



**SAN JUAN COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE &
CITIZEN'S SALMON ADVISORY GROUP**

**Thursday, January 3, 2019
8:30 AM-10:30 AM
CAG Meeting 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
Call in number: 1 (360) 370-0599.**

**The Grange
152 First St N, Friday Harbor**

Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene Meeting <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
8:35 AM	Approval of Minutes <i>All</i> Approval for both September and October MRC meeting minutes
8:40 AM	MRC House Keeping <i>Frances</i> MRC staff support Reporting requirements Member recruitment MRC retreat for workplan review and 2019/20 grant cycle discussion MRC quarterly reports to Council proposal
9:10 AM	Project status' at end of 2018 :
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Southern Resident Killer Whales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Whale Flag: Frances Robertson (10 min) b) SRKW Community workshop: Frances Robertson (5 mins) c) Task Force: Kendra Smith/Jamie Stephens (10 min) 2) Plastic Free Salish Sea: Karin Roemers-Kleven (10 min) 3) MSA Plan Review & subcommittee formation: Frances Robertson (10 min)
10:00 AM	NW Straits Commission update – <i>Christina Koons</i> Letter to Legislators to support MRCs – <i>Frances Robertson</i>
10:20 AM	Citizen input or Any Other Business
10:30 AM	Adjourn meeting
10:30 AM	Convene CAG meeting: Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair
	Updates on Salmon Recovery: Byron Rot – see attached updated salmon recovery workplan, updated December 20
11:00 AM	Adjourn CAG meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Carl Davis, Megan Dethier , Jeff Dyer , , Phil Green, Christina Koons (on the phone), Lovel Pratt, Karen Roemers-Kleven, Laura Jo Severson, Kendra Smith, Terry Turner

Non-Committee Members: Cathleen Burns, Laura Ferguson, Tina Whitman

Ex-officio and County support staff: Frances Robertson, Byron Rot, Marta Green, Jamie Stephens

Committee members not present: Jeff Friedman, Patti Gobin, Ivan Reiff

8:34 Convene Meeting *Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair*

8:35 MOTION: Approval of Minutes for September and October

Megan moves to approve, Phil seconds, all in favor.

- Lovel, Jeff, and Terry abstain from voting on October minutes (they were absent)

8:37 No public comment. Introduce Cathleen Burns, prospective MRC member.

8:38 MRC House Keeping *Frances Robertson*

- Details on funding from NW Straits Commission

- Retreat dates: In February, everyone respond to doodle poll regarding scheduling

ACTION ITEM: Convene the membership recruitment subcommittee to fill open spots and those that will be vacated soon – Christina, Karin, Megan, and Jamie Stephens

- Reporting Requirements: Quarter 1 report will be submitted in the next 10 days.

ACTION ITEM: Everyone submit volunteer hours to Frances, Karin will send information on Plastic-free Salish Sea

9:10 Project status' at the end of 2018:

1) Southern Resident Killer Whales

a) Whale Flag *Frances Robertson*

b) SRKW Community workshop *Frances Robertson*

Success! 60+ participants, Frances will distribute report. Discussion about how to bring diversity in attendance with representation from more groups (like fishers).

ACTION ITEM: Make this a topic for the retreat

ACTION ITEM: Use the workshop report to help dispel misinformation

ACTION ITEM: Seek out a commercial fishing representative member on the MRC

ACTION ITEM: Frances will send out doodle poll one more time regarding details for the Boat Show, who's going, etc. Hope to involve some Soundwatch volunteers.

c) Task Force *Kendra Smith*

The report and budget are out, Byron sent summary Spreadsheet of governor's proposal. Ongoing discussions to ensure adequate resources for West side management and South SJ hydrophone. The latter is included in Recommendation #22 'implementation strategies'. If funded the County will contract out hydrophone installation. If approved installation is likely in April. Ballpark cost estimate is \$93K.

Puget Sound Partnership has excess funds due to budget underspend, could be used to fund a hydrophone for year 1.

ACTION ITEM: Put in request to PS Partnership, Laura Ferguson will send guidelines

Question from Jamie Stephens: will MRC be supporting/sending this letter?

NW straits requests that each MRC send a letter to State Legislator regarding funding for the Initiative.

ACTION ITEM/MOTION: Lovel moves to request that the SJC Council send a letter to the Legislator regarding support for MRC's, Megan seconds, all in favor. Motion passes.

2) Plastic Free Salish Sea *Karin Roemers-Kleven*

ACTION ITEM: Look into possibility of showing new informational video on ferries

ACTION ITEM: Kendra & Karin will discuss dates for lodging tax grant timeline

3) MSA Plan Review & subcommittee formation *Frances Robertson*

ACTION ITEM: Need a subcommittee to review issues with the MSA. Megan, Lovel, Phil, Terry, Christina, Marta, and Kendra volunteer. These volunteers will aim to set up a meeting prior to the Retreat. Goal is to 'reset' (not re-write), identify the scope.

10:10 AM NW Straits Commission Update *Christina Koons*

- Letter to Legislators to support MRCs *Frances Robertson* – already discussed.

- The Mycoast app, shows beaches which are public and ready to start monitoring.

ACTION ITEM: Send beaches desired on the app's drop-down menu list to Frances.

10:15 AM Citizen input and other business

ACTION ITEM: Marta will present to the MRC results of analysis estimating expected economic effects from 2 types of oil spills that could potentially affect the region.

10:34AM MOTION: Lovel moves to adjourn MRC and convene CAG, Phil seconds. Adjourn.

10:34AM Convene CAG meeting *Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair*

- Byron will be in a new role at County as Project Manager with the Environmental Resources Division, he will still be involved in some technical aspects but a new hire will be responsible for running the Lead Entity salmon recovery grant programs.

Updates on Salmon Recovery *Byron Rot*

- see attached updated salmon recovery workplan, updated 12/20/18

ACTION ITEM: Byron and Kendra will draft a letter from County Council to the Legislature advocating higher level of funding. The CAG felt a letter from the Council will carry more weight.

This can be a recommendation in the report to the Council this month, the draft letter will be attached.

MOTION: Lovel moves to draft letter for consideration by the SJC Council, Phil seconds, all in favor.

ACTION ITEM: CAG will also draft its own letter to be submitted to the Legislature, Byron and Karin will review. Lovel moves to do so, Megan seconds, all in favor.

- Byron proposes that we host an expert panel on Chinook in the San Juans, include Greg Taylor to speak about Frasier River Chinook. If so, it should be a public venue and possibly also available remotely.

11:11 AM MOTION: Phil moves to adjourn CAG meeting, Karin seconds. Meeting adjourned.