

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2001

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES CHARTER AND BUSINESS RULES TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND DEFINE POWERS AND DUTIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners established a Marine Resources Committee (MRC) for a limited term by Resolution No. 35-1996 and extended the term to July 1, 1999 by Resolution No. 3-1997, and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 23-1999, reauthorized the MRC and endorsed its participation on the Northwest Straits Commission, and established the Committee's Powers and Duties, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 59-1999 establishing the MRC Business Rules, and

WHEREAS, the MRC desires to expand its membership from twelve to fifteen members to ensure the committee reflects balanced representation as contemplated in the Murray/Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission Report to Convenors dated August 20, 1998, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Juan County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve amending the MRC Charter and Business Rules (Exhibits A & B attached) to expand the Committee from twelve (12) to fifteen (15) members as follows:

Membership

There shall be no more than ~~twelve~~ fifteen and not fewer than nine members of the MRC ~~to establish a quorum of voting members for any action by the MRC, which quorum for voting purposes shall be a simple majority of the membership.~~ For voting purposes regarding any action by the MRC, a simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

In addition to the San Juan County Planning Director (or equivalent) the MRC should include representation by the following sectors of the local community to the extent possible:

- Relevant scientific expertise ✓
- Tribal Representation ✓
- Town of Friday Harbor ✓
- Affected economic interests (such as ports and commercial fishers) ✓
- Affected recreational interests (sport fishers, boaters, whale/wildlife observing operators) ✓
- Conservation and environmental interests ✓
- Citizens at large ✓

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Powers and Duties outlined in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 23 - 1999 be amended as follows:

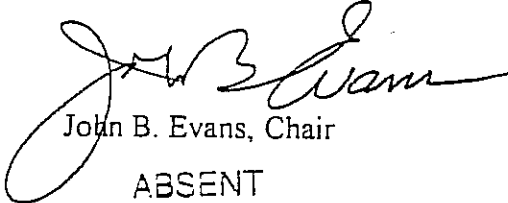
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Powers and Duties

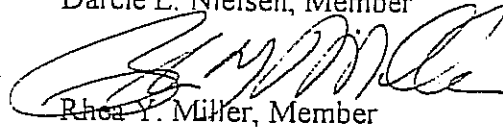
2. Promote and guide specific projects necessary to achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of the County. (Exhibit A)

Adopted this 30th day of January, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


John B. Evans, Chair
ABSENT

Darcie L. Nielsen, Member


Rhea Y. Miller, Member

Attest: Si A. Stephens, Auditor and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

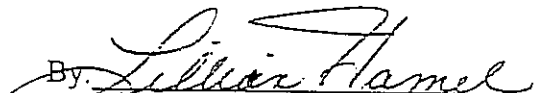
By: 
Lillian Hamel, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

To achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of San Juan County and to do so in furtherance of the benchmarks for performance as identified in the August 20, 1998 report to the convenors by the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission.

Powers and duties

The Marine Resource Committee (MRC) shall:

1. Advise the Board of County Commissioners about research, educational and regulatory measures necessary to protect and restore the marine resources of the county.
2. Promote and guide specific projects necessary to achieve the protection and restoration of the marine resources of the County.
3. Advise the BOCC about efforts that should be developed or encouraged to promote consistent cross-border conservation, protection and restoration of marine habitats and resources.
4. Help assess marine resources problems and the need for preventive or corrective measures in concert with governmental, non-governmental, tribal, recreational and commercial interests.
5. Help identify implications, needs, and strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmon and other marine species and habitats in and around the County; and do so in concert with the above mentioned entities.
6. Work with the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program and other entities to enhance and make public the scientific baseline and monitoring program for the marine environment/ecosystem of the County.
7. Annually identify current actions and the need for additional measures and seek funding sources appropriate to accomplish tasks identified by the Committee that exceed the County's own ability to fund adequately.
8. Work closely with the Board of County Commissioners and the county planning function to establish and implement local marine conservation, protection and restoration initiatives.
9. Coordinate with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.
10. Reach out to the public and other key constituencies on the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how marine protected areas (MPAs) can play an important role in habitat protection.

