



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

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020
8:30 AM-10:30 AM
CAG Meeting 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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Agenda

8:30 AM	Convene Meeting <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven (Chair)</i> Check in with all present
8:45 AM	Citizen input
8:55 AM	Acceptance of March meeting minutes
9:00 AM	NW Straits Commission update – <i>Christina Koons, Phil Green</i>
9:15 AM	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MSA plan revision – workshop recap and next steps• Plastic Free Salish Sea – website status, alternative GICU ideas• Southern Resident Killer Whales – outreach opportunity status, proposed alternative efforts
10:00 AM	MRC business <i>Frances Robertson</i> MRC Grant amendment – amount of project funding available, project ideas Q2 Volunteer hours
10:15 AM	Adjourn meeting
10:15 AM	Convene CAG meeting: <i>Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair</i>
	Salmon Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on TAG review of SRFB Letters of Interest• May 6-7 SRFB Site Visit Planning
11:00	Adjourn CAG meeting

Attached files: March minutes

Upcoming MRC Meetings:

[May 6-7th: Salmon Recovery field trips -2 days]

June 4th: Joan Drinkwin – Derelict Gear removal efforts in San Juan County –Military dive team is coming back!

July 2nd: Salmon Recovery project review

Committee Members in Attendance: Cathleen Burns, Carl Davis, Megan Dethier, Jeff Friedman, Phil Green, Kailey Genter, Christina Koons, Lovel Pratt, Karin Roemers-Kleven, Laura Jo Severson, Kendra Smith,

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

Public: Cynthia Smith, Beth Tate, Marcus Reaves (WDFW), Laura Rivas (PSP)

8:34 AM **Convene Meeting**

Karin Roemers-Kleven, Chair

8:34 AM **Citizen input**

Cynthia Smith from Lopez for past 4 years – interested in MRC agenda items, wants to sit in.
Beth Tate is here from SJI – works with Jen-Jay inc., environmental consulting based on Orcas.

8:38 AM **Acceptance of March meeting minutes**

Lovel made edits, Frankie will send those around so everyone can see them & weigh in.
MOTION: Karin moves to table approval of minutes to next meeting, Megan seconds, all in favor.

8:40 AM **NW Straits Commission update**

Christina Koons

NW Straits met (virtually) on March 27th. Puget Sound Day on the Hill is postponed. New video series Salish Sea Fresh, connecting marine ecosystem health with sustainable seafood – focused on food. MRC's are encouraged to apply for opportunity fund, deadline is May 8. November 13-14 annual conference at PT Maritime center. Dana Oster from NW Straits commission released the final plan for kelp conservation and recovery.

MRC Mondays – organized by Dana Oster, for MRC members around Salish Sea to meet virtually, monthly/bi-monthly to discuss projects, talk about ideas and where they need support.

Laura: although Puget Sound day on the Hill has been postponed, Partnership is still writing a letter of support to send to congress. If interested sign by April 14, ask Laura if you have any questions

8:53 AM **Project Updates**

- Plastic Free Salish Sea – website status, alternative GICU ideas

Frankie: The plastic industry is lobbying for single-use. But many argue for paper because virus stays on plastic longer. Also discussion of single-use plastic gloves and masks that aren't discarded properly, becoming a public health hazard or end up in marine environment

Website status: still waiting for contract to come back and get signed. Hired research assistant, Kelsey Kittelson, she's with conservation district. "Leave no trace" effort, a great way to unite terrestrial and marine efforts. She's working on the PFSS toolkits

- MSA plan revision – workshop recap and next steps

Subcommittee met virtually yesterday, discussed follow-up from Marine Managers' workshop.

Workshop recap: in-person gathering, around 45 people, many locals. People from Olympia, various state agencies. It was a great summary of where we are and summarizing new concerns

Q: what were some new concerns?

A: things that weren't on radar when original MSA was written: Decline of the SRKW population, marine disease, invasive species – all of these are larger threats than we knew a decade ago

- Southern Resident Killer Whales – outreach opportunity status, proposed alternative efforts

Previously discussed a pilot this year of Killer whale Tails (run by Jeff Hogan), and then by next year expanding to the whole county. Focused on grades 4-5. Now that's unlikely, postponed to next year. This year instead we can use those funds for something we had planned to do next year – a boating safety and info kiosk at County parks that would include Be whale wise and kelp information.

MOTION: Kendra moves to use outreach funds for a boater education kiosk at county park, Christina seconds. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes

9:09 AM **MRC business**

Frances Robertson

MRC Grant amendment – amount of project funding available, project ideas Q2 Volunteer hours

Frankie is preparing second quarterly report also grant amendment to next year's budget. Shows draft MRC budget for 2020-21, Highlighted project funds available for current project costs Funding for MSA plan for another community workshop next year

Kailey: will Killer Whale Tails still be possible for next year?

