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



Wednesday, October 4, 2017

8:30 AM-10:30 AM [Internet Live Stream Link begins at 8:30](#)

Legislative Hearing Room

55 Second Street - Friday Harbor, WA

Marine Resources Committee

8:30 AM	Convene MRC Meeting <i>Terry Turner, Chair</i>
8:40 AM	Citizen Input
8:45 AM	Approval of Minutes 9/6/17
8:50 AM	Northwest Straits Commission Meeting Report – Terry Turner-Ken Carrasco
9:00 AM	Oil Spill Response Dispersants - Follow-up Discussion MOTION: Recommendations to County Council – <i>Megan Dethier</i>
9:10 AM	Update on Oil Spill Risk & Consequences Analysis Project Funding, Schedules and integration with other stakeholders
9:20 AM	SRKW Workshop Logistics Discussion - Friday October 27 Motion to approve initial stakeholder list and interest invitations
9:40 AM	Sub-committee & Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orcas Landing Exhibit Design – Theme Selection by Committee Membership Recruitment Promotion & Timeline
10:00 AM	Letter Requesting Continued County Support for MRC Coordinator Position
10:05 AM	Questions/Citizen Input
10:10 AM	Adjourn MRC Meeting

Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group

Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2

10:15 AM	Convene Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting <i>Terry Turner, Chair</i>
	Citizen Input
	Approval of Minutes 9/6/17
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cypress Island net pen Atlantic Salmon Escapement update. Where we're at with current salmon recovery funding Round Updates on projects
10:30 AM	Adjourn Salmon Advisory Group Meeting

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
10/18/2017	MRC & SCAG Subcommittee Meeting	Orcas Landing MTG Rm	9:30 AM -12:00 PM
10/27/2017	MRC SRKW Workshop	Brickworks – Friday Harbor	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
10/27/2017	MRC SRKW Reception	Brickworks – Friday Harbor	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
11/1/2017	MRC & SCAG Monthly Meeting	SJC Council Chambers	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
11/1/2017	LIO Meeting	Islanders Bank	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
12/6/2017	MRC & SCAG Monthly Meeting	TBA Orcas Island	10 AM - 11:30 AM
12/6/2017	MRC Annual Retreat	TBA Orcas Island	12 Noon - 3:30 PM*

*Interisland Ferry Departs Orcas at 4:30 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 8:30 – 10:30am

Legislative Hearing Room

55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA

Members Present: Terry Turner – chair, Phil Green, Kendra Smith, Craig Wingert (via phone,) Laura Jo Severson, Megan Dethier

Members Absent: Patti Gobin, Barbara Bentley, Ken Carrasco

Staff: Arnie Klaus (MRC Coordinator)

Citizens in Attendance: Rick Hughes (San Juan County Council), Marta Green (San Juan County LIO Coordinator)

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

Convene MRC Meeting: Terry Turner, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36am.

Citizen Input: None.

****Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from September 6, 2017. A motion to approve minutes with corrections that Megan Dethier was absent from the meeting and Craig Wingert's name was misspelled was made by Megan, seconded by Terry. Minutes approved unanimously.

Northwest Straits Commission Meeting Report: Terry reported that he was unable to attend this month's meeting, but that Ken did. Ken is absent from today's MRC meeting, so Terry will send information from the meeting to MRC members through email.

Oil Spill Dispersants – Follow –up Discussion: Megan gave an update on next steps coming from the oils spill dispersant use project Will King from Friday Harbor Labs reported on the the MRC. There was a follow up meeting with several MRC members to talk about what the next steps should be and how best to use the information gained from this project. The larger report from this project will be published by the Encyclopedia of Puget Sound as a peer reviewed document.

Megan proposed that the MRC vote to submit a letter of recommendation (authored by Megan) on the findings from the project report to county council. Recommendations from the project report are as follows: "We recommend that SJC marine waters remain under Case-by-

case authorization for chemical dispersant use. Dispersants may be a useful option when spill conditions are conducive to their use; in some cases, they may reduce overall environmental harm. We also recommend future consideration of other dispersant types than what are currently stocked in Washington state.” Upon approval from county council, the recommendations and report will be sent for inclusion in the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP.) Discussion followed. Phil reminded members that the dispersant that is currently stocked in Washington state is the only one approved for use by Canada, so if we are able to restock and use a less toxic dispersant, it wouldn’t be able to be used in Haro Strait. He believes it is a good idea to recommend those changes to NWACP for future consideration by the US and Canada. Kendra suggested some small changes in wording in the recommendation statement. She suggested adding verbiage to the last sentence of the recommendation so it reads as follows: “We also recommend future consideration of other **less toxic and higher or equal efficacy** dispersant types than what is currently stocked in Washington state.”

*A motion to approve a letter of recommendation be sent to county council was made by Phil; motion seconded by Terry. Motion approved unanimously.

