

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for September 4, 2018 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

**Forage Fish Monitoring (Richards):** No updates.

**Pigeon Guillemot Survey (Wood):** The pigeon guillemot summer breeding survey is concluding after a very active season. Over 275 surveys were completed of approximately 1,000 guillemots around Whidbey Island. A full report will be given at the October 2nd meeting of the MRC.

The end-of-season volunteer meeting and potluck is scheduled for October 4th at 6:00 at the Unitarian Church just north of Freeland. Results of the summer survey and a review of the decade of intern data will be presented. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

**Outreach (Bennett):** Update at meeting.

### **Other Reports**

**NW Straits Commission / Foundation (Schwartz):** Update at meeting.

**Shoreline Restoration and Armor Removal (Toledo):** The MRC and NWSF hosted an informational meeting about the potential restoration project at Hidden Beach. About 50 people were in attendance. Andrea MacLennan from Coastal Geologic Services presented on shoreline processes and the initial site assessment. Lisa Kaufman presented on the habitat benefits and estimated project timeline. The NWSF will compile community questions and concerns and respond to them in a document which will be posted to the project webpage at: <https://nwstraitsfoundation.org/project/hidden-beach-shoreline-restoration/>. Next steps would include an in-depth feasibility assessment and possible design options.

**Island Local Integrating Organization (Bennett):** Update at meeting.