

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Project Updates for June 1, 2021 Meeting

NWSC Grant Reports

Outreach: Update at meeting.

Hoypus Point: Blue Coast Engineering completed the 90% design for restoration. The project team met with the Multi-Agency Review Team (MART) to discuss how to pilot this project through a streamlined permitting process for nearshore restoration work. Lisa Kaufman is leading the permitting efforts.

Cornet Bay Stewardship: Ann, Gwendolyn, and Anna will be visiting Cornet Bay in June to strategize a watering plan for this summer, as well as assess any needs for future weeding/planting work.

Other Reports

Shore Friendly: We are working both with Herrera Environmental Consultants and Whidbey Island Conservation District to provide technical assistance to several shoreline landowners who have expressed interest in learning about managing their shoreline properties.

Sound Water Stewards:

- 1) The Sound Water Stewards 2021 class training finished May 20th, and will be resuming in fall 9/9 – 10/21. Small groups within the class are working on different projects, one being recreational crabber information. MRC and Northwest Straits will be providing them some materials to hand out.
- 2) The Stewardship Committee has continued offering beach cleanups on both islands, which have been successful.
- 3) Intertidal Monitoring has been taking place at various locations on both islands, where it has taken place annually for many years. Numerous Community Science (aka Citizen Science) projects have continued on both islands.
- 4) Digging4Dinner@Double Bluff Beach will take place several times in June and in July.
- 5) There are now a large number of original educational videos that have been produced by Sound Water Stewards Educational Committee. Be sure to check out our offerings at: [Education Videos - Sound Water Stewards](#)
- 6) Volunteers and staff have been working on how Sound Waters University will be held in 2022.

Island Local Integrating Organization: Update at meeting.