



Jefferson County
**Marine
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Committee**

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Vacancies (January 2024)**

The Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is seeking to diversify its membership and fill the following volunteer positions on the MRC:

- **District 3 Representative** (See district map on next page)
- **Marine Science, Research & Education Representative Alternate**

About the Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee

The Jefferson MRC is one of seven MRCs that are part of the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative, through which it receives support for projects that reflect local priorities. The MRC is a project-based, volunteer advisory group appointed by the Jefferson Board of County Commissioners and is administered through the WSU Jefferson County Extension department. MRC members represent the diverse interests of the broader East Jefferson County community, including the three Commissioner Districts, Tribal and local government, as well as environmental, marine science, commercial, and recreational interests. Our work is focused on protecting and restoring the marine and nearshore environments of East Jefferson County, spanning from Gardiner to Triton Cove. We work on addressing issues related to marine life, habitats, and water quality by advising the BoCC and through science-based actions, stewardship projects and public outreach. Our current projects focus on:

- Monitoring bull kelp, forage fish spawning, and coastal flood events
- Restoring native Olympia oyster populations
- Protecting eelgrass and shellfish habitat with voluntary no-anchor zones
- Mitigating stormwater impacts by maintaining a network of rain gardens
- Educating about sustainable harvesting practices and other marine conservation efforts

For more information about the MRC and our projects, visit www.jeffersonmrc.org.

For Applicants

Applicants should have demonstrated interest and/or experience with Salish Sea conservation issues and efforts. Applicants must also demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that our work is inclusive, community-engaged, and representative of the broader East Jefferson County community.

MRC members serve four-year terms and commit to attending monthly meetings (6-8PM the first Tuesday of each month), participating in project subcommittees, learning about marine conservation and responding to emerging issues, actively creating an inclusive environment, respecting diverse perspectives, and working collaboratively. Alternates for each position participate in all MRC meetings, discussions and activities, and vote on issues only when the Representative for that position is absent.

To apply, submit: (1) a resume, (2) letter of interest, and (3) an application form. For more information, contact Katie Kowal at kkowal@co.jefferson.wa.us. Applications will be open until positions are filled. Thank you for your interest!

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