



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

Thursday, September 5th, 2019

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

CAG Meeting 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Call in number: 1 (360) 370-0599 Conference ID: 285694

The Grange

152 First St N, Friday Harbor

Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene Meeting <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
8:35 AM	Citizen input
8:40 AM	Acceptance of August meeting minutes
8:45 AM	MRC Marine Stewardship Plan update – Objectives and Process <i>Megan Dethier</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion for Council to endorse MRCs MSA Plan update effort and Marine Managers Workshop.
9:20 AM	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRKW salmon allocation information – <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven</i> • Discussion on State's Oil Spill Contingency Plan update – <i>Lovel Pratt</i>
9:45 AM	NW Straits Commission update – <i>Christina Koons</i>
10:00 AM	MRC business <i>Frances Robertson</i> MRC conference – call for attendees & accommodation needs MRC annual retreat date confirmation
10:10 AM	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Resident Killer Whales <i>Frances Robertson</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Status of flag project – call for volunteers to assist with final survey effort. b) Status of outreach efforts and communications efforts • Plastic Free Salish Sea: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven</i> Great Islands Clean-Up September 28th (<i>Kendra Smith, Katie Flemming</i>)
10:30 AM	Adjourn meeting
10:30 AM	Convene CAG meeting: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
	Salmon Recovery - 2020 SRFB grant round timeline -Planning for San Juan Recovery Chapter update
11:00 AM	Adjourn CAG meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Cathleen Burns, Carl Davis, Megan Dethier, Jeff Dyer, Jeff Friedman, Kailey Genter, Marta Green, Phil Green, Karin Roemers- Kleven, Christina Koons, Lovel Pratt,

Ex-officio and County support staff: Laura Ferguson, Katie Fleming, Frances Robertson, Byron Rot, Hillary Eggers Shedd, Kendra Smith, Sam Whitridge

Public: Cy Scammell,

8:31 AM Convene Meeting

Karin Roemers-Kleven

8:31 AM Citizen input

Cy Scammell: free diver & founder of nonprofit organization, PNW Protectors. Interested in plight of the Salish Sea and building awareness. Working with Mission Blue (Sylvia Earle), brings attention to regions that need help. Seeking MRC's logo, also have support from Orca Network and SeaDoc.

8:36 AM Acceptance of August meeting minutes

Lovel moves to approve, Phil seconds. All in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

8:38 AM MRC Marine Stewardship Plan update – Objectives and Process *Megan Dethier*

Working group of MRC members and non-members (Tina Whitman, Marta Green, Kari Koski)

MRC developed the plan in 2007 with a goal of core habitats to protect. The plan is 12 years old, needs revision and updating with current knowledge. The committee aims to review the plan, identify what monitoring has been/will be done, and gaps (eg no seastar wasting disease 12 years ago).

Proposed process:

2019 – review plan (engaged fellow, Abigail Ames. ID gaps in Objectives, ID knowledge holders)

Jan-March 2020: gather info and document data sources, plan a marine managers meeting

March 10-11, 2020: space reserved at FHL for Marine Managers Workshop, both side of border, discuss what we know and next steps. Abigail will assist Frances in organization, sending invites out soon.

April-June 2020: compile report; July-August 2020: conclude review of the MSA plan

Sept: present at a community workshop; October 2020: present updated plan to County Council

Byron: the 2014 Chinook Monitoring and adaptative management plan would be useful

ACTION ITEM: Byron will send around pdf of this report to the MRC

MOTION – Lovell moves to request that the SJC Council endorse MRC's process to update the MSA Plan, including the Marine Managers Workshop in March 2020. Carl seconds. Motion passes.

9:07 AM Other Business

• SRKW salmon allocation information

Karin Roemers-Kleven

Christina chairs this topic. Karin wants to represent the MRC when she goes to fishery meetings to talk about salmon and SRKW recovery, message of allocation of fish (Chinook, chum, coho) for orca.

