

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Minutes

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VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Barbara Bennett, Chair, Jill Lipoti, Vice Chair, Scott Chase, Kes Tautvydas, Andi Kopit, Paul Ben McElwain, Patrick Havel, Ken Collins, Kelly Webb, Kelly Zupich, MRC staff, Melanie Bacon, Ex-officio

ABSENT: Note if notified or un-notified - Melanie Bacon, Ex-officio, notified, Elsa Schwartz, notified

VISITORS: Dana Oster, NWSC, Carlie Miller, Water Quality, Linda Rhodes, Technical Advisor

CALL TO ORDER: Jill called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made. **QUORUM:** A quorum was declared. **AGENDA:** The agenda was approved. **MINUTES:** The February 7, 2023, minutes were approved.

TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We acknowledge the lands we're on today are the ancestral and current homelands of Indigenous Nations who have stewarded them since time immemorial. We respect their sovereignty, support their Treaty rights, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. These Indigenous Nations include the Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Lummi, Makah, Nooksack, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Samish, Stillaguamish, Swinomish, and Tulalip Tribes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Stillaguamish Tribe reached out to meet regarding the Port Susan area and mapping and removing creosote.
- WA Sea Grant reached out to send materials and resources about Green Crab Trapping. Our MRC is interested in getting an update on Green Crab in our region. Kelly Z will request a presentation.

KELP & EELGRASS RECOVERY: Linda Rhodes

- International (Cross-border) Kelp Node
 - Work groups have quarterly meetings. Which provide documents and resources for review.
 - Aims: Advance kelp conservation, management, and recovery in shared BC & WA waters by implementing and expanding collective actions through working groups and linked kelp science activities
 - <https://quadrecenter.org/meetings/kelp-node-working-group>
 - Kelp and eelgrass have been added to the PSP Vital signs

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- <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/kelp-and-eelgrass-plan>
- <https://kelp-canopy-vital-sign-for-puget-sound-wadnr.hub.arcgis.com/>

COORDINATOR REPORT:

- The MRC recommends Kirk Larsen for MRC Membership. Barbara moved to approve the Kirk. Ken seconded.
- The MRC recommends Greg Easton for MRC Membership. Barbara moved to approve the Kirk. Scott seconded.
- My Coast: New sites to work on adding Hidden Beach, Cama Beach, Libbey Beach

PROJECT PLANNING:

- **See Draft Budget Document**
- MRC Staff will work to continue to work on getting final numbers for the cost of the different projects and finalize the budget. Staff will also work with project leads to write the grant proposals.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50p