

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee Meeting  
6-8PM on February 4, 2025 at  
ZOOM  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:**

Akela Behrenfeldt, Local Youth Representative  
 Timothy Behrenfeld, District 1 Alt  
 Brad Bebout, District 1  
 Betsy Carlson, Envir/Conserv  
 Carol Hasse, ex officio, Port of Port Townsend  
 Heidi Eisenhour, ex officio, BoCC  
 Sarah Fisker, District 3, NWS Alt  
 Emily Buckner, Marine Science  
 Gordon King, Commercial  
 Brenda Johnson, District 2  
 Neil Harrington, Tribal  
 Troy McKelvey, Recreation  
 Janette Mestre, District 1  
 Jeff Taylor, District 2, NWS Rep  
 Frank Handler, District 2 Alt  
 Bryan DeCaterina, Env/Conserv Alt

**Absent:**

Tim Cross, District 3 Alt  
 Roy Clark, Recreation Alt

**Guests:**

Ella Ashford, Undergrad student  
 David Theilke, Citizen  
 Jon Waggoner, Citizen  
 Allie Simpson, NWSC

**Guest Speakers:**

Don Hunger, Director, NW Straits Foundation

**Staff:** Katie Kowal – Water Resources Program Coordinator  
 Jefferson County MRC/WSU Extension

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
CALL TO ORDER GUEST INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Betsy Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Introductions were made.	A quorum was present.	All members – please send volunteer hours to Katie.
AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA  APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Betsy noted that for this meeting, Grant funded projects and MRC funded projects were separated in the Agenda for clarity.  <b>Amendments to / Approval of Agenda</b> No amendments to Agenda  <b>Amendments to/Approval of December 2024 Minutes</b> Neil: in Public Comment section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>He's not sure that they were Olympia oysters being poached.</i> <i>Remove Olympia</i></li> </ul> Brenda: Under the 'Call to Order' block, Brenda thanked Gordon for leading the MRC during a very challenging year.  Betsy: It was Carol Haase who asked about Partridge Bank (top of Page 3)	Gordon moved to approve the agenda. Carol Haase seconded. Motion passed.  Neil moved to approve the January minutes w/ ammendments. Seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.	
GUEST SPEAKER  Don Hunger, NWSF	DON HUNGER , NWSF  He came to give an overview on what the Foundation is doing. Showed a graphic of the Organization's structure  They are all open to conversation re: projects and opportunities. Email Don and he will connect you with the right person.  <a href="mailto:don@nwstraitsfoundation.org">don@nwstraitsfoundation.org</a>	Please see email from Katie for Project Funding Request Form.	

