

# ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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## Project Updates for February 7, 2017 Meeting

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### **NWSC Grant Reports**

Forage Fish Monitoring (Richards/Farrington): No updates.

Pigeon Guillemot Survey (Wood): The MRC has been awarded funds through the Northwest Straits Foundation's Citizen Science Opportunity Fund to help finance a coordinator position. We will be working with the Clallam County MRC and possibly the Whidbey Audubon Society to create this position.

We are preparing a poster to present our data at the International Seabird Conference in Tacoma in February.

### **Other Reports**

NW Straits Commission / Foundation:

*Commission (Adams)*: See attached meeting highlights from 1/27/17 NWSC meeting.

*Foundation (Lenny Corin)*: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding recently awarded to the Foundation for SHARP and restoration at Maylor's Point is not affected by the freeze on EPA grants and contracts. Funds were allocated in 2016 through the regional LIO process, and are coming through the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Lisa is the lead on associated projects beginning in April, and will be working with MRCs to organize landowner workshops, technical site visits, educational outreach etc.

The 2016 audit of the Foundation's financials has been completed and paid for. All went smoothly and there are no changes from last year.

Government funding for derelict gear projects appears stable through 2018. Jason will be working with the MRCs and Commission to ensure consistency in a whole lot of crabber outreach. Most pressing is the need to secure long-term funding for reporting, response, and retrieval of lost nets and pots in Puget Sound. We have meetings upcoming with NOAA and WDFW to discuss.

The next Foundation Board meeting is February 15th. There will be a discussion on the Friendraisers that the Foundation is encouraging MRC's to conduct. Corin is available to help in any way.

Creosote Removal (Turpin): Will update at meeting.

Shoreline Restoration and Armor Removal (Richards/Toledo): Toledo will present about the Shore Friendly program at Sound Waters University.

The Northwest Straits Foundation has been awarded funding to continue regional Shore Friendly work, and is planning their scope of work to include coordination with MRCs, and providing additional workshops, site visits, design, and permitting assistance.

Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee (Thomson): No update.