

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Minutes

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WHIDBEY/HYBRID MEETING

PRESENT: Jill Lipoti, Chair, Kelly Webb, Vice Chair, Scott Chase, PaulBen McElwain, Greg Easton, Patrick Havel, Kelly Webb, Ken Collins, Andi Kopit, Kes Tautvydas, Ex-officio, Kelly Zupich, MRC staff

ABSENT: Note if notified or un-notified – Melanie Bacon, notified, Jennifer Schmitz, notified

VISITORS: Sasha Horst, NWSC, James Watson, WICD, Jessica Reed, Watershed Planner, Renee Zavas-Silva, Surface Water Quality, Caitlyn Blair, NWSC, Clea Barenburg, Salmon Recovery, Allie Feidt, NASWI

CALL TO ORDER: Jill called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Introductions were made. **QUORUM:** A quorum was declared. **AGENDA:** The agenda was approved. **MINUTES:** N/A

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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The town of Langley is requesting a letter of support for a culvert replacement project led by Meredith Penny. The MRC voted to write a letter of support for this project.
- Barbara Bennett will represent the Island MRC during the NWSI meeting with Senator Murray. She will share her talking points with the MRC to get feedback.

DERELICT VESSEL PROPOSAL:

- 2 Program goals:
 - Moving to proactive role instead of just reactive. This would entail creating an education plan.
 - Be the entity that fills the gap between what is considered an ADV vs. marine debris. There is currently no organization in our area that will remove large marine debris.
- Kelly Webb is working on a decision tree that will hopefully help folks to know who to contact if they find a derelict vessel.

COMP PLAN UPDATE:

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- The subcommittee team is working on finalizing the Economic Development and Capital Facilities elements.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00pm