	<p>UPDATES Partnership work project with Jefferson MRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Kauffman (NWSF) has been working with Sarah on Port of PT property in Quilcene</li> <li>• Herrera Environmental Consulting is working on a REACH assessment on potential on removal project.</li> </ul> <p>Shore Friendly Contractor Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for one in late March to include Jefferson &amp; Clallam counties. Details to come soon. Lisa will be reaching out to MRC</li> </ul> <p>PROJECT FUNDING GRANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the MRC Project Funding Request 2025 form</li> <li>• He is lead grant writer for Foundation</li> <li>• Portfolio is about 20-50 grants during the year,</li> <li>• 2025 they'll submit 15-20 grants, a little more than 1 per month</li> <li>• They do this number because about ½ are funded</li> <li>• 2 – 3 months lead time on grants.</li> </ul> <p>Don recommends reaching out to him when you are ready to apply for a grant.</p> <p>Reviewed a Word checklist he created for Grants/Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Location &amp; Season – start/end date</li> <li>• Project Description-Goals, Budget, Partners</li> <li>• Funding Needs Statement</li> <li>• In-Kind Needs Statement (volunteers, tools, materials, admin support, etc...)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These things are a creative way to find a match for your grant proposal– showing you have the knowledge and track record to do it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Milestones             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phases, set benchmarks of completion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Areas/questions for discussion</li> <li>• Request submitted by date</li> <li>• Project Abstract- Project summary             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where we are today and where we want to go.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The form is for MRC to think through what you are asking the Foundation to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a donor gives money, the Foundation is the responsible party, so they are a active participant in the project.</li> </ul> <p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>Emily: <i>Since this would be submitted at any time of year. Does the Foundation have a pot of money you're granting to projects or are you using the form to write grants and wrap in these projects?</i></p> <p>Don: Correct in second part of question. If he can meet with you now, it may take him six months to find funding, but he can see what projects need to be funded. Sometimes you have to wait until you have alignment.</p> <p>Carol: <i>Where do you seek funds when you're pursuing a grant? Where does that money come from?</i></p> <p>Don Foundations: for example, the NW based Rose Foundation, has now has come back to shifting it's priorities to Coastal Stewardship, so we will be submitting grants to them. You have to constantly track foundations and their cycles and watch their deadlines.</p> <p>Janette: <i>Is most funding private? Do you go after government grants and are you concerned with what will happen over the next few years?</i></p> <p>Don Federal &amp; State. Their budget is approx. 1.6 million annually 900K is public grants</p> <p>Yes, we are concerned about the next few years. We will continue to pursuing grants, but there has been a freeze right now. We're not sure from one day or</p>		
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	<p>the next if it's been frozen or not. We are investing money into a campaign to increase public awareness of NW Straits Initiative broadly and the need to get to donors broadly with deep pockets who can make substantial donations to keep this going over the next 4-5 years.</p> <p>Individual donors need to know the value of their investment--that's what it will take.</p> <p>Tim B.: <i>Is there a cap on grants? Limits to what can be asked for? i.e. ROV parts?</i></p> <p>Don Typically the grantors tend to stay in the \$10-25K range, that's another reason to get as many out as possible. Nation Fish &amp; Wildlife Foundation (non profit side of DFW) has multi-year grants, there's a mix of public/private. Grant amount is dictated by the grantor, they tend to be small.</p> <p>Ideas for support: start with a phone call. If you have a specific need, let Don know. If he knows what you're looking for, he will keep an ear out. The best way they can support in this fundraising aspect is to have lead time and see where the gaps are in funding.</p> <p>Emily: <i>When is it appropriate for us to look to the Commission's funding cycles or ad-hoc with the Foundation. What is the strategy there? If we have grander ideas, do we think about what the Foundation can fund? Katie may also have input here.</i></p> <p>Don Think of the Foundation as the second dollar, not the first dollar. They don't want to get in the way of your initial funding. They are a partner and can help if you reach out to call and ask.</p> <p>Katie: She agreed with Don. The MRC can do the projects it has capacity and funding for. Katie is paid directly by the Commission, to work on Commission grants. She has the leeway to work outside of that, but then it comes down to a capacity issue. Ideally, they will have a part-time person on board soon, but until then, she's isn't available for building out project ideas or writing grant proposals outside of the NWSF grant projects. Whether NWSF or NWSF funded, the MRC should approve any project that's happening, because we're a team and we have a limited amount of man hours.</p> <p>Betsy: <i>Would Katie's time be something we could use a an In-Kind match for funding the in the future?</i></p> <p>Don Yes. Volunteer time can also be funded out. The rate is set nationally at \$32/hour.</p> <p>He doesn't want to push anything, just wants to be a collaborative partner.</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS Watch for future announcements on these</p> <p><b>Caroline Gibson Scholars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, March 29, Padilla Bay</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring Celebration in May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larrabee State Park</li> <li>• Hands on volunteer project</li> <li>• Picnic lunch</li> <li>• Opportunity to connect with Foundation</li> </ul>		
