for the Marine Managers Workshop is progressing. The MRC needs to take another look at who is doing what for the workshop.
  - Policy: nothing to report.
  - Science: Tom reported that the science work group had a very productive meeting this month. The group discussed ocean acidification aid, tide studies, and bull kelp studies. Barbara would like the science work group to take another look at the Puget Sound Partnership action agenda to determine what actions, targets, and priorities there are for the San Juan MRC, estimate costs of projects, and report back to the MRC. Marta added the SJMRC can now also look at the NW Straits Commission/Foundation websites to see where our projects can tie in.
  - Outreach: Wes reported that he's been working on distributing the laminated 2-sided Voluntary Marine Stewardship Area Map/11 Reefs and Rock "chart" and has a good response from the marina stores and other locations he has put them. He will send list of numbers and locations to Marta.
  - NW Straits: Tom reported for Greg. Retreat for the NWS Initiative is next Thursday. Tom will attend. The Oil Spill Workshop (Foundation function) is at the end of this week.
  - LIO: The near-term actions are moving forward. Currently, the LIO is running without a coordinator. The position has been posted on the county website and will now be called the Puget Sound Recovery Coordinator. It will be a half-time position with the possibility for expansion. Barbara Rosenkotter's position is also vacant and advertised.
  - Storm water: Wes reported that the storm water meeting has postponed indefinitely, and he will let the MRC know when something changes.
- Discussion:

- Barbara Bentley attended the PSP Science Panel meeting last week. The panel is still in the planning phase, so there is not much to report yet. The PSEMP has not had its next meeting yet. There will be a meeting coming up in the next few weeks.
- Laura asked if there was an update on the rain garden, and Johannes reported about it. On the town's side, it is a simple process. The county has been slower to act. Johannes will keep checking in with the county through the summer. He also responded to an article and email. The reporter was sensitive to how political the rain garden became through the process of implementation years ago. Johannes' made the point that the original purpose of the rain garden was as a demonstration or teaching garden. It was never intended to be able to treat all the run off water from the street. Meanwhile, when results about how much material is being removed from the water is measured, the actual amounts of water entering and leaving the water should be measured along with that. Otherwise, the results of the measure are skewed. Currently, the test for water volume in the garden is lacking and was overlooked. Since the garden was never intended to be able to treat the quantity of run off in that area, should we put a lot of resources into measuring (testing) something that wasn't set up to be measured? Megan pointed out that there is value in getting something out about it to the public. Marta added that stewardship ethic and education is part of the MRC's job and the rain garden is a great way to educate the public.
- Citizen Input: There will be treats at the conference on Saturday, please bring cookies, treats, or plates for the event.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:28am.**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting as the Salmon Citizens' Advisory Group**

**Meeting Summary**

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**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers, Sam Gibboney.

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**Presenters:** Michael Schmidt, Long Live the Kings, Josh Chamberlain from NOAA

**Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 9:36am by Chair Barbara Bentley

**Presentation: Salish Sea Marine Survival Project update**

Michael Schmidt from the group Long Live the Kings and Josh Chamberlain from NOAA fisheries reported that the trend of salmon (Coho, Chinook, and Steelhead specifically) in the marine environment is that populations are in a significant decline in their survival In Puget Sound. There seems to be a higher abundance of these species in the coastal environments. Changes in species have not only been observed in salmon and steelhead, but also in forage fish, plant, and other fish species in Puget Sound. These changes are Salish Sea-wide issues. The Salish Sea Marine Survival Project is a multi-discipline program to determine why juvenile salmon and steelhead are dying in the Salish Sea marine environment. The project has more than forty partners and funders.

The project will look at what the fish themselves can tell us about what kinds of changes are happening. By tracking salmon and identifying critical growth periods and drivers of growth for the fish, and analyzing predators, disease, and toxins that affect fish populations, the resulting models and trends will help tell the story of what is happening to critically endangered populations. Planning for the first two years of the project is complete. There are thirty-five actions planned, and nineteen have been implemented. This past year has been a very successful year of field work for the project, and the project is looking forward to success in the future.

**Citizen Input:** Barbara Rosenkotter is retiring, everyone would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Barbara for her tireless efforts all these years, Barbara will be dearly missed!

