



Jefferson County
**Marine
Resources
Committee**

Tues, April 7, 2026
5:30-7:30PM
Hybrid Meeting
Pavilion Building (355 Hudson St.)

Zoom link: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/97019789946>

MEETING AGENDA

Officers/Executive Committee:

Emily Buckner, Chair
Neil Harrington, Vice Chair
Brenda Johnson, NWSC Rep
Sarah Fisken, NWSC Alt

MRC Members:

District 1 - Vacant
Timothy Behrenfeld, District 1
District 1 Alt - Vacant
Brenda Johnson, District 2
Jeff Taylor, District 2
Frank Handler, District 2 Alt
Sarah Fisken, District 3
District 3 - Vacant
Tim Cross, District 3 Alt
Betsy Carlson, Envir/Conserv
Bryan DeCaterina, Env/Cons Alt
Carol Hasse, Port of PT
Gordon King, Commercial
Emily Buckner, Marine Science
Jon Waggoner, Marine Science Alt
Heidi Eisenhour, BoCC
Troy McKelvey, Recreation
Roy Clark, Recreation Alt
Steve King, City of PT
Neil Harrington, Tribal Rep
Odhran Waggoner, Local Youth
Bella Ferland, Local Youth Alt

Staff:

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Tonya Cole
MRC Meeting Recorder

- Call to Order, Mission & Introductions
- **Guest Speaker:**
opPORTunities - 2026 and Beyond
Dave Nakagawara, P.E. - Capital Projects Engineer, Port of Port Townsend
- Break - Meet outside to take a JCMRC group photo!
- Amendments to/Approval of Agenda
Amendments to/Approval of March 2026 Minutes
- Public Comment
- **Discussion:** Letter of Support - Protection Island Aquatic Reserve Expansion
- **Discussion:** Rain Garden Project
- **Recent Meeting Reports**
 - NWSC Monthly Meeting/Retreat update (Brenda)
 - Annual BOCC Presentation update (Emily, Neil)
- **Discussion:** Hybrid meeting/Mic setup
- **Grant Project Updates**
 - Forage Fish (Dabob, Quilcene Marina - Sarah)
 - Olympia Oysters (Neil)
 - Bull Kelp Monitoring (Jon)
 - Eelgrass Buoys (Troy)
 - Education and Outreach (Betsy)
 - Shoreline Landowner Outreach (Sarah)
- **Other MRC Project Updates**
- **Jefferson County Updates and Policy Matters**
 - Port Update
 - BoCC Update
 - MRC Announcements/Member Roundtable
- **Wrap up**
 - Public Comment
 - Call for Future Agenda Topics/Speakers
- Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

April 8, 11:30am-1:00pm – NWSC 101

April 21, 8:30am-9:30am – MRC Executive Committee Meeting

April 21, 12:45pm-2:45pm – Searching for Seaweed (Pt. Hudson)

[April 24, 10am-12pm – NWSC Monthly Meeting \(Meeting details here\)](#)

May 5, 5:30pm-7:30pm – Hybrid MRC monthly meeting at Quilcene Community Center

(294952 US-101, Quilcene, WA 98376)

[2nd Wednesdays at 1pm and 4th Wednesdays at 5:30pm – Port of PT Meetings](#)

[Mondays, 9am – Jefferson County BoCC Meetings](#)

[Fridays, 12pm – BoCC on KPTZ \(91.9\)](#)

Ongoing projects in Jeff. Co:

- [Pleasant Harbor MPR](#)
- [City of PT SMP update](#)
- [Jefferson County SMP update](#)
- [PT sewer outfall \(not up to date\)](#)
- [Port of PT sea level rise mitigation project](#)
- [Duckabush Estuary Restoration Project](#)

2026 Monthly Meeting Dates

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6	3	3	7	5	2		4	1	6	3	1
WSU	PAV	PAV	PAV	QCC	PAV		PAV	PAV	QCC	PAV	PAV

About the MRC

The Jefferson Marine Resources Committee is an advisory group to the Board of County Commissioners and part of the regional Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative. Members are citizen volunteers committed to protecting and restoring our local marine habitats.
