

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for November 3, 2020 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Forage Fish Monitoring: Monitoring continues at Cornet Bay, Hidden Beach, and Glendale. We completed 5 years of post-restoration monitoring at Ala Spit, and have discontinued monitoring there. Thanks to volunteers Karen Scharer and Matt Colston for monitoring that site!

Monitoring at Seahorse Siesta will resume in November for the winter months (November-February). Hoypus Point will be added as a new site starting this month. Ann Prusha is organizing a volunteer training hosted by Lisa Hillier from WDFW. These new volunteers will assist existing teams at Hidden Beach and Seahorse Siesta, and will likely start sampling at Sunlight Shores as an additional site.

Outreach:

Needs assessment:

The Needs Assessment process is well underway. A team of MRC members will launch interviews in November with plans to conclude interviews by mid-February. The LIO is preparing two questions to be added to the questionnaire and training sessions for the interviewers have helped polish the questions and format. We have extended the schedule to an anticipated final report to the MRC by April, 2021. The MRC Needs Assessment team includes Andi Kopit, Ed Halloran, Randy Berthold, Kelly Zupich, Anna Toledo and Barbara Bennett, Project Lead.

Other Reports

NW Straits Commission/Foundation: Update at meeting.

Island Location Integrating Organization: Update at meeting.

Salmon Recovery Technical & Citizen Committee: Update at meeting.