Update on Oil Spill Risk and Consequences Analysis Project: Arnie reported that funding for the project should be available sometime in March. He is partnering with the local integrating organization (LIO) to create and refine a scope of work and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project. Kendra noted that data on the economic value of local marine species is needed to help consultants determine what the economic impact would be of a large oil spill in San Juan County.

Southern Resident Killer Whale Workshop: Arnie reported on the upcoming workshop on Friday October 27th. Arnie has a list of several hundred stakeholders, and he is going through the list to make sure that there are many interests represented at the meeting. Space is limited to 100 people in the Brickworks facility. He will send the list out to MRC members for review. He has also been putting together a save the date poster and a questionnaire survey on line that will go to people who register for the conference. The survey will also be available on the MRC website, along with current research information. Hillary Wilkinson from Veda Environmental Contractors will facilitate the meeting. One of the outcomes of this meeting will be for the MRC to present recommendations to county council on what can be done locally to help SRKW. San Juan County Council member Rick Hughes noted that he will be representing county council at the upcoming SRKW symposium happening in British Columbia, and he asked MRC members to let him know if there is anything they would like him to discuss at that meeting.

Subcommittee and Staff Reports:

Orcas Landing Exhibit Design: Arnie reported on the design project. He is still in the process of completing the contract with the person who is developing the interpretive plan. The MRC still

has time to focus on the displays. There will be a pre- survey of people who live around the area to help determine what the display content should be. The MRC is ahead of schedule with this project.

Membership: Terry reported. Ken updated the brochure for the MRC and added a section about new members needed. Terry composed a letter for potential new members. It tells why the recipient is receiving the letter, describes what the MRC does, and invites the recipient to visit the MRC website and Facebook page. He asked members for edits.

Letter Requesting Continued County Support for MRC Coordinator Position: Terry read the draft letter to members. He will send it out to committee members for review and consensus.

Citizen Input: Marta Green reminded committee members that the MRC needs to assign another member for representation on the San Juan County Local Integrating Organization (LIO.) The LIO has a lot of work coming up in the next six months, and it is important to fill the vacancy for the MRC spot. Phil has volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Arnie passed on information from David Tribolet about the upcoming Port and Waterway Safety Association meeting sponsored by the Coast Guard. The MRC needs to be in touch with the local port to check if they are still interested in funding the "10 Most Frequently Hit Rocks" brochure laminating and distribution.

MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 am

Salmon Citizen's Advisory Group,

Watershed Regional Inventory Area (WRIA) #2 Meeting

Wednesday October 4, 2017

CAG Meeting called to order at 9:56 am by Terry Turner

Citizen Input: None.

*Motion to approve meeting minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting was made by Kendra, seconded by Ken. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Updates: Byron gave an update on two upcoming meetings. On October 12th, there are two presentations by NOAA and Long Live the Kings about their juvenile Chinook study. Tina Whitman from Friends of the San Juans will also be presenting on PIAT II (Putting It All Together), which will look at projects on the ground and project San Juan County will be focusing on for salmon recovery in the next few years.

Byron reported that on November 3rd the four year workplan is due to the Puget Sound Partnership. PIAT II will feed into that. He would like feedback from members and approval from a quorum at the November 1st meeting.

Byron suggested that San Juan County could better emphasize the importance of the link between SRKW and Chinook salmon. There is a lot of understanding that the SRKW are starving, but no real top down connection about this issue. There is a lot of work to be done on this. Chinook in Alaska are really in trouble this year, and the fisheries closed in Southeast Alaska. Frazier River fisheries also closed for Chinook. Nisqually had double the amount of Chinook run return this year than what they expected. It takes a long time to determine what the runs actually are. Byron is trying to figure out a better way to get information about Chinook in a timelier manner.

Byron gave an update on net pens. There is a site in Port Angeles Harbor with net pens. The site has to be shut down, and there is a proposal to move the facility to an area off Green Point with deep water and swift currents. This concerns Byron because if the net pens fail, the escaped fish will end up at Dungeness Spit, which is an important fish and wildlife area. Currently, there are eight net pen facilities in Puget Sound. There is a proposal for additional twenty in the coming years. There are still 100,000 adult escaped Atlantic salmon unaccounted for from Deep Water Bay. We have no idea where they may be. Atlantic salmon are very different from Pacific salmon. Net pen leak fish. There are 130 net pens in British Columbia. Naturalization of these fish is a huge concern for our wild salmon. Byron would love to see the county council issue a letter of support banning net pens in Puget Sound.

Byron gave an update on the current salmon recovery funding round. The legislature still has not passed a capital budget. The legislature is back in session in January. Funding for Byron's position is good through the beginning of next year, and he does not know what will happen

after that. The review board is looking at the two projects the committee approved this year. The Sucia project has been approved and will be highlighted in the board's annual report. The Pacific sand lance proposal needed added information and will be voted on October 5th. Byron will let the committee know the outcome at the next meeting. Neither project will be funded until the capital budget is passed.

Citizen Input: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.