Reporting

The MRC shall report to the BOCC on the status of all projects, external funding and the projected funding needs for the following year, by August 1 of the current year. Such report, together with funding needs that are not supplied by the County, shall be forwarded to the Northwest Straits Commission not later than February 1 of the following year.

Membership

There shall be no more than fifteen and not fewer than nine members of the MRC. For voting purposes regarding any action by the MRC, a simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

In addition to the San Juan County Planning Director (or equivalent) the MRC should include representation by the following sectors of the local community to the extent possible:

- Relevant scientific expertise
- Tribal Representation
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Affected economic interests (such as ports and commercial fishers)
- Affected recreational interests (sport fishers, boaters, whale/wildlife observing operators)
- Conservation and environmental interests
- Citizens at large

The MRC chair shall be selected by a majority of the MRC membership. MRC members shall also select a representative to the Northwest Straits Commission by a majority vote.

Terms

Other than the Planning Director, members shall serve staggered four year terms.

EXHIBIT "B"

SAN JUAN COUNTY

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BUSINESS RULES

Adopted May 18, 1999

Amended January 30, 2001

The Marine Resources Committee of San Juan County, Washington (being constituted by Board of County Commissioners' Resolution No. 23 - 1999) adopts the following rules for the transaction of its business. These rules were adopted by Resolution No. 59 - 1999 and amended by Resolution No. 17 - 2001.

1. Role and Function of the Marine Resources Committee (MRC)

The role and function of the MRC is as stated in Exhibit A to Board of County Commissioners' Resolution No. 23-1999, or as that resolution is amended.

2. Committee Members and Officers, Appointment, Term of Office and Removal

The committee consists of nine to fifteen members who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for staggered four-year terms of office. The officers of the committee consist of a chair and vice-chair, each serving one-year terms in office.

The MRC may recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the removal of an MRC member for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The MRC will consider three consecutive absences of a member from the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the committee as neglect of duty unless permission has been granted by the chair of the MRC and so noted in the minutes of those meetings missed.

3. Officers - Election of Officers - Succession

Annually, at its first May meeting, the committee will elect a chair and vice-chair from its members. Officers will serve terms of one year, or until successors are elected.

Nomination of officers is from the floor and, where more than one nomination to an office is received, voting will be by secret ballot. Election of any officer requires a majority of the entire committee.

In the event of a vacancy in the chair, the vice-chair will automatically succeed to the chair. A vacancy occurring in the office of chair or vice-chair is filled by election, as defined above, to serve for the unexpired portion of the term.

An acting chair will be elected by the members present to serve during the absence of the chair and vice-chair.

4. Officers - Duties

The chair is the chief executive of the MRC and is responsible to appoint subcommittees and to conduct the business of the MRC between its meetings. The chair will sign documents of the committee. The chair is entitled to a single vote and shall retain the right and responsibility to participate in all deliberations and to vote on all matters. The vice-chair will act for the chair in the chair's absence.

5. Meetings

All meetings shall be open to the public and all MRC actions shall take place in MRC meetings.

Regular meetings of the MRC are held on the first and third Wednesday each month at a place determined at the prior meeting. The MRC may substitute another day, time or place for the regular meeting and include such notification in the meeting call. If the business of a regular meeting cannot be completed, the committee may designate a time for an adjourned meeting or may defer the business until the next regular meeting. If another day, time or place is selected public notice shall be given as follows:

- a. Posting of notice at the entrance(s) to the building where MRC meetings are customarily held; and
- b. Publication of a legal notice in the official county newspaper of the change to the MRC meeting schedule not less than ten calendar days prior to the meeting; and
- c. Timely written request to the weekly local newspapers for inclusion in the community calendar sections of those papers.

Special meetings may be called by formal action of the MRC, by order of the chair or by written request to the chair by a minimum of three members. Notice of such special meeting is to be provided to all committee members at a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting and public notice will be provided as specified above.

Subcommittee work sessions may be scheduled as needed. At such meetings the public is welcome to attend but shall not ordinarily be allowed to participate unless specifically requested by the subcommittee chair.