<p>PORT of PT UPDATES</p>	<p><b>Port of PT UPDATES</b> (Commissioner Carol Hasse)</p> <p>PORT DAYS/MARITIME DAYS</p> <p>Meeting at the state Capitol with Reps &amp; Senators Specifically, Reps. Steve Tharinger, Mike Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casey Six Killer, head of Dept of Ecology, spoke to them about his new job which is to protect the environment and assist in permitting and compliance. He was uncertain about it since it was the day that Federal funding was cut for everything.</li> <li>• Carol learned our State was the first in the nation to have environmental regulations, w/ Governor Dan Evans.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Later in the day they learned that effect of no funding was that at end of our state legislative session, April 27<sup>th</sup>--WA state would be bankrupt the next day. It emphasized how important our federal funding is.</li> <li>• <b>BOATYARD EXPANSION PROJECT</b> They discussed this w/ Reps Tharinger and Chapman. At the time of the meeting, the Reps felt that the project was already in the State budget, so, so the Port plans to move forward on it.</li> <li>• They are working to gather another 4.1 acres for the boatyard.</li> <li>• <b>STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b> will be built this year and has the capacity to take care of the expansion and the run-off from Sims Way.</li> <li>• <b>RURAL LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK</b> They asked for funding to help with development of this on Jefferson Co. airport land.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eco industrial park</li> <li>○ Timber works collective would be a part of that.</li> <li>○ Sustainable and local businesses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>UNION WHARF ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add a couple of dolphins to protect the Pier</li> <li>○ Allow a plug in to allow cold ironing and to support small scale cruise ships that come to PT.</li> <li>○ Replace outdated oil, baseboard and electric heat at PT Hudson with modern HVAC systems in all remaining buildings.</li> <li>○ Pavilion &amp; Cupola house is complete, but others need upgrading.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>HERB BECK REVITALIZATION PROJECT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replacing creosote pilings and existing floats</li> <li>○ Dredge and use dredge spoils for nourishing the beach. Sarah has been working on that. Goal is to have a public beach down there.</li> <li>○ Last request was linear dock replacement- the long dock near the breakwater.</li> <li>○ Carol is still pushing for solar panels on the roof and a microgrid capacity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Betsy <i>What mitigation is happened on expansion into wetland near Larry Scott Trail at the Port?</i></p> <p>Carol The Port has credits for the work we did on the PT Jetty. What we are doing is permissible w/out needing to trade anything away. She will ask Aaron for clarification on that. It may be enough that the Port is taking care of the Sims Way runoff.</p>		
<p>BoCC UPDATE</p>	<p><b>BoCC UPDATE</b> (Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour)</p> <p><b>SHORELINE SMP PROCESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still working towards February end date, nothing has changed since last month.</li> </ul> <p><b>FEDERAL FUNDING LANDSCAPE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very unsure right now. The cards have been thrown in the air and are coming down very slowly.</li> <li>• The \$35 million Recompete Grant that Clallam &amp; Jefferson Co got together to do Economic Development work. There were six components of work on that. Since this was a pilot program, it's the most very tenuous.</li> <li>• Job offers are being rescinded, dicey time on Federal funding front.</li> </ul> <p><b>STATE</b> Heidi is on the Shoreline Hearings Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She heard a case last month re: incomplete shoreline conditional use permit in Lacey, WA (Thurston county).</li> <li>• Central issue was the Retention of concrete patio constructed in the shoreline setback met the criteria of the shoreline variance permit.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An astounding amount of time &amp; energy went into that case, and then it was dismissed. She It is challenging when you are assigned to a State Board, spent many days studying and it's dismissed due to an admin or procedural reason.</li> <li>• Its an interesting board though</li> </ul> <p>ROADS ON WEST END</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying find funding to fix the upper Hoh road and the south shore of Lake Quinnault road. No funding to fix them. They have designs and contractos ready to do the repairs. Need \$1.3 million to fix those 2 roads.</li> <li>• Damage was from the late December series of storms which washed the roads out.</li> </ul> <p>JEFFERSON AQUATIC COLATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey recently released for public feedback</li> <li>• Important issue for our cohort in the County</li> <li>• Take survey on website:  <a href="https://www.jeffcoaquaticcoalition.org/">https://www.jeffcoaquaticcoalition.org/</a></li> </ul> <p>LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR COUNTY</p> <p>She's in the Capitol every two weeks through mid-May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County and the City are working on a redesign of Mill Road (gateway to town). Just now working on the funding for design &amp; prep work. Rep. Adam Berbaum is on the Transportation committee in Olympia. She is working closely with him on this request. for this project.