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:33am**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Terry Turner – filling in for Chair Barbara Bentley, Bob Wilson, Tom Temple (via telephone,) Phil Green, Sam Gibboney

**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers, Chair Barbara Bentley, Mark Broman, Johannes Krieger, Wes Heinmiller, Megan Dethier

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) is currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator) - absent, Chandler Colahan (Minutes)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Suzanna Stoike – Puget Sound Partnership, Steve Ulvy, Laura Jo Severson, Jenny de Groot, Alex Callen

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Terry Turner – filling in for Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:42am

**Citizen Input –** Phil Green reported that SeaDoc’s new book, *The Salish Sea: Jewel of the Pacific Northwest* by Audrey DeLella Benedict and Joseph K. Gaydos, is out and features some of his photos!

Suzanna Stoike from the Puget Sound Partnership introduced herself and announced that she will be filling in for Scott Williamson while he is on paternity leave for the next six weeks.

Alex Callen introduced himself and discussed a project he is working on and that he would like support from the MRC on. Alex is involved with an interesting outreach project in East Sound. It is a fundraiser for the Children’s House. The Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) J2, affectionately known as Granny, has been nominated as the honorary mayor of East Sound, and Alex is her campaign manager! Usually the candidates are local cats, dogs, cows, etc. But Alex thought Granny would be a good candidate to raise awareness of our SRKW populations and their challenges. From May 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a booth at the farmer’s market on Orcas to educate the public about the SRKWs. Granny’s campaign platform will be “Fishing and Family.” This project would nicely match the goals of outreach and education for the SJ MRC. If Granny is elected there will be a monthly update in the Sounder from the mayor about what people can do. The booth will include MRC outreach materials. Alex is asking for

the three B's: a booth, brochures, and a balloon. The booth costs \$30/week for six weeks to have at the farmer's market, and the balloon will be for the parade to celebrate the mayoral race. Alex has priced a seven foot orca balloon at \$100. Laura Jo suggested that Alex also check with the Whale Museum for the possible loan of their orca float. Anyone with further questions for Alex may reach him at:

Alex Callen – "Granny Campaign"

(425) 354-9182

alexcallen@gmail.com

### **MRC Meeting:**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from March 4, 2015. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Bob, seconded by Phil. Six committee members voted to approve minutes, one voted to abstain.

### **Business:**

### **Upcoming events/assignments**

- County Council Liaison: Jamie Stephens absent
- Alex's proposal: Laura discussed Alex's proposal and suggested that the MRC could offer the booth, MSA displays, volunteers, brochures and materials, but the MRC has no money to offer.
- Sam gave an update about the oil spill response study. This study has an aggressive schedule. It looks like there will be good proposals, and the review team is on a tight schedule.

### **Working group meetings:**

- Executive: Laura gave an update on the Marine Manager's Workshop. The executive committee would like to get a working group together to decide what the next step should be. Notes and evaluations will be ready for the second meeting in April. Terry extended thanks and noted that the diversity of expertise and viewpoints was outstanding. Kathy reported that the workshop was well attended, with more than fifty people participating. Thanks to Friday Harbor Labs, the Canadian Consulate, Marta Branch, and Chandler Colahan. Laura would like to talk about follow up between this year's workshop and next year's to carry it forward.
- Policy: Part of the workplan (page five) from Jamie Stephens should be started as soon as possible. The MRC should think about who they know, what they can do about that.
- Science: No report.
- Outreach: Phil reported that the Stewardship Network meeting was on Orcas last month, and that there was a different crowd of attendees at the meeting. It is important that the MRC support the Stewardship Network and attend the meetings.

- NW Straits: No report
- LIO: Phil reported that when Scott Williamson gave the update on the funding model, the top three priorities for this round are shellfish, Chinook, and eelgrass. They sent out about 200 surveys and got a response of about 25%.
- Storm water: No report.
- Staff report: No report.
- Citizen Input: No input.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:33am.**

**Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group,  
Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2 Meeting  
Wednesday April 1, 2015**

**Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 9:34am by Terry Turner filling in for Chair Barbara Bentley

**Salmon Citizen Advisory Group Considers and Adopts Timeline, Application Process, and Scoring Criteria for 2015 Salmon Recovery Funding Round:**

Timeline discussion – Sam gave an update on the coordinator hiring process. There have been a couple of rounds of interviews and from those interviews there are two viable applicants. Sam will be checking references and making an offer with the hiring committee.

