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**MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE &
CITIZEN'S SALMON ADVISORY GROUP**
MEETING AGENDAS



Wednesday, July 5, 2017
8:30-10:30 AM

Legislative Hearing Room
55 Second Street - Friday Harbor, WA

Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group - AGENDA
Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2

8:30 AM	Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting <i>Terry Turner, Chair</i>
9:45 AM	Approval of Minutes 6/7/17
8:35 AM	Citizen Input
9:20 AM	Socio-Economic Project Evaluation - Byron Rot - Sent out June 23, 2017 Project #1 KWIAHT Pacific sand lance monitoring Project #2 FOSJ Mud Bay Sucia Island saltmarsh restoration
9:25AM	Citizen Input
9:30 AM	Adjourn Salmon Advisory Group Meeting, Chair

Marine Resources Committee - AGENDA

9:35 AM	Convene MRC Meeting <i>Terry Turner, Chair</i>
9:40 AM	Citizen Input
9:45 AM	Approval of Minutes 6/7/17
9:50 AM	Orcas Landing Experience – Working with the SJI Conservation District & Youth Conservation Corps cutting back the weeds on the slope at Orcas Landing on July 6 th . Need MRC Participation and help developing native planting strategy & assistance in ordering plants. Developing ADA access to the public interpretive area. Submitted a 100K grant to build it, preparing bid materials next month to begin construction starting in early October. The interpretive elements will be developed over the fall with MRC input -constructed in winter and installed in spring for a May 4, 2018 grand opening.
10:05 AM	Southern Resident Killer Whales – Environmental Resources staff has completed a draft early-action list of activities that could be implemented in the next 30 days for the County manager. Pending that discussion and agreement to fund, we may have more requests to MRC Grant Opportunity – Possible National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant
10:10 AM	Work Plan for the MRC Grant Proposal to the Northwest Straits Commission
10:15 AM	Marine Manager's Workshop Follow-up
10:25 AM	Questions/Citizen Input
10:30 AM	Adjourn MRC Meeting

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
8/02/2017	MRC & Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group	SJ County Council Chambers	8:30 – 10:30AM
8/02/2017	LIO Meeting	San Juan Island – Islander's Bank	11:00 – 1:15AM

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MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC) and Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 8:30 – 10:30am

Legislative Hearing Room

55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

Members Present: Terry Turner – chair, Tom Temple, Phil Green, Kendra Smith, Ken Carrasco, Craig Wingardt (via phone), Laura Jo Severson, Megan Dethier

Members Absent: Patti Gobin, Barbara Bentley

Staff: Arnie Klaus (MRC Coordinator), Byron Rot (Salmon Lead Entity Coordinator), Suzanna Stoike (PSP), Chandler Colahan (minutes)

Citizens in Attendance: 2017 Salish Seas Science Program class from Spring Street International School.

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

Convene SCAG Meeting: Terry Turner, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34am.

Citizen Input – Terry asked the students from the Spring Street International School's Salish Sea Science Program to introduce themselves.

****Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from June, 2017. A motion to approve minutes was made by Phil, seconded by Ken. Minutes approved by seven members, abstained by Megan.

Socio-Economic Project Evaluation - Byron introduced the projects the SCAG members would be scoring for the next round of funding. Projects are given a numeric rating of 1-10 by committee members based on the socio-economic benefit of the project to the public, if the project is cost effective, and if the project is right for SRFB funding rather than another source of funding. Byron asked for each committee member's ranking and comments.

Mud Bay Project – Friends of the San Juans:

Phil: **8.** Phil sees lots of possibilities for outreach and educational opportunities with this project. It is not clear how debris will be disposed of from the proposal, but Phil feels this project will make good use of project funds.

Laura Jo: **10.** This project is a great idea for expanding citizen involvement.

Tom: **10.**

Megan: **10.** Megan sees this project as a good opportunity for the county to connect with the state parks.

Terry: **9.** Terry feels this project will have a lot of success.

Kendra: **7.** Kendra Feels that this is a lot of money for a relatively small project site. The disposal plan needs more information. She would like to see information on use of debris rather than hauling it out. She also appreciates the match of funds from the state parks for this project.

Ken: **Recused himself.**

Craig: **10.** Craig feels there are great opportunities for outreach and education with this project. Partnering with the state parks is also an important part of this project. There is information lacking for the disposal plan. It also seems like a lot of money for this project.

Pacific San Lance Project – KWIAHT:

Ken: **7.** Ken liked the citizen involvement for this project, but feels it is difficult to see how information generated from this project will benefit salmon.

Kendra: **4.** Kendra feels it is important to get a handle on what is going on with sand lance, as it is an important link in the marine food web. The information from this project needs to be scientifically sound, and she is not sure that will be the case as the project proposal stands. There are holes in the current proposal, and it does not seem rigorous. She would like to see a research scientist as the lead for this project and a citizen scientist as support. Project integration with the MSP is important, but Kendra is not clear on how they will integrate. She feels a subcommittee is needed to help design the project.

