



SAN JUAN COUNTY

**MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE &
CITIZEN’S SALMON ADVISORY GROUP**

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

8:30 AM-11:00 AM

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Friday Harbor Fire Station

60 Second Street - Friday Harbor, WA

Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene CAG Meeting <i>Sam Whitridge</i>
8:35 AM	Salmon Recovery Plan scoring <i>Sam Whitridge</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing quorum: 1 minute • Conflict of interest assessment: 5 minutes • Scoring criteria review: 10 min • Project scoring and ranking of each project by each member: 60 min
	Adjourn CAG meeting
10:15 AM	Convene MRC Meeting: <i>Frances Robertson</i>
10:15 AM	Approval of minutes (April and June)
10:20 AM	MRC Operations Update <i>Frances Robertson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRC Annual Conference • Grant status • Annual Retreat planning
10:30 AM	NW Straits Foundation: Update <i>FC Robertson for Christina Koons</i>
10:35 AM	MRC Project updates <i>Frances Robertson</i> <i>Status review of active projects:</i> SRKW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag project: #flags, outreach effort, next steps • Westside marine spatial planning project update (<i>Kendra Smith</i>) Plastic Free Salish Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming beach clean ups with YCC • LTAC grant application
10:55 AM	Citizen input
11:00 AM	Adjourn MRC meeting

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
8/1/2019	MRC Monthly Meeting	The Grange	8:30-11:00
9/5/2019	MRC Monthly Meeting	The Grange	8:30 – 11:00
10/3/2019	MRC Monthly Meeting	The Grange	8:30 – 11:00

Committee Members in Attendance: Cathleen Burns, Megan Dethier, Kailey Genter, Phil Green, Ivan Reiff, Laura Jo Severson, Terry Turner, Kendra Smith

Ex-officio and County support staff: Laura Ferguson, Frances Robertson, Sam Whitridge

Committee Members not in Attendance: Jeff Dyer, Jeff Freidman, Carl Davis, Karin Roemers-Kleven, Christina Koons, Lovel Pratt, Patti Gobin/Alternate

8:35 AM Convene CAG Meeting, introductions *Sam Whitridge*

8:44 AM Salmon Recovery Plan scoring *Sam Whitridge*
Quick review of CAG scoring criteria. Establish that we have a quorum. Sam has some scores already (Kendra, Lovel, Phil, Ivan, Karin, Christina and Jeff D.). Megan, and Cathleen provide their scores. Laura Jo and Terry did not provide scores.

Conflict of interest assessment: Kendra has a conflict of interest on Crescent Beach project due to being a Public Works employee. Lovel has a conflict on the Salmon Point proposal due to being a FOSJ employee. Is Megan a conflict on the eelgrass project because of association with the Labs? No, no financial benefit to Labs only to a few individuals directly. CAG ranking came out with Salmon Point first, Griffin Bay & Eelgrass tied for second, Crescent Beach 4th, oyster project last.

Discussion:

Question - Kendra: it's hard to separate CAG and TAG ranks, can we combine them?

A: no, ranking for two different purposes - scientific vs. socioeconomic (ie. Stakeholders, outreach)

Q-Kendra: but projects could be reviewed across the board, more efficiently, we're disadvantaged by not getting to hear what the TAG said. The process could be more transparent

Laura F: Island County have combined TAG & CAG, but it's a separate group from MRC

Phil: but here in SJC, the MRC is mandated to be the CAG. TAG is also set as a committee

Kendra: Council would be ok with combining, streamline and reduce committee fatigue.

Phil: I got out of the TAG because I didn't have the expertise to decide about restoration projects

Megan: if people who didn't know about salmon vote on benefit to salmon, that would bother me.

Kendra: there could be a provision for that in the spreadsheet, weight scores differently from technical experts, but meeting together would allow us to hear from everyone.

Ivan: you can combine the meetings without combining the committee

Next steps: we provide a ranked list by August 15, then SRFB review, then finalized Nov. 6

Budget: we have enough to fund top three (not Crescent Beach or oyster reef). We will get return funds but uncertain timeline. Friends' project increase request may need to come from return funds

Laura F: next grant round will start sooner, pushing it up so it'll end around August of next year

Sam: we need to submit a ranked list that's as close to the allocation amount as possible, if we exceed the amount we need to list the fourth project as an alternate. OR list all four but ask projects to reduce the amount they need. Important message for the future that grant rounds are tight

Megan: if we cut 10% from all projects we could fund all four

Sam: since ranked list isn't due until August, we could go back to proposers to ask about reduced funding. If Preservation Trust and eelgrass projects reduce funding we could fund Crescent Beach

There are two options: fund top three with Crescent beach as an alternate OR go down the list and get project sponsors to reduce funding requests in a way that allows us to fund all four
MOTION: Kendra moves to ask project sponsors (preservation trust, SJ public works, and conservation district) to look at budget request and ways to reduce funding so that all four projects can be funded
Megan seconds. All in favor, none opposed

9:57 AM Adjourn CAG Meeting

9:57 AM Convene MRC Meeting

Frances Robertson

9:57 AM Approval of minutes (April and June)

Laura Jo moves to approve both, Megan seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes are approved.