Terry asked the group if the April 6<sup>th</sup> request for proposals is only for those who started the process earlier.

Laura said that this is to be an open process for people who understand the priorities. She is not sure how the process will work without a lead entity coordinator.

Presumably, there would have been a webinar state wide as a kick off.

Sam noted that the group will be working to get a press release out, hire quickly, and step in and take over the process.

Laura motioned to accept the timeline as presented; Kathleen seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Sam is concerned about getting someone in, and the MRC needs to be ready to make changes as needed. Suzanna is willing to help where she can to keep everything on track with the timeline.

Scoring criteria discussion – Laura reported that the scoring criteria are as updated as it can get.

Laura motioned to accept; Phil seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**Presentation: Salmon Recovery Projects Update**

Tina Whitman, Science Director, Friends of the San Juans, presented updates about projects funded by the salmon recovery board, including forge fish spawn habitat assessments, creosote removal, the restoration cultivation grant, shoreline protection and easement projects, and restoration projects.

Forge fish surveys: In the last two years there have been more than 400 surveys over 200 beaches. These surveys are very focused. They have received a very positive response from the public, and less than 5% of shoreline property owners refused to let them sample on their property. All the results get put into a database with all other historical data and then into SalmonScape data maps. Tina will email data to Suzanne Shull to see if data can be put into SoundIQ as well. The San Juans have a wide range for spawning habitat.

Restoration projects: There are projects planned for the fall. There is a creosote removal grant that will help fund the removal of creosote piling removal from property where nothing else will be going in to replace old docks. There is a big creosote removal project planned with DNR for this summer. In the past several weeks crews have removed fifty tons of creosote. The crews work statewide and will remove creosote at no cost to property owners.

Pilot conservation easement project: Friends of the San Juans is working with the Land Trust, asking property owners to give up development rights on shoreline habitat. The Land Trust monitors all easements annually. Easements are permanently on property deeds, so as they sell, people will buy the properties knowing about the easements and are usually glad about it.

West Beach Creek: looks great.

West Sound: Pocket Beach restoration – creosote and boulder removal starts in August.

Brown Island: there is a shoreline armor removal project lined up.

Tina will send a PDF of her presentation to Marta Branch. (She was unable to show slides due to technical difficulties in the meeting room equipment.)

**Citizen Input:** Suzanna asked Tina if there are any other projects planned for the next year. Tina said yes, that they are in the feasibility phase.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:16am**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Terry Turner, Chair Barbara Bentley, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Johannes Krieger, Greg Ayers

**Members Absent:** Mark Broman, Megan Dethier, Sam Gibboney, Bob Wilson

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) is currently vacant, Position #14 currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator); Chandler Colahan (Minutes)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Suzanna Stoike, Laura Jo Severson, Lovell Pratt, Patti Gobin

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Bentley, Chair, at 8:37am

- **Citizen Input** – Lovell Pratt – there are two commenting opportunities for the San Juan LIO regarding upcoming proposed projects. The first one is the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal II. This project will increase vessel traffic in the Salish Sea significantly. There is a comment period till June 15<sup>th</sup> to determine if the environmental impact study for this proposed project is complete. The other one is in Port Metro – Vancouver for the Frasier-Surrey docks. The docks have been proposed to receive coal by rail for export to Asia. The Dept. of Ecology has sent a final report about rail traffic, but the report is not complete. Canada moves very quickly on permitting, so report has some current projects missing from reports. The studies are not up to date. The commenting period for that project is May 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MRC Meeting:**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from April 1, 2015. Kathy mentioned two corrections to the April meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Tom, seconded by Kathy. Seven committee members voted to approve minutes, four voted to abstain.

### **Introduction of Byron Rot, new Salmon Recovery Coordinator:**

Marta made the announcement that Byron Rot will be the new Salmon Recovery Coordinator for San Juan County. Marta also asked members of the public who are watching the meeting streaming to email her and let her know they are watching so they can be counted as people who are video conferenced in.