Byron noted that the TAG did condition this proposal, and the Puget Sound Partnership must approve the proposal as well.

Terry: **7.** Terry believes research from this project will inspire further research. It is important to get a handle on forage fish. Increased understanding of the life cycle of sand lance could help us understand potential threats to species.

Megan: **6.** Megan feels that this is potentially critical information for a small amount of funding. There is an issue with statements in the proposal being unfounded. Megan feels torn about this project. It is critical that this proposal have conditions, and that KWIAHT has to agree with those conditions. Outreach and education opportunities are one of KWIAHT's strong suites, and this project will be well suited for that.

Tom: **7.** Tom is concerned about the timing for this project, couldn't really tell how long this project might take. Tom would like to know if there needs to be a year-round sampling schedule.

Laura Jo: **8.** Laura Jo agrees with other comments about the importance of sand lance in the marine food web. She also believes that baseline data for sand lance will be important in case of an oil spill.

Phil: **6.** Phil sees that there are many things that will be required of this project that KWIAHT has not agreed to yet, but they are good at getting citizens involved with projects.

Craig: **5.** Craig agrees with Ken, that information on sand lance is important. He questions whether or not the project is cost effective. Craig also sees lots of opportunities for outreach and education with this project. He cannot see outcomes from this project being meaningful.

Byron reviewed committee members' project scores. Mud Bay ranked #1, Pacific Sand Lance ranked #2. SCAG members voted to pass projects based on socio-economic benefits:

***Motion to approve Mud Bay Project made by Laura Jo, seconded by Megan. Ken recused himself; motion approved unanimously.**

***Motion to approve Pacific Sand Lance Project with conditions made by Ken, seconded by Megan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Byron reviewed the False Bay Creek Project, which is a proposed project from the San Juan Islands Conservation District (SJICD) from 2016. There are project updates, and Byron would like SCAG member input on the proposal by July 15, 2017. Byron feels that this project will help improve water quality in the watershed. If this project does not get approved unanimously by SCAG members, funding for this project will go back to SRFB. Members had questions about cattle in the creek and measures that would be used to stop that, including cow bridges over the creek. Byron said the SJICD will be working with land and cattle owners to improve water quality by training cows to use cow bridges and planting new vegetation to keep cattle out of the creek.

***Motion to approve False Bay Creek Project for funding made by Megan, seconded by Kendra. Some discussion followed due to a lack of agreement by members. A recall vote approved original motion unanimously.**

Citizen Input: The Spring Street International School students asked MRC members to introduce themselves.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Phil, seconded by Laura Jo. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by Terry at 9:53am.

San Juan Marine Resources Committee Meeting

Convene MRC Meeting: Terry Turner, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:54am.

Citizen Input: N/A

Orcas Landing Experience Update – Arnie reported on the Orcas Land Project. Things are happening now. Kendra will email members a work schedule. Arnie let members know that MRC members' help and support are needed for project. The Youth Conservation Corps will be helping out on the project as well. There will be an art installation on the deck. Construction is scheduled to begin in October on the wall and ADA access areas. The art installation should be finished by early spring, and the grand opening is planned for May.

Update on Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Protection Zone proposal: Kendra reported that she and Arnie presented follow up information to county council about local strategies San Juan County can take to help recover SRKW. San Juan County will be working on reducing pollution and recovering salmon. They will also be looking into noise pollution. The county will also be encouraging Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to fill vacant positions to increase enforcement of regulations around SRKW. The county will look at what is already being done and find ways to increase efforts like the "Be Whale Wise" campaign for boaters. The county will be working transboundary to share salmon information. Kendra is seeking funding for all these efforts for a long-term strategy. The county needs to figure out how to link economic impacts with indirect economic impacts for recovering SRKW in San Juan County. There will be a meeting in the fall with all interested parties including the whale watch industry to discuss strategies and options. Kendra would also like more stable funding for the MRC so the MRC can continue to work on these issues.

Work Plan for the MRC Grant Proposal to the NWSC: Kendra reported that the grant proposal to the NWSC will contain four major areas of focus: SRKW, the Orcas Landing project, identification of restoration projects in San Juan County, and the pinto abalone restoration project. The proposal itself is in the final phase.

Marine Managers' Workshop Follow-up: Arnie reported that he is completing the Marine Managers Workshop follow up now.

Arnie also reminded members that there are currently four vacancies in the MRC, so if members know of anyone who is interested in fill a position, have them apply to the county. There needs to be a subcommittee to address vacancies.

Citizen Input: N/A

MRC Meeting Adjourned at 10:11am