9:58 AM * short break *

10:06 AM MRC Operations Update

Frances Robertson

- MRC Annual Conference in Everett this year, 15-16th November. Please let Frances know if interested in attending. Also the Salish Sea conference in Vancouver next year. Phil and Cathleen willing to pay their own way, Laura Jo willing to take her boat. Frances will look into home-stays with other MRCs' members. Kendra requests attendants cover own travel/food
- Grant Status, biennial –budget amendment in the spring of next year to work on 2021-2022
- Annual Retreat Planning. Traditionally in Jan/Feb, already a quarter into budget year. This year plan to do it October 3rd instead of October MRC meeting (possibly at Labs).

10:13 AM NW Straits Foundation: Update

FC Robertson for Christina Koons

Christina presented on Marine Stewardship Area plan & review initiated this year.

Contact Maddie with information about historical kelp beds. This ties in with Samish DNR presentation next month.

Commission budget approved by consensus. There are \$ going to creating a MRC database. What about Sound IQ (integrating as links into pre-existing format)? each MRC could provide a short description and photo of various projects. Specific sites on map

Strategic plan and operations approved. Question: how much Foundation raised for the Initiative here on the Island? We have been funded for opportunity grants. Want more transparency. At

minimum, if funds are collected here we want an option to specify that they'll come back here.

Do we have someone on this committee who is also on the NW Straits foundation committee? No, we have in the past and we should have a representative there again

Funded: we received 10K Innovation grant for software for management of West side (allows inclusion of spatial data and social use data), and also funded for an intern who will help with MSA plan update. Megan has a candidate in mind, will discuss at meeting on 24th

Caroline Gibson is new director of partnership for NW straits foundation

10:28 AM MRC Project Updates

Frances Robertson

Introduce Hilary Shedd, new SRKW communications intern – managing MRC social media, new season flag surveys (good response so far). Funded by NW Straits via NFWF

Hillary will be creating a storyboard to showcase history of MRC efforts to help SRKW over past 20 years or so. Plan to talk to Phil, Kari Koski, Rich Osborne for historical info (eg. Jet ski ban in 1994... then big gap until MSA plan in 2004, then another gap until 2017)

Hillary plans to do interviews with each MRC member to make 1-minute videos about what we're doing, post them on the MRC website and facebook page

We have a space at the County fair – need volunteers to help Frances. Showcase work MRC has done.

Status review of active projects

SRKW: Flag project: #flags, outreach effort, next steps:

- Interim report submitted to Marine Mammal Commission in March. More flags this year than last year, more requests coming in. One problem: Canadian DFO enforcement wanted a way to identify commercial whale watchers who have permission from DFO to allow them to approach transient killer whales to 200m instead of 400m within SRKW Critical Habitat in Southern BC. They ordered their own flags without consulting, so whale watchers here will need to fly both flags. Too late to rescind/change Be Whale Wise flags, they already have a lot of traction
- Action: Frances to discuss with Jeff F and Ivan.
- Westside marine spatial planning project update *Kendra Smith*
We're behind, delayed money from NFWF, needed stakeholders in the spring, then collecting data. Now instead we'll try to get data first
Meanwhile: 30 Army divers, barge stationed on the outside corner of Eagle Cove. They started off edge of Salmon Bank, then around point. They got 4 nets so far, plenty more down there

Plastic Free Salish Sea:

- Upcoming beach clean-ups with YCC (youth conservation corps.), late July (2 next week and 2 the following week). Kendra waiting to hear back from YCC. Stand by for requests to help
- LTAC grant application, Frances putting these in for water refill station (LTAC to the County and the town). Plan to talk to Elena Porten to join together to improve farmers' market area. Now Sunshine alley is still open to traffic during the market. IDEA: new MRC logo on water bottles to sell? Frances: we may not be allowed to do that since we receive federal funds

10:51 AM no citizen Input

10:52 AM note: new signs for Orcas landing have arrived, question on whether we still need to do 'before' and 'after' public survey. Consensus was that we do not.

- Laura Jo printed out agenda for the Deep Dive documentary this Saturday, ALSO Laura Jo sent a link to a short story about life after climate change by Paolo Bacigalupi

10:56 AM Frances moves to Adjourn MRC meeting, Phil seconds, all approved none opposed