Frankie: yes we still have the funding based on estimates we worked out with school districts.

We have few funds for actual project costs, but can still engage in projects that don't require costs.

i.e. green crab surveys, outreach on docks, beach clean-ups, the mussel work Carl is spearheading.

Karin: let's talk on Monday in PFSS subcommittee about big island clean-up and social distancing.

Kailey: it seems like the green crab team is also on hold, couldn't achieve their trainings

Kelsey Kittelson: For the Great Islands clean up, Stewardship is focused on an earth-month challenge – can be walking and cleaning in neighborhoods or just using less water or less lights on.

ACTION ITEM: Kelsey will send poster to Frankie to distribute as soon as it's ready, AND Frankie will send Kelsey MRC and PFSS logos to put on the poster

9:24 AM Adjourn meeting

9:24 AM Convene CAG meeting

Christina Koons, Chair

Salmon Recovery

- Report on TAG review of SRFB Letters of Interest

TAG met in early march, heard about 11 letters of interest. Applications due April 22.

ACTION ITEM: Sam will send the summarizing spreadsheet via email to the committee

Spreadsheet shows preliminary scores of green/yellow/red on far right. KWIAHT proposal was tagged largely red (due to monitoring plans), has already been communicated to project sponsor Last week at Salmon recovery council meeting, announced that allocation will not be officially approved until their July meeting. The formula could change due to concerns about the economy.

Level: will proposals submitted take into account the difference between what funding is available vs. what they're asking, and will applicants include requests with range of possible funding?

Sam: that's part of the process, shifting around and making as much fit as possible. Trying to get applicants to reduce their ask as much as possible, keep partial-funding options on the table. Working with project sponsors to come up with additional match. Some initial asks will be reduced.

- May 6-7 SRFB Site Visit Planning

In-person on-site visits unlikely. Lead entities around the sound are moving to virtual site visits. Sam has communicated Best Practices for Project Presentations for May 6-7 virtual tour to sponsors. Lovel: we rely on TAG to do the majority of technical evaluation. Is there any additional material they could provide us to help make our decision?

Sam: I'll run that by the TAG. We'll have videos, photos, drone footage if available to show sites. Some sites have been visited before, like MacKaye and Agate so there is some familiarity. We have May 6 & 7 blocked out and 10 presentations. Since we won't be going into field, each project gets more time. Still break them up into two days and have presentations all mornings.

Megan: presentations should be 20 minutes. Then allow 10-15 minutes for discussion/questions. Next steps following site visits – TAG review May 19th. Then July 2 is joint scoring meeting, then August meeting will look at ranked list and adjust accordingly.

By July 2 we may not have allocation officially approved, may need to tweak in August

Other quick updates:

-chapter process has contract in routing process through the county to get some coaching support. Plan for 'virtual' kick-off meeting in early May. May be some PS partnership support available later this fall. Still moving forward with the plan for a draft available by end of this year or early in 2021 - also discussion in subcommittee last month to provide recommendations on shoreline issue. Planning to wait until Tina's work is done on change analysis, then plan to convene subcommittee

9:52 AM Adjourn CAG meeting

Christina Koons

Any other comments or concerns about how MRC will operate and what will be happening?

Jamie: the new normal is staying in place, it will take patience not to get into these projects. A lot of things are on pause until we get the go-ahead to congregate. As far as funding the State has had to do a lot of emergency actions. That's where pessimism comes from at Salmon Recovery Council Short term: controlling influx of cases, food/rent/utility assistance

Longer term: on 3 big islands work on recovery efforts and how to come out of this

Kendra: from my perspective it's important to have virtual meetings and continue communicating.

Q: what essential services are continuing in county?

Jamie: Most are happening remotely. Field crews: roads, parks – they are out doing projects readjusted to maintain social distancing. Courts are pretty much shut down, limited in what they're doing. Planning and permitting still working, mostly computerized. The health dept. is full on right now with emergency operations center. Council meets remotely.

Q: what is the county declaration about visitors? I heard that all vacation rentals need to stop operations and that visitors are not to come to islands, also no temporary moorage

Jamie: that's all true and also closed to camping in line with governors' order. Stopping all non-essential travel. We have low capacity here for medicine. All four of first positive tests were from people coming here and self-quarantined right away. Yesterday two additional positive tests. Now all the orders are through April, but there seems to be hints that may be extended.

Christina: LIO meeting coming up, is that open for public to listen in?

A: yes, starts at 11am same zoom id

10:05 AM Adjourn meeting

Laura Jo moves to adjourn, Lovel seconds. Meeting adjourned