



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

Thursday, January 9th, 2020

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

CAG Meeting 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Town of Friday Harbor Fire Station

Upstairs meeting room

266 Second Street, Friday Harbor

Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene Meeting <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
8:35 AM	Citizen input
8:40 AM	Acceptance of December meeting minutes
8:45 AM	Membership New Year and New Decade Goals
9:15 AM	NW Straits Commission update – <i>Christina Koons/Laura Jo Severson</i>
9:25 AM	MRC business <i>Frances Robertson</i> Volunteer Hours for Q1 (October – December 2019) Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference participation Speaker ideas for 2020
9:40 AM	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Resident Killer Whales <i>Frances Robertson</i>• Plastic Free Salish Sea: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven</i>• MSA plan revision: Megan Dethier / Lovel Pratt<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Survey for information collectionb) Next subcommittee meeting
10:10 AM	Any Other Business Kelp Recovery Plan for Puget Sound – public comment period WDFW Oyster water quality project proposal San Juan County Stewardship Network membership participation
10:30 AM	Adjourn meeting
10:30 AM	Convene CAG meeting: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
	Salmon Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• San Juan Salmon Recovery Chapter Update Kickoff Meeting- Jan 22• Update on active projects• 2020 SRFB RFP
11:00 AM	Adjourn CAG meeting

Attached files: December minuets, Kelp Recovery Plan

January 9, 2020

MRC & CAG Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Cathleen Burns, Carl Davis, Megan Dethier, Jeff Dyer, Marta Green, Phil Green, Kailey Guenther, Lovel Pratt, Karin Roemers- Kleven, Laura Jo Severson, Kendra Smith, Christina Koons (on the phone)

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

8:33 AM Convene Meeting *Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair*

8:35 AM No citizen input

8:35 AM Acceptance of December meeting minutes

Lovel suggests a change to section regarding NOAA scoping process, top of page 3: remove the phrase "if they can be based on Washington State's..."

Lovel moved to approve with this amendment, Phil seconds, none opposed. Minutes approved.

8:39 AM Membership New Year and New Decade Goals *Frances Robertson*

Everyone shares an achievement from the past year/goal for coming decade

(see Addendum to the January 9 minutes for the full set of members' responses)

ACTION ITEM: Jeff will find out if Richardson property on Lopez is for sale

- Laura Jo's Idea for a poster: a person wrapped up in plastic (*caption: if you were the one who got entangled wouldn't you be more careful?*)

ACTION ITEM: Carl to work with Laura Jo for the 'plastic-entangled' poster idea. Kailey volunteers.

ACTION ITEM: Jeff to discuss ideas about funding streams for ERTV effectiveness analysis with Lovel

ACTION ITEM: Kendra needs someone on Orcas to help develop/manage an MRC information board

ACTION ITEM: Kendra will make the SMP (Shoreline Master Plan) available for MRC to review.

ACTION ITEM: Need 'frequently-hit-rocks' and MSA map available by this coming season. Distribute with Discovery Pass or Be Whale Wise flag? could incorporate Critical habitats (eelgrass, no-anchor)

[Include somewhere in the minutes] Lovel distributed the Friends of the San Juans' updated anchor out of eelgrass handout and information about [Sound Waters University](#).

9:23 AM NW Straits Commission update *Christina Koons/Laura Jo Severson*

Ideas surrounding the need to establish a funding system to support the county's marine program were discussed: Need to add funding sources to support marine programs in SJC. Organizations like SeaDoc have raised a lot of money in recent years, largely because of situation with SRKW's. Need to figure out best ways to do that. Find private donors, figure out budget, not compete with other organizations

ACTION ITEM: Kendra will contact Christina regarding funding subcommittee meeting soon

9:35 AM Announcement about upcoming event *Karin Roemers-Kleven*

Karin will be a speaker at Sound Waters ('a one-day University') in Langley on February 1. Sign-up is inexpensive. Many topics including PFSS, climate change, sea level change, sessions are 75 minutes.

9:38 AM MRC business

Frances Robertson

- Volunteer Hours for Q1 (October – December 2019)

Frankie has everyone's hours, thank you, only Jeff Friedman. Karin still planning to speak with him. We still have one open space on the MRC with Terry's resignation.

