

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for July 6, 2021 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

**Forage Fish Monitoring:** WDFW has lost their funding to be able to process MRC forage fish samples. Dana Oster is organizing a call for mid-July to offer more information and possible plan for moving forward. More details to come on this.

**Kelp Monitoring:** Update at meeting.

**Seining:** No updates.

### **Other Reports**

#### **NW Straits Commission/Foundation:**

- Jefferson MRC has offered to impart their lessons learned from their no anchor zone project which will be useful as we explore this in Island County.
- The Commission has developed (after much input from the tribes) a tribal acknowledgement we will now be using at the start of the meetings:
  - We acknowledge the lands we're on today are the ancestral and current homelands of Indigenous Nations who have stewarded them since time immemorial. We respect their sovereignty, support their Treaty rights, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. These Indigenous Nations include the Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Lummi, Makah, Nooksack, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Samish, Stillaguamish, Swinomish, and Tulalip Tribes.
- The External Affairs committee is looking for ways to engage local government officials and is inviting our ideas and suggestions.
- Special acknowledgment was given to Barb Bennett and her work developing the MRC SMP Committee.
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**Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee:** Update at meeting.

**WSU Extension:** Update at meeting.