### **Executive Committee Tasks:**

**Elections** – Laura reported that nominations had been made – Terry Turner for the Chair position, Kathy Dolsen for the Vice Chair position, Phil Green for the Northwest Straits Liaison position, and Tom Temple for the alternate position. Greg motioned to close the nominations and call for a vote; motion seconded by Kathy; unanimously approved.

**Marine Managers' Workshop Report** – Laura reported that the executive committee met to go over the report and decide what to do with it. They were trying to make a written record of the workshop and figure out what the next steps will be. So, one thing the executive committee wants to do is discuss what the MRC wants to do to get the report to the county council, and from there talk about what the council will want the MRC to do to follow up. Marta will get copies of the report out to everyone. Laura then gave a quick rundown of the conclusions: 1) Island Trust relations with San Juan MRC, and 2) How to/not to view VTRA Report and process local group participation and decision making. Barbara suggested that this be presented to the county council and ask where we should go from here. Marta noted that the executive committee has already weighed in on this and they would like to hear any other comments people may have. Tom praised the workshop, saying that it went over well and was a success. Lovell asked if there would be a chance for public comment on the conclusions. Laura responded that the executive committee would like to see that happen and will also include an invitation to comment on conclusions along with meeting notes and thank you notes. Barbara commented that she felt the workshop was very powerful, and she would like to see the MRC move forward on this. Laura went on to say that Barbara will present a summary of the workshop and conclusions to the council, and the MRC has a role to assist with it if we are welcomed. Kathy said that for the next year she supports having a follow up workshop on this topic. Marta added that the workshop participants were very strongly in agreement to continue this.

### **Working group meetings:**

- Policy: Laura reported that the SMP update is coming along swiftly. Sam suggested waiting till the staff report comes out and then compare. Also, workgroup would go through and pick topics most relevant to the MRC. The next meeting will be how to do this.
- Science: Tom took a minute to thank the MMW planners. The following Saturday after the workshop there was an IOSA (Islands Oil Spill Association) drill on the vessel Popeye

out of Ferndale. He talked with the people from the refinery about vessel traffic. If the current plans happen, there will be a large increase in the amount of vessel traffic. Tom made a map of traffic, showing 1000 foot vessels crossing paths in and out of ports in the Salish Sea. The refineries are busy already with current traffic levels. More vessels are carrying coal, oil, and grain, among other products, to Asia. Also, there was a NWS meeting focusing on ocean acidification last night in Langley on Whidbey Island. Lots of good information, including information from shellfish growers in Penn Cove. The science committee will be putting together a list of topics to talk to everyone about and prioritize actions.

- Outreach: Wes reported that he has been passing out a lot of the rocks and reefs brochures. Also, measuring and monitoring of sedimentation of the Dear Harbor Bridge project will begin soon. The funders of this project are new residents to Orcas Island and are committed to taking good care of the environment. Wes will continue to report on the project's progress.
- NW Straits: Greg reported that he had a call on April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss topics of a presentation for next year. Also, the Northwest Straits Commission has decided to hear all the MRCs grant proposals. The meeting for this will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Padilla Bay Reserve. Phil or Marta will be presenting for SJ MRC. Marc Daily (PSP) provided a presentation about the new EPA funding structure. He also noted that the PSP will receive funding from the EPA and will be giving funding to all LIOs in the amount of \$250,000 per LIO, \$75,000 for coordination and \$175,000 for capacity to create Resource Management plan for each WRIA. Marta noted that San Juan County boundary uniquely coincides with the WRIA II, and because of this, there is much opportunity for coordination between the MRC and LIO. There are two seats on the LIO designated for MRC representation. Subcommittees can decide what actions they want to focus on. Greg noted that the MRC needs to get a formal read from PSP that we are not excluded from access to these grants. Laura responded that the MRC looks to find the overlap in the work plan planning. MRC can help further projects already in place in the action agenda. Suzanna asked if the conflict of interest was a local policy. She wasn't sure it was a problem from PSP's perspective, but she will check to see if it is a SFRBoard policy issue. She also noted that this first round of funding is for capacity building, not implementation of programs. Greg also reported that the 2015 NWS/MRC Conference on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeway Inn in Bellingham.
- LIO: Phil reported that there is a big LIO meeting today about the action agenda. Phil would also like Marta to take over his LIO position. Barbara said the executive committee will look to see if Marta will be paid for this or a volunteer.
- Staff report: Marta reported that she has copies of the quarterly report. Deliverables include administration of grant, policy workings of MRC, MSA workings, and outreach.
- Stewardship Network: Marta noted that the group has been around for 26 years. The group, which was selected by the PSP in recent years to receive the funds as the San

Juan ECO Network, gives “Good Stewardship” awards. There will be a new coordinator selected for this group in May.