</li> <li>• Heidi is working on twenty different bills currently, half of them are housing related.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Short term rentals, mid-income housing, homeless housing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Solid Waste--Two competing proposals for recycling in the state             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One is a Producer Responsibility bill, the other is a Study Bill.</li> <li>○ People aren't aligning behind one yet. It's early days of the session.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public Defense Funding             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not marine resources related, but very important to the community.</li> <li>○ Sorely underfunded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• House Bill 1631             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kelp Forests as our official marine forests</li> <li>○ Tharinger &amp; Bernbaum have signed on</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Companion Bills             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Impacts of burrowing shrimp on bottom culture shellfish farming through integrated pest managaement research. Also supported by Tharinger &amp; Bernbaum</li> <li>○ Bill to eliminate the economic market for farmed Octopus. Sponsored by Adam Bernbaum</li> <li>○ Petition to Congress to modify the MarinSe Mammal Protection act to allow States and Tribes to use adaptive management tools.</li> <li>○ Bill to establish Puget Sound Non- spot Shrimp Fishery license</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>RECENT MEETING REPORTS AND ISSUE UPDATES</p>	<p><b>NWSC meeting update</b> (Jeff)</p> <p>Staffing changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elsa Schwartz – Rep for Island Co., Chair of the Science Advisory</li> <li>• Nan Mckay and Julia Parish have retired, replaced by Emily Grayson</li> <li>• Allie Simpson presented the Norms for Courageous Conversations VI program (see their minutes)</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorization did not go through, did not pass Congress. It was tied into an Oceans bill. He's not sure why it did not pass.</li> <li>• It is being resubmitted again.</li> </ul> <p>Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamie Stevenson is on External Relations committee</li> <li>• Question he receives frequently: "Are you making good use of the funds we are giving you?"</li> <li>• It looks bad if you send funds back...if you don't use them..</li> <li>• We should try to use the funds available to us.</li> <li>• If we can't use funds, it can affect other MRC's.</li> </ul> <p>Redefining the NWS initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A frank discussion</li> <li>• Next step is to meet with NWSF board</li> <li>• Tim Ellis will be contacting Don</li> </ul>		
<p>CURRENT and UPCOMING PROJECTS</p>	<p>FORAGE FISH (Dabob – Quilcene Sarah/Brenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week sampled for the first time in Quilcene</li> <li>• Betsy asked about work at Fort Worden</li> <li>• Troy hadn't heard anything</li> <li>• Janette mentioned that WDFW gave them their feedback and they had questions. She needs to reconvene the committee. We've missed this cycle, so it will be the next one. Probably at the end of this year. Nothing on immediate horizon.</li> </ul> <p>OLYMPIA OYSTERS (Neil)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He needs to work with Katie on projects</li> <li>• They plan to spread shell April 1 in Discovery Bay. He will talk w/ Nam @ WDFW if they can help—maybe get 4-5 people to help out that day</li> <li>• Betsy asked re: follow-up with the Port Ludlow man from the last meeting. Neil said he's been in contact with them and will make a site visit at some point.</li> </ul> <p>KELP (Emily)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She recently attended NWSC Kelp Kayak Survey Data Review</li> <li>• Group review of Kelp Kayaking results from all the MRC's</li> <li>• Invited Researchers to speak</li> <li>• It's was good webinar, recording is available here: <a href="https://vimeo.com/1053208180/009305331c">https://vimeo.com/1053208180/009305331c</a></li> </ul> <p>EELGRASS BUOYS (Troy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Month or two before summer bouys go back out</li> <li>• Gordons gave a presentation to the Strait ERN (Ecosystem Recovery Network).</li> </ul> <p>RAIN GARDENS (Janette)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday was a good work day, she thinks Saturday is better than a weekday.</li> <li>• She received an email from someone Uptown interested in getting "community members to work on the rain gardens." Janette is communicating with the person.</li> <li>• Betsy asked if the person was a Master Gardener...Janette doesn't think so.</li> </ul> <p>ROV CRAB POTS (Jeff, Tim) TIM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff &amp; him talked at length where this might be going. MRC will take on the project this year with Ben Griner. School district is out of the picture—it's too difficult.</li> <li>• He's been talking to a Programmer (community member) on how the project can continue on and how to involve the students, community members and possibly school districts.</li> <li>• He wants kids to be involved with something that would give intergenerational experience, career exploration, job skill sets and tie in with the MRC community.</li> <li>• Can he pursue funding for that—to develop something?</li> <li>• They also toured NW Lab in Sequim dn they use a pre-made ROV. Can pickup crab pots with 180 meters. \$10-15K. He's not sure it can handle our currents.</li> <li>• He would like to get everyone who is interested and have a face-to-face meeting.</li> </ul>		

