



**ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA BILL**

MEETING DATE: 10/27/14

CONSENT AGENDA
 REGULAR AGENDA
 PUBLIC HEARING/MTG
C-93-14
 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE NO

DEPARTMENT: Island County Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION: *(if applicable)*

STAFF CONTACT: Keith Higman, Michele Tefft

AGENDA SUBJECT: Resolution #C - - 14

RESOLUTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES SECTION RESOLUTION #C-63-01 FOR THE ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

WORK SESSION DATE: *(if applicable)* October 15, 2014

Recognizing the need to amend the Operations and Procedures for the Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC), Resolution #C 13- 14 replaces Resolution #C-63-01.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approve/Adopt
- Schedule Public Hearing/Meeting
- Continue Public Hearing/Meeting
- Information/Discussion
- Other *(describe)* Chair Signature

SUGGESTED MOTION:

[BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF BOARD]

BOCC ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- TABLED/DEFERRED/NO ACTION TAKEN
- CONTINUED TO DATE: ___/___/___ TIME: _____
- OTHER _____

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND
OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES SECTION
OF RESOLUTION C-63-01
FOR THE ISLAND COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
_____)

RESOLUTION C-93-14

WHEREAS, the Board of Island County Commissioners adopted Resolution C-79-99 on June 28, 1999 establishing the Operations and Procedures for the Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC), and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Island County Commissioners adopted Resolution C-63-01 on May 7, 2001 amending the Operations and Procedures for the Island County Marine Resources Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Operations and Procedures of the Marine Resources Committee need to be amended; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Island County Commissioners does hereby replace Resolution C-63-01 Marine Resources Committee Operations and Procedures Exhibit "A" with Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED the _____ day of October, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jill Johnson, Chair

Helen Price Johnson, Member

Aubrey Vaughan, Member

Attest:

Debbie Thompson
Clerk of the Board

Exhibit "A"

OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Membership:

There shall be a total of 13 voting members of the Marine Resources Committee. The members of the MRC may petition the Island County Board of Commissioners to have more seats to better ensure adequate representation to achieve the work plan of the MRC. Within the 13 members, there shall be an attempt to have equal representation from all three commissioner districts. The MRC shall elect a Chairperson and such other officers and committee heads as needed. Any number of ex-officio members may be designated by the MRC as technical advisors. The Chair of the Board of Island County Commissioners or his/her designee shall be an ex-officio member of the MRC.

Membership shall be appointed by the Board of Island County Commissioners as three-year appointments and be staggered so that one-third of the member's appointments expire each year. Committee members may be re-appointed but shall serve no longer than three terms consecutively. Appointments shall run from January 1 to December 31 three years later.

Membership of the MRC shall be unpaid. Expenses may be reimbursed consistent with Island County policy.

Leadership:

Fiscal guidance will be provided by Island County Department of Natural Resources. The Board of Island County Commissioners shall make all appointments to the committee consistent with the membership guidelines as set forth herein.

The committee members of the MRC shall elect a Chair from within its membership.

The MRC shall recommend a member to represent the local MRC on the NW Straits Commission to the Board of Island County Commissioners. The Board of Island County Commissioners shall appoint a member to the NW Straits Commission.

The MRC shall act in an advisory capacity to the County.

Work Plans and Budgets:

Each year the Island County MRC shall adopt a work plan for the upcoming year to include revenue and expenditure budgets for carrying out the work plan. Each year the MRC shall adopt a work plan and proposed budgets for the succeeding year as part of a multi-year plan. The work plan and budget request, appropriate to the mission of the NW Straits Initiative and the requirement of the County, shall be submitted to the NW Straits Commission for approval and funding. The work plan and budgets shall be submitted to the County for approval in early fall each year prior to submittal to the NW Straits Commission. The MRC shall prepare a multi-year technical and financial plan for approval by the County and the NW Straits Commission. The multi-year plan shall be updated annually thereafter.

Each year the MRC shall make an end of the year report to the Board of Island County Commissioners based on the work plan of that year, and shall make interim reports, usually orally, to the Board on request. It shall also report on the status of representation of the MRC, vacancies, and expected vacancies. The MRC chair shall assist the Board of Island County Commissioners to fill any vacancies of the MRC membership.

MRC members shall make themselves available for training opportunities created locally as well as by the NW Straits Commission. Such training shall focus on the issues affecting regional waters, the role of the NW Straits Commission, the role of the county MRCs, research relevant to the regional waters of Northern Puget Sound, state and federal agency roles in the protection and management of marine resources of the NW Straits, and other topics deemed important by the Island County MRC and the NW Straits Commission.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES:

The Board of Island County Commissioners shall make all appointments to the MRC. When soliciting new members and making appointments to the MRC, representation of the following stakeholders shall be considered:

- Tribes
- Science – Marine/Citizen
- NAS Whidbey
- Sports Fishers/Marine Recreational Users
- 2 Ports
- Municipal Planners/Engineers
- Agricultural Interests
- Comm. Fishing/Mariculture
- Conservation/Non-governmental organizations
- Outreach and Education
- Economic/Business Interests

Ex-Officio Members:

In addition to the 13 appointed, voting MRC members, there shall also be three Ex-Officio, non-voting members of the MRC representing: 1) Board of Island County Commissioners; 2) Washington State University Extension; and 3) Island County Department of Natural Resources.

Technical Advisors– non-voting

Technical advisors may be appointed at any time by the MRC in order to provide additional technical skills and knowledge concerning topics of interest, project selection or project implementation. Such advisors may include:

Tribes

Island County Water Resources Committee Representative

Island County Planning and Community Development Representative – Shorelines

Island County Public Works Representative – Stormwater

Island County Lead Entity Coordinator

Whidbey/Snohomish Conservation District Representative