



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

Thursday, February 6th, 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

The Grange,
Friday Harbor

Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene Meeting <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
8:35 AM	Citizen input
8:40 AM	Acceptance of January meeting minutes
8:45 AM	NW Straits Commission update – <i>Phil Green</i>
9:00 AM	MRC business <i>Frances Robertson</i> MRC Reference Manual update progress MRC Social Media Comment letters update
9:15 AM	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Resident Killer Whales – The Boat Show Report <i>Frances Robertson</i>• Plastic Free Salish Sea: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven</i>• MSA plan revision: Megan Dethier / Abigail Ames/Frances Robertson<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Progress with survey & interviewsb) Workshop plan and registrationc) Request for MRC assistance –what will be neededd) Next subcommittee meeting
10:00 AM	Any Other Business Speakers invited for 2020
10:10 AM	Adjourn meeting
10:15 AM	Convene CAG meeting: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
	Salmon Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SRFB Grant Round• Salmon Strategy update
10:30 AM	Adjourn CAG meeting
10:45	Presentation on Shoreline Hardening project by Lisa Kaufman Nearshore Program Manager for the NW Straits Foundation, Presentation is joint with the LIO meeting and will run until ~11:30, lunch will be available after to those who wish to stay.

Committee Members in Attendance: Cathleen Burns, Carl Davis, Megan Dethier, Marta Green, Phil Green, Kailey Guenther, Christina Koons, Lovel Pratt, Ivan Reiff, Laura Jo Severson, Kendra Smith

Ex-officio and County support staff: Abigail Ames, Frances Robertson, Byron Rot, Sam Whitridge

Public: Laura Ferguson

8:33 AM Convene Meeting

Christina Koons, Vice-Chair

8:34 AM Citizen input – none

8:34 AM Acceptance of January meeting minutes

Cathleen moves to accept –with Lovel’s additions, Megan seconds. All in favor, none opposed. January Minutes accepted.

8:35 AM **NW Straits Commission update**

Phil Green

Presentation by the Whidbey Island host on sea-level rise, presentation on Sound water stewards. Skagit has a form of Beachwatchers’ program; we used to have it here. Do we want to restart that? The program starts with 100 hours training. Skagit stewards is the same as Sound water stewards. ACTION ITEM: Phil will find out more specific info (any paid staff?) and get it to Frankie.

New level of business membership for the foundation, there’s a new member from San Juan County: Emily Shaler. Her expertise is in marketing. ACTION ITEM: invite her to a MRC meeting - Christina went last year to the Puget Sound Day on the Hill, call went out in January to attend this year

- Kelp recovery plan – DNR will take the lead on continued progress

- Frankie has sent out two forms with questions for MRC’s – one regarding the retreat in the Fall and one regarding the symposium coming up on April 3 at Padilla Bay.

8:43 AM **MRC business**

Frances Robertson

• MRC Reference Manual update progress – last updated 2007, Frankie working to update now. Need to update some parts of the business rules, that will go through council.

ACTION ITEM: Frankie will send these around and we can vote on them at next meeting.

• MRC Social Media – Frankie calls for help. None offered.

• Comment letters update – Council sent letters for the Humpback critical area plan and for the Kelp recovery plan.

8:45 AM **Project Updates**

• Southern Resident Killer Whales – The Boat Show Report

Frances Robertson

Last week at boat show 50 flags and 300 brochures distributed, Jeff D. and Laura Jo helped. Frankie gave out all remaining metal port signs. Plans to review verbiage with the Be Whale Wise partnership and more BWW material is due to be created for the coming season.

- Nobeltec nav will put no-go zones on their apps, they'll also put eelgrass no-anchor zones. Frankie will talk to Tina about which areas to ID as eelgrass. Frankie met Daniel Joram, Nobeltec rep, at the Seattle boat show.

-We finished the storyboard that Hilary was working on, THANKS Megan and others for proof-reading.

- Plastic Free Salish Sea: *Karin Roemers-Kleven*
 - Karin gave a presentation this past Saturday at Sound Waters, it was a great success.
 - Jeff D and Frankie met a sales rep from the Seabins project at the Seattle Boat Show. They have one in Oak Bay, one in Port of Vancouver. It's a pump, sucks in water and filters out garbage, approx. 1 ton a year just from waters in the marina. Larger marinas would need multiples of these. Should we look into funding from NOAA marine debris program to run pilots in the main marinas in SJC?
RH Marina likes the idea. Jeff contacted Oak Bay marina to see if they recommend it. Units are \$5800 each. For each one sold they give 10% to nonprofit.
 - The subcommittee voted to cancel the Talking Trash workshop on Lopez, so Frankie will amend that out of the budget. Karin will discuss this more at next meeting
- MSA plan revision: *Megan Dethier / Abigail Ames/Frances Robertson*

Made progress, made a brief survey based on Lovel's suggestions, sent to folks in SJC with knowledge of marine resources. We have 28 responses, we sent out to 60 Marine Managers' Workshop is March 10-11th at FHL. Need help from MRC as moderators *Kailey, Cathleen, Christina, and Lovel* volunteers. *Laura Jo* offers to help with food

10:00 AM **Any Other Business**

Speakers invited for 2020: - Tulalip coming next meeting to talk about treaty rights.
- Rich Childers to talk about effects of climate change (ocean acidification) on crab,
Any ideas for other speakers? Kailey: Jeff Hogan, outreach and science education.