Karin: interested in engaging big harbors, FH or RH, they have gas stations & a lot going on

ACTION ITEM: Kendra and Karin will discuss the possibility of Karin on the CWAC

Carl: do we want a general appeal or are we targeting specific people/groups to be members?

Karin: specific targets. Eg; we've had a harbor rep in the past but don't anymore. Look at where we need representation, then ensure the person has time to volunteer beyond just attending meetings.

Kendra: should there be a specified amount of required volunteer work? Target number of hours, at least as something to strive for, could be different for people with day jobs vs. those without

- Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference participation, Vancouver BC April 20-22nd

Karin will present PFSS poster, Abigail will present MSA poster, Frankie will present whale warning flag efforts. Also Carl's PFSS video. Lovel will present on the Salish Sea Vessel Traffic Projections Confirmed attendants: Lovel, Phil, Laura Jo, Karin (wants registration but can pay hotel) & Cathleen. Jeff Dyer also wants to go. Laura Jo and Abigail will share hotel room, Frankie & Kari Koski (a Salish Sea Hero) will share a room (hoping to fund Koski's registration from NOAA).

We'll get early registration which closes end of January. Will book a block of hotel rooms

Kendra: that's also the week of Earth Day's 50th anniversary, activities here (Clean-up on the 18th)

- Speaker ideas for 2020

Tulalip for February, also Lisa presenting about shore-friendly season (that'll overlap with LIO).

Taylor Shedd at some point. Karin wants to invite Scott Pearson (pinnipeds) he prefers March/April. Question for Megan: any post-docs or grad students want to talk to the MRC?

Kailey: what about SeaDoc? Seems like they have some new research

10:09 AM Project Updates

- Southern Resident Killer Whales

Frances Robertson

We'll do some dock talks in June, also use youth volunteers who were great last season. We have approx. 750 flags left. Boat shows will get rid of a lot (100-200 each at Seattle and Anacortes). These two big boat shows are part of the Marine Trade Association, they provide our space for free.

Outreach plan for 2020 to put signs up, help from neighboring MRC's to build a database of all county facilities in 7 counties that could use signs as 'prompts'. These prompts are most effective as close as possible to the behavior we want to change. Also locate signs other places.

ACTION ITEM: Carl volunteers to contact private marinas on Orcas Island to secure permission to put up signs. The signs are aluminum with two pre-drilled holes to hang or fasten.

Outreach plan to also include some dockside efforts but not every weekend. No surveys this year.

NOAA last analyzed boat numbers in the SJI's in 2010 =100K boats. Now 10 years later, think how many flags we need so at least 10% of boats have flags + land-bank-based flags. We need

Soundwatch to continue taking data on flag numbers to analyze effectiveness. Boaters were less receptive at RH (except yacht rendezvous)

Note: if you want to volunteer for the Boat Show, please contact Taylor Shedd. At the boat show, we represent the Be whale Wise program (MRC + County as partners)

- Plastic Free Salish Sea

Karin Roemers-Kleven

Working on a dedicated website, should be a general resource for our county. We aim to have that done before the Salish Sea Ecosystem conference in April. We're also discussing the creation of toolkits for projects that other communities can take on that we've already taken on.

Frankie: we have some help budgeted in for that. Katie Fleming will be writing a description and sending to contacts at WWU, looking for a student to bring those toolkits together

Karin: we've been hanging back on plastic bag ban while County Council was busy with budgeting, we've been waiting for State to come out with its Bag ban so we can work together with it.

Kendra: I have a meeting about that next week with Heckeyes, ready to challenge pre-emption by the State. The SWAC has already approved language for a complete ban. And we're changing erosion control regs for the County. New requirement for only biodegradable erosion control (i.e. no plastic or derivative fencing). Currently erosion control market is dominated by plastic.

Commented [FR1]: ??

- MSA plan revision:

Megan Dethier

a) Survey for information collection – survey was revised/simplified. Frankie will send it out shortly for review, please send comments back quickly. As responses come in by end of January, Abigail will sort through them to identify short presentations/topics for the workshop. While reviewing surveys, we'll simultaneously plan the workshop throughout Jan/Feb, solidify attendance. Save-the-date went out in October, we'll follow up with responses

b) Next subcommittee meeting – next Friday Jan 17th.