	<p>JEFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROV's are 'having a moment'.</li> <li>• Skagit and Island Counties are doing ROV based projects. Based on Sea Dragons, it shows that it is do-able with student and community groups.</li> <li>• They talked to Foundation about it, Jason Morgan is interested and has a grant &amp; is purchasing Two Blue Robotics ROV's for working with communities. He thinks it's getting a little confusing for WDFW and the permits with all of the organizations, individuals, MRC's, etc...</li> <li>• They are having a meeting to discuss this.</li> <li>• Wondering if there should be more outreach ...with groups like Sea Dragons and Tim's group.</li> </ul> <p>Carol: <i>She remembers hearing that it was difficult to distinguish crab pots from tires when viewed from aloft. She's heard that there is a State program where they can come get tires. They have a lot of tires out at Shorts' farm and the State will come get them.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current plan is to work in Killisut Harbor, Jason will do a sonar scan. The Navy approves, as long as there is not landing on Indian island. It's hard to get a contract if you don't know if you have money or not.</li> <li>• Gordon offered to be part of the meeting re: how to do it.</li> <li>• Sarah was interested too.</li> <li>• Jeff will send out an email.</li> </ul> <p>Emily: <i>Who is doing the removal in Killisut Harbor? Is that a contract? Is the equipment the problem or getting students involved?</i></p> <p>Jeff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract is for Ben, his boat and his ROV, which is a Blue Robotics.</li> <li>• Students will be on the boat and learning how to operate it</li> <li>• Jason Morgan wants to come over as well to watch since he is buying his own equipment.</li> </ul> <p>Emily: <i>The goal would be the MRC to have it's own robotics equipment or have the students build it. Rather than renting equipment.</i></p> <p>Tim: <i>Thinks this would be the last year for that.</i></p> <p>Jeff: <i>The background is that MRC had a grant, and they had to use it this year. They decided to have Tim run it with the student group. Going forward, there are all sort of opportunities for community involvement.</i></p> <p>Jason can't cover all the crab pots that need to be removed. Communities could have "Adopt-a-bay" program possibly? Details are murky right now.</p> <p>Katie: <i>Is there liability related to owning an ROV. Insurance, etc.?</i></p> <p>Jeff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge can of worms</li> <li>• It may be better for the Foundation may own it, but the concern is the Foundation likes to drive projects, and this is an MRC project.</li> <li>• MRC could build one</li> <li>• For MRC to do capitol equipment is kind of a mess.</li> </ul> <p>Gordon: <i>If we had an ROV we would need a boat.</i></p> <p>Tim: <i>It may be best to have the ROV through another venue, or for the students to build it and store it.</i></p> <p>Jeff: <i>The Storm Surge reports from this winter are into Sound IQ.</i></p> <p>EDUCATION &amp; OUTREACH (Brenda)          Reorganizing subcommittee.          They decided to divide up Education &amp; Outreach tasks more formally than in the past. Brenda has stepped in to be the person overseeing the subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betsy – WBF outreach</li> <li>• Sarah – Education Field Classes and Tabling at events.</li> <li>• Roy Clark – lead at Crabber Outreach, will be under this E&amp;O subcommittee.</li> <li>• Brenda – interpretive signs around area, inventory of outreach materials is up to date</li> </ul>		
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	<p>BETSY: WOODEN BOAT FEST PREP</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft list of speakers</li> <li>• Who to invite</li> <li>• Need to reach out by end of February</li> <li>• Dynamic speakers will be a good draw</li> <li>• Then they wont have to have as many speakers.</li> <li>• If anyone has ideas and thoughts on potential speakers, let Betsy know.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoping for funds from Sea Grant</li> <li>• Getting budget together,</li> <li>• Bigger tent will cost more money. Doesn't have budget number yet.</li> </ul> <p>Brenda : <i>Is there chance WBF would comp the MRC?</i></p> <p>Betsy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sea Grant gave us add'l funding</li> <li>• WBF comped us the tent and table and chairs last year</li> <li>• They covered registration, T-Shirts for speakers.</li> <li>• Expensive but we reached over 1000 people last year.</li> <li>• WBF has been generous.</li> </ul> <p>Gordon: <i>Sea Grant is funded nationally, correct? We should be thinking of what we can keep going if we have no money. We need to be aware of new screwball reality.</i></p> <p>Emily CONNECTIVITY FAIR...MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there interest for MRC to have a table there?</li> <li>• Great opportunity to get more Rain Garden interest, etc...</li> <li>• Anyone interested in local Youth position for next year</li> <li>• Support or interest? Emily is happy to do it.</li> <li>• Free to have a table</li> </ul> <p>Brenda: <i>MRC was represented there before. She thinks it's worthwhile.</i> Katie: <i>WSU talking about going too.</i> Emily noted for folks to put in the chat if they are interested.</p> <p>OTHER MRC PROJECTS</p> <p>SHORELINE LANDOWNER OUTREACH (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon Waggoner is leading Shore friendly site visit Port Ludlow, Thursday, 2/06 at 3p.