Kendra: an old project that I want to mention – Orcas Landing is still moving forward.
If anyone is interested in participating, we have money for a sign that will be an MRC info board.

Kendra passes out one idea for a Marine Program funding strategy – SJI's Marine Discovery Pass for a **Marine Program** Enterprise Fund. Need to schedule next meeting of finance subcommittee:
Kailey, Ivan and Christina

An enterprise fund is a specific class of fund, usually requires an oversight body (i.e. the MRC) to review and approve budget, require county code to establish along with its authorities
We want to pursue something that doesn't go into county general fund, but stays in the program.
To build up a program and manage it effectively, need that certainty/consistency: could it be some kind of slip tax, discovery pass? Something associated with the boater/user to target that dynamic and its role in utilizing the marine resource. With enterprise fund you need to be very clear about the nexus between fund collection and the fund use. Eg. With the Discovery pass that the State runs pays for parking at the State site, it's also a visitor use pass, funds go to maintain the State parks. There is currently no requirement for a Discover Pass for moorage at marinas, just a moorage fee.

We can't tie directly to boater registration without going through State Legislature.

Lovel: I urge you to go through the state so that this is memorialized

Kendra: perhaps we could build some momentum and then go that route. The fundamental question is whether or not we're tying it to licensing. also want to bring awareness to the fund. We're using it to restore marine habitat, pick up trash, recover derelict vessels etc. It's not a tax it's a fee for service. Figuring out how to message that.

Another idea is to solicit fees from non-boat operators (i.e. kayak renters and whale-watchers), needs further discussion with the subcommittee. Discuss pros and cons of varying strategies

ACTION ITEM: please review this document and bring ideas to the subcommittee

ACTION ITEM: Kendra will email copies of this Draft, PLEASE do not forward

In order to be successful you need some critical mass, eg. The flag project.

overflights/counts done in May-September 2006 and 2010 found approx. 100K boats in the SJ's.

ACTION ITEM: Kendra will share these reports on boat numbers

More discussion of estimates of number of boaters/'marine patron' in marine discovery pass plan

10:14 AM Adjourn MRC meeting. Lovel moves to adjourn, Carl seconds, meeting adjourned

10:15 AM Convene CAG meeting

Christina Koons, Vice- Chair

Jenny DeGroots is a potential new TAG member. She attended chapter update meeting. TAG is in favor, needs CAG approval. MOTION: Laura Jo moves to accept Jenny to the TAG, Lovel seconds.

Kendra: we should have a County technical representative on the TAG. I nominate Byron Rot. He would recuse himself during any conflicts of interest (as Tina Whitman currently does)

Carl: we're nominating Byron because he's a scientist with freshwater expertise

Lovel: I don't think it's appropriate to reserve a seat for the county

Christina calls the question: Everyone in favor of the motion, none opposed. Motion passes

MOTION: Byron nominated for the TAG by Kendra, Cathleen seconds. All in favor, motion passes

Byron: read about the **Crescent Beach** project on the handout.

This project was only partially funded last round, now need to make a decision to move forward, project will expire by June 2021 so no time to work through next grant process, need assurance of funding to hire a consultant to complete the project, look at opening up tidal lagoon from existing small culvert, replace with larger culvert or bridge, and interact with stakeholders and residents.

MOTION: Carl moves that we approve the proposal as submitted in earlier grant round to be funded fully, in the amount of \$62K, in this next grant cycle, without needing to be resubmitted for approval Lovel seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

10:30 AM

MRC meeting reconvenes

ANNOUNCEMENT from Laura Jo: 'Transitions' a group that works to make residents self-reliant and less dependent on fossil fuels. The Anacortes group is working to be fossil-fuel free by 2023

Meeting March 1 at Mullis Center, 3-6pm if interested please come

ANNOUNCEMENT from Marta: there will be a meeting in Olympia regarding funding a study similar to the one in Canada, analysis of ERTV effectiveness. Our state rep is interested in funding this

MOTION by Christina to accept Laura Jo's resignation as alternate representative for the NW Straits meeting and appoint Phil as the new alternate rep. This would allow him to vote when he attends. Lovel seconds, all in favor. Motion passes.

10:36 AM Lovel moves to adjourn, Kendra seconds, meeting adjourned.

See LIO February 6, 2020 SJC LIO minutes for a summary of Lisa Kaufman's presentation at 10:55am