6. Attendance

To achieve its greatest effect, the MRC needs the regular attendance of its members at most or all meetings: the committee benefits greatly from full participation of each member and keenly feels each absence.

In light of this, committee members are expected and required to notify the chair of anticipated absence from any meeting of the MRC as far in advance of the meeting as possible. In the event that such notifications indicate that a quorum will not be present, the chair will ordinarily cancel or reschedule the meeting.

In the event of an extended, excused absence of a member the Board may appoint an alternate. Alternates are encouraged to participate but are not voting members.

7. Quorum - Voting

A simple majority of the total of the members currently appointed to the committee constitutes a quorum for the conduct of MRC business. Voting is by voice vote, except where these rules or the MRC itself may require a ballot or roll call vote. All MRC members other than alternates shall be voting members.

8. Conflict of Interest

Conflict of interest will rarely arise as a matter of concern for MRC members; however, in the discussion, preparation and submittal of funding proposals for MRC projects it is possible that a conflict or the appearance of a conflict may arise.

Conflict of interest is defined as the possibility or appearance of possibility, and not just the actuality of a private benefit, direct or indirect, or the creation of a material personal gain or advantage to the member, family, friends or associates who hold some share of a member's loyalty.

Any member who believes that he or she has a conflict of interest on any matter before the committee must, as soon as the chair introduces the matter, announce that he or she has a conflict and promptly leave the room. The particulars of the conflict must not be disclosed.

A member who believes he or she may have the appearance of a conflict but who does not believe that an actual conflict exists nor that his/her ability to reach an unbiased conclusion is in any way compromised should, at the opening of the discussion, disclose the apparent conflict, declare that he/she does not believe he/she is biased in any way and ask if anyone in the audience would object to his/her participation in the matter. If there is an objection and the committee would have a quorum without the member, the member should step down and leave the room. If there is no objection the member may remain and participate in the matter.

If a member has not disclosed any appearance of a problem but is challenged from the floor and the challenge has no basis in fact, the member should so state and may decline to step down. A member is not obliged to accede to groundless challenges. However, if there may be an appearance of conflict, the member should respond in accordance with the earlier instructions in this section.

A member who has questions about his or her participation in any matter to come before the committee should direct those questions to the chair who may, if necessary, call upon the planning director for a decision. The planning director, in turn, may call upon the prosecuting attorney for advice. The member, however, should begin his/her inquiries with the chair.

A member's absence due to possible or actual conflict of interest shall be an excused absence and the reason shall not be disclosed to the MRC or the public prior to or during the committee's consideration of the item.

9. Order of Business - Meeting Procedure

- a) Call to order, roll call and determination of quorum
- b) Agenda Items
 - 1) Minutes of previous meeting
 - 2) Public comments
 - 4) Committee reports
 - 5) New business
 - 6) Discussion of next meeting date and agenda
- c) Adjournment

The chair may alter the regular order of business in preparing the agenda when special circumstances and the efficient use of time dictate.

All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30, copy attached).

10. Minutes and Records

Findings and recommendations, resolutions, etc., of the MRC are prepared at the direction of the chair. Copies will be provided to all MRC members in a timely manner for review and approval at the next regular MRC meeting. The minutes shall contain a summary record of topics discussed, motions, motion makers and seconders, resolutions, and other determinations of the committee, and shall also contain details of time, place, type of meeting, members present, excused and absent without notice, speakers, and records of all votes, etc.

It shall be the responsibility of the chair to arrange for a recording secretary to be present at each MRC meeting, who shall prepare the minutes for MRC approval. All invoices shall be submitted to the Planning Director for payment from the funds allocated by the county for MRC operations.

Once approved, the official minutes, with associated materials attached, shall be signed by the recording secretary or the chair and filed for the public record with the Board of County Commissioners.

11. Notice - Agenda

The chair is responsible for ensuring that required public notices are prepared and published and in a timely manner to support scheduled meetings, and for posting the meeting notice and agenda at the meeting place before the start of each meeting.

