

ISLAND COUNTY MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Minutes

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May 7, 2024

CAMANO/HYBRID MEETING

PRESENT: Barbara Bennett, Chair, Jill Lipoti, Vice Chair, Scott Chase, Paul Ben McElwain, Greg Easton, Kirk Larsen, Patrick Havel, Kelly Webb, Ken Collins, Andi Kopit, Jennifer Schmitz, Ex-officio, Kelly Zupich, MRC staff

ABSENT: Note if notified or un-notified – Kes Tautvydas, notified, Melanie Bacon, notified, Sarah Bergquist, un-notified,

VISITORS: Clea Barenburg, SRTCC, James Watson, WICD, Paul Williams, SWS, Jessica Reed, Watershed Planner, Allie Feidt, NASWI, Michael Beech, IC Planning, Shawn Morris, PH Director, Krista Loercher, Public, Chris Kelley, IC Hydrogeologist, Lauren Ode-Giles, Herrera Environmental, Andrea MacLennan, Herrera Environmental, Jonathan Lange, IC Planning Director,

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:** April 2, 2024, minutes approved

TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

- The MRC voted to present the White Paper at the Leadership Council on June 5th, 2024.

SALMON RECOVERY PROJECTS UPDATE:

 Clea Barenburg

- 24-1118 Whidbey Camano Land Trust Acquisition of Sherman property at Livingston Bay
- 24-1274 Tulalip Tribes Cultus Bay Fish Passage
- 24-1117 Island County Public Works Race Lagoon Culvert replacements
- 24-1119 Whidbey Camano Land Trust Double Bluff Acquisition
- The MRC will review the projects and vote to decide which projects they want to send letters of recommendation for.

SHORELINE ARMORING SURVEY REORT:

Please see presentation at the end of the minutes.

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NWSC REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES:

- Vessel turn-in events in San Juan and Skagit County.
- NWSC Meeting taking place at Camano Island Library on May 31st.

FLOATING KELP MAPPING PROPOSAL: DNR

- MRC Voted to share our support for this project to become Coalition members.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/SHORLINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATES:

- The Comp. Plan subcommittee has decided to submit comments on all of the elements.

TRIBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- We voted to adjust our Tribal Acknowledgement to a shorter version to be more inclusive.
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Meeting Adjourned 6:00 pm