</li> <li>• Reach out to him in chat</li> </ul> <p>KELP SUBCOMMITTEE (Brad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion in Kelp group if they want to increase activities. They decided that Kelp Surveys should continue</li> <li>• Seeing the data from many years convinced them it was worthwhile.</li> <li>• Do they want to do additional things besides Kelp surveys?</li> <li>• Most discussion has only been two people. Would like to have other voices heard.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there another opportunity to make additional measurements at that site?</li> <li>• Other groups are making measurements. Do we have an opportunity to make measurements that can be compared to the two platforms? PSRF &amp; the DNR that are already there.</li> <li>• Or do we look at other sites?</li> <li>• Why is Kelp at glass beach doing less well than kelp at traditional site?</li> <li>• No comprehensive plan putting this together.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drone work? Feeling is that DNR is already doing drone work. A lot can be learned from drones. Drone footage is just as good or better than perimeters drawn by Kayak group. They will continue meeting.</li> <li>• They pitched first ideas with Jeff Hoody and Dana Oster and will continue with them.</li> </ul> <p>Betsy: <i>Are you looking at Kelp county wide with MRC or just North Beach?</i></p>		
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	<p>Brad: Westish from North Beach...Glass Beach. If we were to include that area it would need more resources. Discussing if they can do that.</p> <p>Jeff: <i>Chris Kelly &amp; Wayne are looking at Drone surveys in that area.</i></p> <p>DEI UPDATES (Emily) Subcommittee (Neil, Emily and Katie) is working on....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed originally to think about DEI issues: ages, etc...</li> <li>• Creating a Youth Position was the first major outcome of DEI subcommittee to get more representation from our county.</li> <li>• Strait ERN had money they funnelled to MRC to hire a consultant USAWA             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Broad brush strokes thinking of DEI. Where can they be more inclusive across the board?</li> <li>○ They had several meetings with her.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Focus of work with Tonia (USAWA) is thinking about the monthly meetings—the public meetings             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Take a closer look at how the meetings are structured, flow of information</li> <li>○ Are there ways to make them more engaging to our community? More friendly to the public eye.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look at other MRC agendas, how do they run their meetings             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tweak the agenda and the flow.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ask everyone what works well, areas for change?</li> </ul> <p>Neil added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus of work is community engagement, so people know about MRC Know the events are happening.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Long Range Goals:</li> <li>○ Engage a wider slice of the community</li> <li>○ Garner a larger cohort that could eventually become volunteers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p><b>Public Comments</b> None</p>		
<p>MRC ROUND TABLE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p><b>Future Agenda Topics / Speaker Suggestion</b></p> <p>Jeff: Is anyone looking into the loosening of the Salmon Protections bill? Possible topic in the future.</p> <p>Neil: Someone from WDFW office in PT to give an overview of what they do there.</p> <p>Pacific NW Crab Research Group meeting was last week, Heather Gordon was the notetaker, she's a grad student in British Columbia Great presentation on her master's thesis Get her on the list...even though it may take awhile.</p> <p>Carol: Environmental Engineering to minimize carbon in our ocean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove acid from our oceans. Ideas were dumping limestone, shoreline, take out by ships, etc... Port of Port Angelse has teamed with PNNL to do the second</li> <li>• Electrolytic separation of hydrogen from oxygen in the water molecules. Lowering the acidity...there is some industrial use.</li> <li>• We may want to follow that project, what are the effects on sea life?</li> </ul> <p>Speaker with MRC connections to speak about Orca.</p> <p><b>Future Agenda Topics / Speaker Suggestions, cont...</b></p> <p>Brenda: Potential speakers: Steve King, John Morrow to come again re: sewage outfall In 2022 said they would keep us posted.</p> <p>White Paper <i>How to Improve DV Removal Program</i> prepared by Defenders of Wildlife (the person is a City Planner in Tacoma Report and has many great ideas. Brenda will find his name and send it to Katie, she will share white paper too.</p>		

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	<p>EVENTS:</p> <p><b>Lecture: Extreme Habitats of the Deep Sea</b> Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Fort Worden Chapel</p> <p><b>Love Your Earth Cupid Cleanup</b> Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Beach Cleanup, Downtown PT Meeting at Haines P&amp;R 10:00 am – 12:00pm</p> <p><b>Art with Porpoise in March</b> A series of art events at the Marine Science Center 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</p>		
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. Next meeting will be March 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Neil moved to adjourn, seconded by Brenda. Motion passed.	