The recording secretary is responsible for ensuring that meeting calls, including the agenda, meeting place and time, and other related materials, are mailed to the MRC members at least seven days prior to regular meetings and in a complete form to allow review by the members of materials essentially identical to that which will actually be presented at the next meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners and the local press shall also receive a copy of the agenda and related materials.

12. Financial Support to Committee Members

Committee members receive refunds for travel expenses while conducting MRC business they undertake, with approval of the chair, other than for their normal round-trip travel between their homes and regularly scheduled meetings. Any refunds are subject to approval by the Planning Director as being within the approved MRC operating budget.

The Planning Director will provide appropriate expense vouchers for reimbursement for MRC members' use upon request.

13. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern matters of procedure when consensus is not possible, except as otherwise provided in these rules or in Washington State law.

14. Amending Rules

These rules may be amended at any meeting by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the committee, provided five (5) days' notice has been given to each MRC member.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1999

RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the marine waters of San Juan County represent an unparalleled resource of enormous environmental and economic value to the people of the region now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, despite the considerable research and regulatory efforts, previous efforts have failed to protect natural habitats and fish and wildlife populations adequately within these waters; and

WHEREAS, species of fish, shellfish, seabirds, mammals, and marine invertebrates have undergone substantial declines in regional population abundance in recent years, in part, because the inventory of nearshore habitats has reached critically low levels, and existing restorative measures are clearly inadequate to replace lost habitats; and

WHEREAS, it is the scientific consensus that efforts should focus on habitat preservation, on assessment and conservation of stocks of fish, invertebrates, birds and marine mammals, on reducing waste disposal and contaminated runoff, and on developing compatible environmental regulations on both sides of the international boundary with Canada; and

WHEREAS, the human population of northern Puget Sound and the Georgia Basin is projected to increase significantly in the next twenty years, and will place increased pressure on our ability to sustain the quality and productivity of the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to actively promote local protection and restoration of the county's marine resources by supporting research, education about these waters, and regulation of activities on and in these waters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners had established a Marine Resources Committee for a limited term by its Resolution No.35-1996 and extended the term to July 1, 1999, by Resolution No.3-1997; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission was established on October 1, 1998, to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources of the Northwest Straits, help mobilize science to focus on key priorities, and to guide and provide resources to county Marine Resources Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission has determined that county-based Marine Resources Committees can provide the foundation of scientifically sound, locally supported marine conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, active county participation in a northern Puget Sound program is the best available tool to ensure counties in the Northwest Straits area are constructively engaged in effective marine conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission and/or participating entities may provide

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MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE - Page 2 of 2

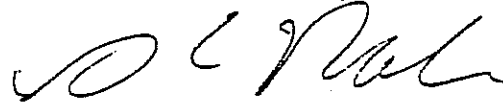
financial assistance and technical expertise to participating local governments to use for planning, revision of city and county ordinances if necessary, and scientific study; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue the activities of the Marine Resources Committee on behalf of San Juan County as well as to participate in membership on the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission;

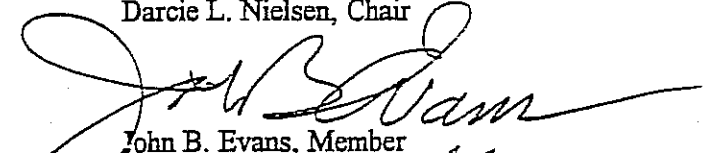
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby reauthorize the San Juan County Marine Resources Committee and endorses its participation on the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission, and does hereby charge the Committee as described in Exhibit A.

DONE THIS 10th day of March, 1999.

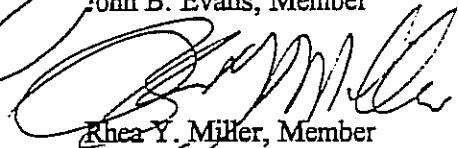
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Darcie L. Nielsen, Chair



John B. Evans, Member



Rhea Y. Miller, Member

Attest: Si A. Stephens, Auditor and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

by 

Lillian Hamel, Deputy

Exhibit A to Resolution No. - 1999

Purpose

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6. Work with the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program and other entities to enhance and make public the scientific baseline and monitoring program for the marine environment /ecosystem of the County.
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Membership

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In addition to the San Juan County Planning Director (or equivalent) the MRC should include representation by the following sectors of the local community to the extent possible:

- Commercial fishers
- Recreational fishing, kayaking, whale-watching or wildlife-observing tour operators
- Marine science practitioners, educators or researchers
- The Town of Friday Harbor
- Port officials from San Juan, Lopez, and/or Orcas Islands
- The public at large

The MRC chair shall be selected by a majority of the MRC membership. MRC members shall also select a representative to the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission by a majority vote.