ACTION ITEM: Karin will create an informational one-sheet summarizing the position (including chinook/chum/coho & lingcod) over this weekend, Kendra will check in with Council members about their thoughts in the coming week. This will happen in time for October 8-9 meeting

• 9:45 Discussion on State's Oil Spill Contingency Plan update *Lovel Pratt*
Legislature tasked DoE with including non-floating oils. Draft of updated rule put out August 7th, comment period until October 6th. Opportunity to put together a draft letter for the Council to consider. Concerned about wildlife response. No plan for submerged/sinking oil and how that would affect the benthos. Lovell wants to draft a letter to provide as comment by the County.
Kendra: Brandon is giving an IOSA update on the 16th on Council meeting

ACTION ITEM: oil spill subcommittee (including Lovel, Jeff, Christina) will draft letter for Council before September 16th

10:03 AM MRC Business *Hillary Eggers Shedd*
Hillary: will send around link for MRC members to be interviewed for short videos. Already done for Phil and Frankie. posted on facebook for 'MRC Mondays'. Will also have photos of Hillary and Abigail

10:00 AM NW Straits Commission update *Christina Koons*
Marta spoke about oil spill work. External Relations committee talked about electing officials. September 25th, Snohomish MRC with Foundation & Commission staff hosting an event 1-4pm a tour of Snohomish county projects. Three spots for SJC MRC members to attend. Commission meeting on the 27th, neither Christina or Laura Jo can attend. Phil agrees to attend as a second alternate. Rely on Frankie's report.
MRC conference Nov 15-16 in Everett Marriott. SJC should attend

10:10 AM Project Updates *Frances Robertson*
MRC conference – call for attendees & accommodation needs, Frankie can book a block of rooms.
ACTION ITEM: Let Frankie know if interested in attending, stay for the night of November 15th
MRC annual retreat date confirmation – Thursday November 7th. 8:30am-4pm. Please confirm attendance with Frankie (Carl says he can go).
Tina from Friends wants to know if MRC will partner on their community workshop volunteer training for Forage Fish surveys. Saturday October 26th. The answer is yes, include MRC logo on training
ACTION ITEM: Frankie will send out info about workshops on each island when available

• Southern Resident Killer Whales *Frances Robertson*
Status of flag project – call for volunteers to assist with final survey effort. Final report out in 2 weeks. Need volunteers to help collect in end of September and October. Kailey & Ainsley can help

• Great Islands Clean-up September 28th *Katie Fleming*
Fall cleanup (mirroring effort in April). Looking for help. Sept. 28th 10am-2pm. Contact contact (katie@sanjuans.org) More info on plasticfreesalishsea.org. Facebook page for 'great islands cleanup'

10:24 AM

Discussion of Cy Scammel's letter, should we endorse with our logo?

ACTION ITEM: Frankie will find out more from SR3 and Seadoc about their involvement and to see if there's a way to support the Mission Blue 'hope spot' idea directly, and email MRC - DONE

10:32 AM Adjourn meeting

Carl moves to adjourn, Phil seconds. Meeting adjourned

10:32 AM Convene CAG meeting

Karin Roemers-Kleven

Now through the 2019 grant round. At last meeting we approved/recommended four projects for funding, didn't have funds to cover the entirety of all four. Byron worked up a revised scope for the Crescent Beach project. Final SRFB approval at December meeting.

Plans to combine reviews in future so that CAG and TAG can share discussions, more integrated

2020 SRFB grant round timeline: Two Site visit sessions for lead entities, some in Feb some in May. Requests for site visits need to go in by October 25th. Sam applying for ours to happen in May not February, due to weather concerns, around the time of our typical meeting dates. Remainder of grant round process pushed earlier and final awards made in September rather than December

Laura: another change is that a more complete draft is required of the application prior to the site visit than in previous round, required two weeks before site visit

ACTION ITEM: Sam can present at MRC retreat to update on recent past projects

Can we have a CAG page on the MRC site showcasing projects that have been funded with details? Frankie will check with commission to see if we can include that. If not then reference links

10:45 AM Planning for San Juan Recovery Chapter Update

Updating our chapter of the Puget Sound Recovery plan. In light of MSA, need to make sure that plans are complementary and not working in isolation

Partnership received \$500K total to hire help for several entities to complete their Salmon recovery chapter update. Our lead entity is under consideration for receiving some of that support. If selected, the implication is that we'd move on this over next year with a technical team that would focus on completing the update by Spring 2020 (Draft by summer 2020, Final fully-approved update by Summer 2021)

MOTION: Lovell moves to secure funding for our priority to update the SJC salmon recovery chapter this year. Staff should be directed to document our enthusiasm, readiness, and capacity for this task and other current planning processes that need to be in step and the opportunity for efficient use of staff and volunteer time. This information should be provided to the Puget Sound Partnership. Jeff Friedman seconds, all in favor. Motion passes.

11:03 AM Adjourn CAG meeting

Phil moves to adjourn, Kailey seconds. Meeting adjourned