

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Minutes

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March 5, 2024

ONLINE MEETING

PRESENT: Barbara Bennett, Chair, Jill Lipoti, Vice Chair, Scott Chase, Paul Ben McElwain, Greg Easton, Andi Kopit, Kirk Larsen, Patrick Havel, Kelly Webb, Kes Tautvydas, Ken Collins, Melanie Bacon, Ex officio, Jennifer Schmitz, Ex-officio, Sarah Bergquist, Ex-officio, Kelly Zupich, MRC staff

ABSENT: Note if notified or un-notified –

VISITORS: Clea Barenburg, SRTCC, James Watson, WICD, Allie Feidt, NASWI, Linda Rhodes, Public, Chris Kelley, IC Hydrogeologist, Leah Skare, NWSC

CALL TO ORDER: Jill called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made. **QUORUM:** A quorum was declared. **AGENDA:** The agenda was approved. **MINUTES:** January 9, 2024, and February 6, 2024, minutes approved

TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Correspondence

ISLAND COUNTY DRINKING WATER:

 Chris Kelley, PhD, LG

- Island County regulates water quality and water system design requirements for Group B (3-14 connections), 2-Party, and individual drinking water wells in Island County.
- Installing water meters is required for new systems.
- Median water use was 143 gallons per day per connection for Group A water systems in 2021.
- Distribution system leakage is an issue when it comes to water conservation.
- In April and August of each year, active public water system sources serving more than 2 residential connections located in medium—to very high-risk areas are sampled for chloride and conductivity.

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COMP PLAN FEEDBACK UPDATE:

- The Comp Plan subcommittee has met and worked to develop feedback for the Goals and Policies of the Natural Resources Element.
- We will share the draft with our MRC members to allow a few days for comments.

NWSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES:

- Whatcom County MRC has a water quality monitoring program. Ken will be learning more about their work.
- Our MRC needs to designate an alternate to serve on the NWS Commission in Ken's absence. Kirk has stepped up for the time being. We may discuss further alternates in the future.

Meeting Adjourned 5:59 pm