

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, PaulBen 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:

CALL TO ORDER: Barbara called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made. **QUORUM:** A quorum was declared. **AGENDA:** The agenda was approved. **MINUTES:** None

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.

COORDINATOR REPORT:

- Whidbey 101 was a success and volunteers got to meet and great with a decent crowd of folks. The volunteers manned the booth had ideas for improving the display for the next event. Some of the ideas were to have nametags for volunteers, more signage showing who we are, and a QR code for the public to reach our site easy. Kelly will work on adding these and other items to the display. Additionally, the MRC will be purchasing new equipment and display items as part of a grant.
- In collaboration with the SWSD (South Whidbey School District) ALE Program we got the opportunity to take a group of middle school students to learn about how to collect forage fish data. It was a great time, and we look forward to further work with that program.
- The Penn Cove Festival is coming up and the MRC booth needs a few more volunteers. Kelly is getting everything prepared and ready.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30p