Terms

Other than the Planning Director, members shall serve staggered four year terms.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STANDING MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 1999**

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of San Juan County, recognize that as a county made up of 172 islands surrounded by waters of Northern Puget Sound, our quality of life, our traditions, our history and our future are closely tied to the continued well-being of our marine environment; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to actively promote local control of its marine resource and better coordination of the efforts of other agencies to actively support research, education, and appropriate regulation of these waters; and

Whereas, the Board has identified as a goal in 1996 the continuation of a Marine Resources Committee; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes the success in the first year of the ad hoc Marine Resources Committee; and

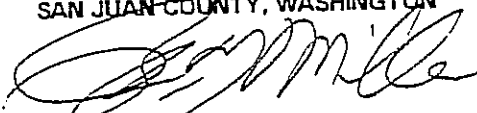
Whereas, during their regular budget process the Board of County Commissioners did approve a program budget request in the amount of \$6,000 for a Marine Resources Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish a standing committee to be called the "Marine Resources Committee" whose purpose shall be to advise the Board about issues which affect the marine environment of San Juan County by completing the goals to be identified and approved by the Board in early 1997;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee shall be comprised of twelve members to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 1999, and shall include: 1) three members from the business/commercial sector; 2) three members from the environmental/naturalist sector; 3) three members from citizens at large; and 4) one member each from The Town of Friday Harbor, the Port of Friday Harbor, and the County; and that these members shall be local citizens who have a special interest, concern, experience, education, or knowledge of the quality and uses of the local marine resource.

ADOPTED, this 7th day of Jan., 1997.

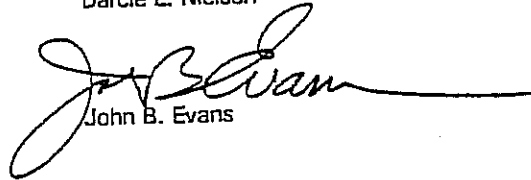
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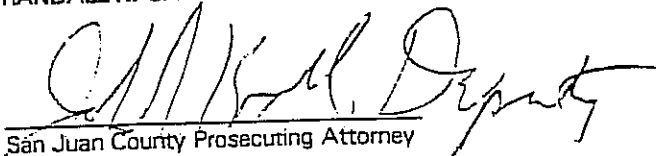


John B. Evans

ATTEST: SI A. STEPHENS, AUDITOR
AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD

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RANDALL K. GAYLORD

By: Jamie J. Marsden
Jamie J. Marsden, Deputy


San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

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RES. NO. 35 - 1996
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of the San Juan County, recognize that as a county made up of 172 islands surrounded by the waters of Northern Puget Sound, our quality of life, our traditions, our history and our future are closely tied to the continued well-being of our marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and Board have concerns about a decline in bottomfish and salmon fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a concern about the potential negative impacts of increased recreational boating, operation of personal water craft, human activity and development of its shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes there is a need to inventory human activities and programs within San Juan County which have a significant impact on the quality of the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to actively promote local control of its marine resource by actively supporting research, education, and regulation of these waters; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified as a goal in 1996 the formation of a Marine Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established the purpose and goals of such a committee which is outlined in "Exhibit A", attached hereto; and

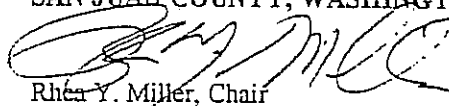
WHEREAS, during their regularly scheduled meeting of February 13, 1996 the Board of County Commissioners did approve a new program budget request in the amount of \$3,600 for a Marine Resources Committee:

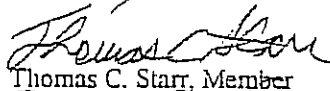
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish an ad hoc committee to be called the "Marine Resources Committee" whose purpose shall be to advise the Board about issues which affect the marine environment of San Juan County by completing the tasks identified in "Exhibit A" by November 1, 1996:

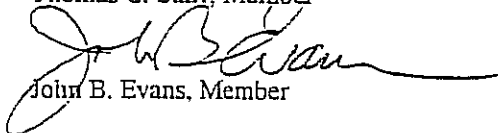
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this committee shall be comprised of twelve members to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term to expire by December 31, 1996, and shall include: 1) three members from the business/commercial sector; 2) three members from the environmental/naturalist sector; 3) three members who are citizens at large; and 4) one member each from The Town of Friday Harbor, the Port of Friday Harbor, and the County; and that these members shall be local citizens who have a special interest, concern, experience, education, or knowledge of the quality and uses of the local marine resource.

ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Rhea Y. Miller, Chair


Thomas C. Starr, Member

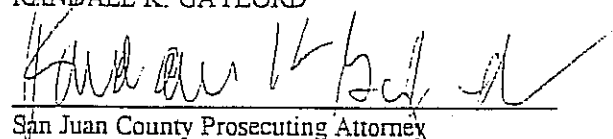

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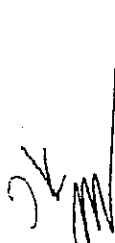
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Jamie J. Marsden, Deputy


San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney



SAN JUAN COUNTY MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE OF 1996

Introduction

The creation of the San Juan County Marine Resource Committee marks the beginning of an ongoing emphasis on the protection and enhancement of this marine environment. Although the Committee will be disbanded at the end of 1996, the steps the County takes in the future will depend very much on the report of this Committee.

SAN JUAN COUNTY MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE OF 1996

Purpose: To advise the BOCC about issues which affect the marine environment of San Juan County by completing five specific tasks in 1996.

Goals: To protect the existing high quality of the marine resource of San Juan County as a healthy habitat for indigenous marine species, and to assure sustainable uses of the marine waters by county residents and visitors.

Statement of Concern

Issues have arisen that warrant San Juan County to explore its role in relation to the marine environment. The following list contains some of the many concerns brought to attention of the Board of Commissioners in the last few years.

- A decline in the bottomfish and salmon fishery.
- The operation of Personal Water Craft
- An increase in the number of recreational boats of all types.
- An increase in the human activity on and development of the shoreline.
- The need for accurate and reliable wildlife inventories of species used as a marker species for the overall health of the marine environment.
- The impact of non-point source pollution.

Membership

The Marine Resources Committee shall be a temporary Advisory Committee with a membership of twelve (12) citizens with special knowledge about marine resource issues or as citizens concerned with the quality of the marine environment and its uses. All members shall be appointed by the BOCC from the following categories:

- three members from the environmental/naturalist sector
- three members from the business/commercial sector
- three members who are citizens at large
- one member from the Town of Friday Harbor
- one member from the Port of Friday Harbor
- one member from San Juan County

Interested observers may include the BOCC, Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, State Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources and Ecology, Ports, etc., as well as members of the public.

The Committee shall organize itself by electing a chairperson and such other necessary positions to efficiently accomplish its tasks while utilizing the energy and experience of all its members. It shall seek assistance from the Long Range Planning Department and the Deputy Clerk of the Board for administrative advice, and the Auditor for proper fiscal procedures.

SPECIFIC TASKS IN SUPPORT OF THE MARINE RESOURCE GOALS

to be completed and submitted to the BOCC by 11/01/96

- * Create an inventory, evaluate and report on the effectiveness of current State and Federal regulations and programs which impact the County Marine Resource.

- * Advise the BOCC about a long-term local governance structure to best handle issues affecting the marine environment. Such a structure could be organized as a government entity (such as a permanent commission), a non-profit corporation, an inter-governmental agency, a business and government joint venture or any other viable and legal authority to accomplish the goals set forth above.