- Deer Harbor NWS Foundation project update: Marta reported that there is a donor willing to fund monitoring efforts and is interested in contribute to the MRC’s interest of having the best science available. Megan Dethier has been appointed to the steering committee to create a monitoring plan for the site. The MRC will co-sponsor monitoring and outreach efforts and will work with the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps. to do some of the monitoring. The NWS Foundation will provide funds for Marta to work on this.
- Workplans: the workplan is ongoing. MRC members should keep the workplan at all meetings. A good time to work on it is at the committee meetings. Barbara asked members to let Marta know what actions they might be interested in. Marta said this includes citizen interest too.
- County Council Liaison: N/A
- Chair: Barbara reported that there are some EPA funding changes. The EPA is trying to get funding to the groups on the ground through the LIO structure/organization. It is a substantial amount of money, and the MRC needs to pay attention to the way this happens. She also attended the nearshore meeting at the PSP. It was a good meeting, the PSP is working on better coordination of work happening to get real data out and sharing of information among groups.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 10:09am.**

**SJ MRC/Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group,  
Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2 Meeting  
Wednesday June 3, 2015**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Terry Turner Chair-MRC/SCAG), Barbara Bentley, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Patti Gobin, Johannes Krieger, Marc Broman, Wes Heinmiller

**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers, Megan Dethier, Bob Wilson, Sam Gibboney,

Position 14 is currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (MRC Coordinator), Byron Rot (Salmon Recovery Coordinator)

**TAG Members Present:** Ray Glaze, Mindy Rowse (NOAA/NWFSC), Todd Zackey (Tulalip Tribes), Kim Sundberg

**Citizens in Attendance:** Suzanna Stoike – Puget Sound Partnership, Mike Ramsey—RCO/SRFB, Stephanie Buffum—Friends of the San Juans, Laura Jo Severson, Paul Schlenger—SRFB Review Panel, Josh Chamberlain—NOAA, Michael Schmidt—LLTK, Lincoln Bormann—SJC Land Bank, Tom Slocum—SRBD Review Panel, Jenny DeGroot—Wild Fish Conservancy, Tina Whitman—FOSJ, Jamie Glasgow—Wild Fish Conservancy

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**Salmon Citizen Advisory Group and TAG heard Presentations from the Salmon Recovery Round 16 project sponsors.**

**All projects are listed in PRISM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm**

**Some members attended the field presentations in afternoon and next day.**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Chair Terry Turner (via telephone,) Barbara Bentley, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Sam Gibboney,

**Members Absent:** Mark Broman, Megan Dethier, Bob Wilson, Wes Heinmiller, Johannes Krieger, Patti Gobin; Positions 8 and 14 are currently vacant.

**Staff:** Marta Branch (MRC Coordinator) , Chandler Colahan (Minutes), Byron Rot (Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery Coordinator)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Val Veirs,

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Bentley, Chair, at 8:37am

- **Citizen Input** – Val Veirs came to discuss the project proposal from the San Juan Nature Institute to create an online database of the marine and terrestrial systems research done in the San Juan Archipelago. This project will be a very specific literary reference database that will include more than 400 authored papers spanning more than 100 years from more than 100 study sites. Val is seeking a letter of support for the project from the SJ MRC. He would also like staff support for ground trothing. Val has already received letters of support from many groups. He is in the process of finding funding for the project, and hopes to get the project started in a portal in the next few weeks.

**\*\*Approval of Letter of Support:** MRC voted to approve letter of support for the project. Motion to approve was made by Barbara, seconded by Sam. Motion approved unanimously.

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from May 6, 2015. Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Sam, seconded by Barbara. Six members voted to approve the minutes, one abstained.

