

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for October 2, 2018 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Eelgrass Monitoring (Tautvydas): No updates.

Kelp Monitoring (Rhodes): Bull kelp surveys were completed by mid-September as the last daytime minus tides ended. We surveyed 5 beds in Island County between May & September, & have a full set of matched visible light/near infrared aerial images for assessment this winter (thanks to Gregg Ridder). Next task is to write this year's summary report for posting on the MRC's project website.

Other Reports

Smith & Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve (Rhodes): Here is a recent view of the kiosk at the Aquatic Reserve.



Sound Water Stewards (Zupich): SWS is wrapping up summer activities, gathering year end reports and completing our strategic plan. We also have many volunteers diligently working on a reboot of the *Getting to the Waters Edge* book, which will feature most of the beach access points in Island county.

WSU Extension (Lawrence): No updates.