10:10 AM Any Other Business

- Kelp Recovery Plan for Puget Sound – public comment period ends third week of January
ACTION ITEM: Phil to draft comment on behalf of MRC. Frankie/Kendra will distribute to MRC

- WDFW Oyster water quality project proposal

WDFW wants MRC to sponsor the site, costs \$3K. BUT we've heard that other MRC's struggle to get reporting data from WDFW. WDFW has been funding the Eastsound site so far.

Q: what is the purpose of the study? A: use mussels to measure potential water pollutants

Carl: if we solicited funds to establish our own project, we could add sites we've had in past

Megan: it's a lot of cost and input for not much payback in terms of usable data.

Carl: It has been going on for 20 years seems useful to continue. I'll continue volunteering,

Frankie: we can tell WDFW we're glad to keep taking data but not to 'sponsor'.

ACTION ITEM: Karin would be willing to volunteer to collect mussels on SJI, Jeff on Lopez

- San Juan County Stewardship Network membership participation

This has restarted, Frankie went to one meeting in December. Does MRC want to keep on participating? Do we have a representative who wants to attend the meetings?
Stewardship Network sponsors green drinks, aims to network and not duplicate efforts. In the past they've organized for same area at the fair, shown videos on the ferry. Coordinator is Amy Nestler
Marta: right now they don't have capacity to take on projects, they are an advocacy group – presenting comments to council. Stephanie represents the LIO to the Stewardship Network
- No one volunteers to represent MRC at Stewardship Network. Frankie will attend sometimes

10:37 AM Adjourn meeting

Lovel moves to adjourn, Cathleen seconds. MRC meeting adjourned

10:37 AM Convene CAG meeting

Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair

Salmon Recovery

• San Juan Salmon Recovery Chapter Update Kickoff Meeting: Jan 22 at 10am in FH at Heritage bank
Sam has convened a subcommittee, includes 3 CAG members (Carl, Cathleen, Phil) & TAG members
We'll start review of 15-year-old chapter and begin to outline the process of the update

• Update on active projects

Active monitoring and amendment requests:

->Mackaye harbor, got more funding that will help in terms of management and moving it along
->KWIAHT amendment request for sand-lance project. There are lots of restriction for monitoring-based project, any monitoring project is technically viewed as regional so there's more scrutiny. Needs to go through broader state-wide review. SO in future, when considering monitoring-based project realize that it won't just need to withstand local scrutiny.

Marta: Some entities are better-suited to fund research and monitoring, others more appropriate for education – that's why coordination is so important

KWIAT project links with other sand-lance work, i.e. research on sand-wave patterns etc.

-> Crescent Beach project (feasibility analysis) that we partially funded – reminder that the partial funding was 'borrowed' from 2020 allocation. So Byron still needs to apply but it's essentially already approved, there will be minimal review.

Kendra: we'll be highlighting this particular road to Council this year due to erosion issues

• 2020 SRFB RFP

Still scheduled for May 6-7 all-day site visits. Sam sent out a timeline for the Grant Round. This is a big one, there will be more projects than last year. May 7th is also the MRC meeting

Sent out press releases and RFP's earlier this week. We have approx. \$2million to grant out. Friends will propose, Land Bank, Preservation Trust, etc. Letters of Interest due Feb. 14th (one page). Two weeks later meet with TAG on March 4th – rather than presentations, this will be a question/answer session, targeted feedback. Final proposal due April 24th (2 weeks before site visit). After site visit, there will still be opportunity to tweak things. July 2 – scoring meeting, combined TAG & CAG.

Question: are projects always physically doing something or can they be education-based?

Sam: no, mainly restoration and acquisition. 10% can be for monitoring

10:56 AM Adjourn CAG meeting

Cathleen moves to adjourn, Laura Jo seconds. Meeting adjourned

***Event Announcements:**

- Green Drinks next Thursday, January 16th at Bluewater Grill

- Next Tuesday 1/14: Bruce Nyden, recently back from Indonesia, will show his underwater photos at the Sailing club. Food (potluck), cocktails provided. Start food at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:30pm.