**Working group meetings:**

- SJC Dept. of Community Development – Sam reported on the Shoreline Masters update, which is currently moving through the county council. They are working on a staff version of the regulations. There will be a public comment period. They are also looking into the best place/way for the MRC to comment. Council review of the staff draft will begin in August.

- Policy: Laura reported that the SMP is on the MRC workplan to comment to the council on. It would be useful to know when the MRC will be getting the staff draft so the MRC can meet about it. Sam noted that they are going over fine details and recommendations for policy differences for the draft and ordinances. The MRC will want to comment on policy. Laura and Kathy agreed to plan a subcommittee meeting about this.
- Executive: Laura reported that the Executive Committee has been focused on getting the grant proposal in to the Northwest Straits for next year. There are no surprises in the proposal. Kathy noted that there had been an interesting conversation about the Orcas ferry landing. Laura added that the county has a substantial say about what happens with the county property at the landing. There have been many conversations about what should happen with that property, but no official comments yet.
- Science: Tom reported there's nothing new. Barbara updated the committee about work she and Marta are doing on the presentation for the 2016 Salish Sea Conference. Citizen Science will give an update on the specimen bank. Also, PSP funding model has been changed by the EPA. Ken Sebens will be working with Barbara to figure out how the SJ MRC fits into the new PSP funding model.
- Outreach: Marta reported that the MRC will have a booth at the SJ County Fair this year. We need people to sign up for shifts to man the booth. Marta will try to staff the booth as well. The MRC can also do outreach presentations, so let Marta know if you are interested.
- NW Straits: Phil reported that he attended the latest NWS meeting and reported on the SJ MRC. The NW Straits is looking for outreach help for events. Also, the SJ MRC received funding for the Deer Harbor project monitoring and the SHARP conference in September.
- LIO: N/A
- Stormwater: Terry will start attending stormwater meetings.
- Staff report: Marta reported that she is continuing to recruit for the two vacant MRC positions. There are also two more positions that want to open up. Please let Marta know if you or anyone you know are interested in the positions. Also, there are two new tasks for the NW Straits grant – 1) the SHARP conference in September, and 2) the Deer Harbor monitoring project, which includes biological monitoring of the estuary with the removal and replacement of the bridge. Megan Dethier and Barbara Bentley have been very involved with the steering committee with the NW Straits Foundation on this project. Marta reported that she will be working with the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps. to do the monitoring for the next year and a half.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:26am, re-convened at 9:31am, and re-adjourned at 9:49am**

## **Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group**

### **Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2 Meeting**

**Wednesday July 1, 2015**

**Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting:** Meeting called to order at 9:50am by Terry Turner, Chair

**Citizen Input:** N/A

**Salmon Citizen Advisory Group Presentation on Scoring, Projects of Concern, Other Items for 2015 Salmon Recovery Funding Round #16:** Byron referenced the scoring sheet from last year and reported that he will use the same ranking system for next year. Laura reported that there are six projects of concern now. We will have comments and do our ratings based on socio-economic benefit. Byron will run the numbers and then we will rank them and decide what projects go above the line and what doesn't. Byron noted that this year's project will focus on resident adult Chinook study. The TAG met a few weeks ago to work on proposal to fine tune and address the project of concern. If the project will fill a data gap, it won't be a project of concern (a red flag that means the project isn't fundable under the SRF Board rules under the technical review panel level.) The Long Live the Kings project has to score high enough to be funded. Byron would like the MRC to send a letter of support for this project to the review panel that outlines thoughts about why the MRC thinks it is a fundable project. Please send any questions to him at [Byronr@sanjuanco.com](mailto:Byronr@sanjuanco.com).

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:09am**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Chair Terry Turner, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Megan Dethier, Johannes Krieger, Patti Gobin

**Members Absent:** Mark Broman, Barbara Bentley, Wes Heinmiller, Sam Gibboney

**Staff:** Marta Branch (MRC Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes), Byron Rot (Salmon Lead Entity Coordinator), Jamie Stephens (County Council Liaison)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Mary Huff, Laura Jo Severson, Tina Whitman, Suzanna Stoike, David

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**\*\*Denotes pre-meeting reading material sent to members with meeting agenda**

**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Terry Turner, Chair, *at* 8:30am

- **Citizen Input** – Tina Whitman, Science Director - Friends of the San Juans, discussed proposed changes in the shoreline designations for the shoreline masters program. They looked at three types of shoreline designations:
  - forge fish spawning beaches (there are about ten miles of this type of beach in the county,)
  - feeder bluffs or sediment supply bluffs (there are about thirty miles of this type of shoreline in the county,)
  - top priority salmon recovery areas (there are eight miles of this type of shoreline.)