- * Advise the Board about the best way to create a marine resources plan for San Juan County with due consideration of the existing law, current county departments, other planning bodies, cost, and the activities of other government agencies.

- * Suggest programs, regulations and actions for adoption by the BOCC that can be taken by county government under current law or with minimal changes to the law and which do not require large and continuing monetary support.

- * Advise the BOCC about non-governmental efforts that should be developed or encouraged with county support or emphasis but without large and continuing monetary outlays from San Juan County.

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Preliminary Scope of Work

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Project Title: San Juan County Marine Resource Management Strategy

Project Description: Preparation of management strategy recommendations and development of pilot project to be conducted jointly between San Juan County and the Islands Trust (Canadian Gulf Islands)

Work Program: Development, coordination, presentation and resolution as follows in tasks and products described below:

Task 1 Coordination with the Department

To assist the County and ensure project results are consistent with the state Shoreline Management Act, the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, laws and regulations, the recipient shall, as part of this agreement, coordinate with Ecology's Shorelands staff. (DOE Project Officer: Phone:) This coordination will provide specific technical assistance on marine resource management techniques. In order for the Department to provide this support the recipient will coordinate with Ecology's Project Officer by means of telephone conversations and/or meetings at the beginning of each quarter. Recipient is encouraged to coordinate more often whenever the Department can provide technical assistance or respond to questions regarding the project or grant.

Task 2 Marine Resource Management Strategy Plan & Pilot Project Development

2.2 Coordination with County Marine Resources Committee (*Note: BOCC to appoint March '96 for limited time - to 11/1/96 - for report on specific ideas. MRC charge includes inventory and evaluation of existing programs and activities, advising BOCC on structure to respond to marine environment issues, best approach to a marine resources plan, suggest actions BOCC can take in short-term, and advise on non-governmental efforts BOCC should support.*)

Contribute to and use inventory of programs and evaluation of needs by MRC

2.3 Research and preliminary draft strategy approach .

- Identify resources of concern and why they're of concern
- Identify primary sensitivities/vulnerabilities of each resource to be explored and what protections are currently available for each
- Identify generally what we know about distribution, quality, quantity, whatever appropriate measures to assess current resource status (*not baseline scientific research*)
- Identify potential benchmarks for each resource of concern and how to monitor for them
- Assess effectiveness of monitoring ideas/needs, including costs
- Identify potential strategies for resource management
- Coordinate/confer with MRC and Islands Trust on preliminary research results
- Establish draft priorities for pilot project action with Islands Trust

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2.4 Refinement of strategy recommendations and coordination with Islands Trust for preliminary scope of pilot project proposal

- MRC report to BOCC in November - incorporate recommendations if appropriate
- Prepare strategic planning process proposal and preliminary recommendations for priorities and specific actions; coordinate with Islands Trust (to refine and to identify a few (3 max.) mutual areas to explore in a pilot project through an interlocal agreement); produce process recommendations for public involvement
- Prepare presentations and background materials for spring forum

2.5 Presentation of preliminary findings, feedback and final draft plan and pilot project proposal

- Prepare presentations and background materials
- Organize joint county/trust meeting(s)
- Conduct focused joint meeting (could be series of half to one day meetings by topic)
- Prepare revised materials to incorporate meeting results for public meetings fourth quarter
- Prepare proposed draft plan and pilot project scope (including funding component and follow-up plan)

2.6 Final strategy and scope of pilot project for ratification by County Commissioners and Islands Trust Council

Present pilot project scope for approval and execution of interlocal agreement between SJC Board of Commissioners and Islands Trust Council

Task 3 GIS Computer Station - Long Range Planning

- 3.1 Acquisition and installation of GIS work station (hardware and software) within long-range planning work area; includes connection with existing courthouse and remote network and complete compatibility with existing county GIS.
- 3.2 Obtain staff training necessary for GIS coordination (from existing county staff assigned to GIS from other departments).
- 3.3 Update existing GIS layers regarding environmentally sensitive areas, and establish new layer(s) as appropriate to enable spacial analysis and monitoring of activities affecting marine resources, shorelines, wetlands, etc.