

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Minutes

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CORNET BAY RETREAT CENTER

PRESENT: Kelly Zupich, Chair, presiding, Hannah Liss, Vice Chair, Randy Berthold, Scott Chase, Gwendolyn Hannam, Kes Tautvydas, Matt Kukuk, Elsa Schwartz, Lori Clark, IC DNR Manager/Island LIO Coordinator (non-voting), Anna Toledo MRC Coordinator (staff), Ann Prusha (staff) **ABSENT:** Barbara Bennett (notified absence), Michael Bianchi (un-notified absence), Jodi Crimmins (notified absence), Ed Halloran (notified absence), Tim Lawrence (notified absence) Janet St. Clair (notified absence)

VISITORS: Dana Oster, NWS, Katie Harris, NWS, Lucas Hart, NWS

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:10am and welcomed participants. **AGENDA:** The agenda was reviewed. **BUSINESS ITEMS:** None. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY (Hannah): Hannah gave instructions for the activity. On the wall, there were four large sheets with member names and engagement opportunities. Each sheet was its own category, and contained sub-categories. These were:

- **Outreach** (Recruitment, Teaching Children, Tabling, Workshop Facilitation, Presentations, Content Creation, Event Coordination, and Marketing);
- **Monitoring** (Leadership, Analysis, Field Work, and Reporting);
- **Partnerships** (MRC Ex. Com., ILIO, SRTCC, NWS, SWS, WICD, SCD); and
- **Restoration** (Project Opportunity Identification, Liaison/Coordination, Technical Advising, and Volunteer Plantings, Removal, Etc.).

Each member was instructed to indicate where they have strong interest or are willing to participate. They were also given an opportunity to indicate if they are currently in a role that they would like to hand off.

NORTHWEST STRAITS 101 (Lucas): Lucas then presented about Northwest Straits. He spoke to its history, structure, relationship to the MRC, funding, data, and programs.

RESPONDING TO NORTHWEST STRAITS QUESTIONS (Elsa): Elsa then led a discussion on responses to a list of questions from the NWS, provided in advance. This was paused for a 30-minute lunch, and then continued briefly after.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY DEBRIEF (Hannah): Hannah then reviewed the member engagement sheets. She pointed out where categories had been added, made notes, and identified gaps. She also identified who was primarily interested in certain categories and sub-categories.

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GRANT TIMELINES AND OBLIGATIONS (Anna): Anna then reviewed MRC's funding cycles and work plan.

UPCOMING PROJECT NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES (Anna): Anna then reviewed project ideas. A large blank sheet had been placed on the wall for members to fill with project ideas throughout the day. The ideas were:

- Planting a tree (Garry Oak?) for each retiring member
- Crabber education (especially opening day)
- Beach plastics clean-up day (including derelict boats). Explore the possibility of NOAA funding
- Volunteer events such as restoration plantings, removal, etc. Potentially partner with WICD
- Targeted small community focus (shoreline). 1) Issue ID; 2) mobilize interest; 3) implement
- Penn Cove Water Festival participation
- Appreciation for retiring projects
- *Whidbey Weekly* column
- MyCoast training – How to use as well as on-site beach walk/training

COMMUNITY COMMENT FORUM AND Q&A FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.

OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP (Anna): There was then an option for participants to visit two restoration sites – Cornet Bay and Hoypus Point. Anna provided history and potential future plans for these sites.