These three types of shorelines comprise 10% of all the marine shorelines in San Juan County. The MRC helped identify these important areas and map them. Friends of the San Juans looked at the shoreline information to see if those forty-two miles of **shoreline are being adequately protected** and found that there is not a good correlation between those habitat features and the proposed designations. There are three things **they** are required to look at when making the shoreline designations:

- what the lands are being used for
- biological and physical characteristics of the area
- goals and aspirations of the community

Tina would like the MRC to look at this information when comments are being constructed regarding the Shoreline Master Plan.

- **\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from July 1, 2015. Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Megan, seconded by Phil. Minutes approved unanimously.

**County Council Liaison:** Jamie Stephens reported that the **Shoreline Master Plan Regulations Draft** will be coming out this next week.

#### **Working group reports:**

- Executive: N/A
- Policy: Laura reported that the MRC has made a lot of comments over the years on the SMP. In the last few years the MRC has focused on a few key topics (such as shoreline armoring, etc.) At this point, the most significant thing left is addressing no net loss of critical resources. When the policy committee met last they decided they wanted to write a letter from the MRC to support that concept to the county council. Laura suggested the MRC should take a look at the map book before sending final comments to the county council. As a group, the MRC has been pretty thorough about making comments about what should be changes to conserve shoreline habitat and resources. Laura suggested that the members of the MRC should attend hearings and present written opinions. She would also like to set up another working group meeting to discuss the SMP and comments from MRC.
- Science: Tom reported that there was a meeting at the Padilla Bay Reserve that included a workshop taught by Cathy Angell called “Teaching Science, Sharing Projects, and Building Trust.” It was an excellent workshop, and there will be another one in October. Tom recommends it for anyone interested.
- Outreach: This is a good time to make good on the outreach mission because there is a lot going on now. Marta reported that the MRC will have a booth at the SJ County Fair this year. Marta needs members to sign up for shifts for the booth that will be at the Green Village area of the fair. It will be fun, there will be miniature golf and the MRC will have a hole to decorate! The MRC will have two passes for anyone who is working to use during their shift. There is also a kayaking event in late August that will be the pilot to assess the NWS Commission program for bull kelp monitoring as a possible Citizen Science Outreach tool. Terry, Phil, and Patti want to participate.
- NW Straits: Phil reported that registration for the upcoming conference in November begins September 1<sup>st</sup>. At the last meeting there was a presentation and discussion about net pens from NOAA and the Dept. of Ecology. Because it is a contentious topic, there will be further discussion set up by Dept. of Ecology and NOAA. No date has been set yet, as they are looking for a neutral facilitator for the discussion. The Northwest Straits is also having a celebration for the derelict gear removal project on August 13<sup>th</sup> in

Everett, information about the celebration is on the NW Straits website. Please RSVP if you plan on attending (Phil will be there to represent SJC MRC. Phil also reported that the NW Straits have had funding issues for the last several years. They are trying to come up with a sustainability plan, and are now looking for individual MRCs to come up with \$10,000 in funds to supplement what the NW Straits provides. This will be in effect for the 2016 calendar year. The NW Straits is willing to talk to county council.

- LIO: Marta reported that the workshop will be happening right after this meeting to see how the MSA plan and the new overarching plan from the LIO for ecosystem management come together.
- Stormwater: N/A
- Dept. Community Development: N/A
- Town of Friday Harbor: N/A
- Staff report: Marta reported that Deer Harbor biological monitoring project has begun. She worked with the Orcas Island Youth Conservation Corps. as citizen scientists on the project and it was great! There will be a report and presentation of the program next year. The monitoring will continue with a bird monitoring project that is being planned now. If you are interested in participating in that, please let Marta know. Tombolo and Gary Greene have also been retained to use a drone for monitoring and creating a DEM (Digital Elevation Model) map of the nearshore area as well. The quarterly billing for the grant has been accepted and moved on. Marta is still working on the 2016 MRC capacity grant application.

Megan moved to adjourn the meeting, Phil seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:30am**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Kathleen Dolsen, Chair Terry Turner, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Megan Dethier, Johannes Krieger, Sam Gibboney, Wes Heinmiller, Bob Wilson, Cheryl Kummer, David Tribolet

**Members Absent:** Mark Broman, Barbara Bentley, Patti Gobin

**Staff:** Marta Branch (MRC Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes), Byron Rot (Salmon Lead Entity Coordinator), Jamie Stephens (County Council Liaison)

**Citizens in Attendance:** Suzanna Stoike, Lisa Kaufman, Annika Fain, Alan Chapman

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Terry Turner, Chair, *at* 8:36am

- **Citizen Input** – N/A
- **\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from August 5, 2015. Motion to approve minutes was made by Megan, seconded by Kathy. Minutes approved by nine members, abstained by three.

**County Council Liaison:** Jamie Stephens gave an update on the Shoreline Regulations Draft. The council has many recommendations. There will be significant changes to the regulations including abandoning the requirement of 50% lot coverage for shoreline lot development. This is a staff recommendation, not a recommendation from the planning commission. Council has not voted or taken action on anything yet. Jamie asks that the MRC please weigh in on the SMP plan. There is a new set of maps with new designations, and he would also like the MRC's comments on those new designations. Also, council did send their comments on the Kinder Morgan pipeline project. The council will also be meeting with Islands Trust and some of our legislators in Victoria in September to discuss trade and economic impacts, and the topic of vessel traffic is sure to come up.

### **Working group meetings:**

- Executive: N/A
- Policy: Sam discussed the SMP plan. Staff is working with council now to get a public hearing draft. Then the hearing will be advertised and there will be a public comment period. Sam will be recusing herself so there is no conflict of interest. The MRC can comment during the public comment period. The public comment period will be at least ten days. The public comment draft will likely come out before the next MRC meeting.

*Discussion:* There was discussion among committee members about the comment process for the MRC. It was noted that there have been many comments about many topics submitted over the years, including comments about the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO.) Under the new proposed designations all dual designations are proposed to go away. It was also noted that all the maps and adjustments are available to view online on the county website. Jamie also reminded committee members that there is proof that there was a reason for the designation statuses, so they need to be considered before changes are made. He commented that wildlife habitat has not been considered seriously enough based on the amount of data collected. Megan concurred, saying that there is much more detailed scientific data on particular types of habitat and data need to be considered in the proposed changes. Byron brought out maps for committee members to look at. He explained that pocket beaches are small but important rest stops and forging areas for small fish. Feeder bluffs make sandy beaches. Certain spots along the shoreline are more important for spawning for fish and juvenile salmon. He also explained that maps are important to salmon recovery to help educate land owners about stewardship responsibilities. Maps need to represent what important resources are where. There were several motions made by committee members to vote on letters to the council about compiling maps. Ultimately, the letters were rescinded to the policy subcommittee for further discussion.

- Science: Tom reported that there will be a meeting at the Padilla Bay Reserve that included a workshop taught by Cathy Angell called "Teaching Science, Sharing Projects, and Building Trust." It is free for MRC committee members through the Northwest Straits Commission.
- Outreach: Marta reported that she, Phil, and Wes enjoyed doing the Bull Kelp surveys. Information about the project is on the Northwest Straits Commission website. She also reported that the fair was a hit!

- NW Straits: Phil reported that the budget for the MRC went through just fine. The annual conference will be in November, and the MRC will need to provide a poster for poster session at the conference.
- LIO: Marta reported that the workshop would be considering the process of designing the strategic initiatives for the 2016 Action Agenda.
- Stormwater: N/A
- Dept. Community Development: N/A
- Town of Friday Harbor: N/A
- Staff report: Marta reported that Deer Harbor biological monitoring project will have a drone image the area on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Marta also reminded committee members that the end of the grant cycle is September 30<sup>th</sup>, and she needs everyone's hours from July, August, and September for the report. The Salish Sea conference will be in Vancouver, B.C. next year in April. Also, committee members need to decide on a date for the annual retreat to draft the workplan for the coming year. Marta will also email the links for the maps to committee members.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting, Megan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 10:31am**