

Chapter 2.800

MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2.800.010 Advisory committee established.

The Snohomish county marine resources advisory committee is hereby established as an advisory body to the county council and executive.

(Added Ord. 04-091, Sept. 22, 2004, Eff. date Oct. 2, 2004; Reenacted by Amended Ord. 09-090, Sept. 2, 2009, Eff date Sept. 18, 2009)

2.800.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the marine resources advisory committee is to address local marine issues and recommend remedial actions to the council, executive and, where requested by the council or executive, to other local governmental entities and tribes, guided by sound science and the needs of the marine ecosystem.

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2.800.030 Duties and responsibilities.

(1) The marine resources advisory committee shall serve in an advisory role to the county council and executive on one or more of the following matters, as requested:

- (a) Achieving a net gain in highly ecologically productive nearshore, inter-tidal and estuarine habitat within the county, as well as preventing significant loss of existing, high-value habitat;
- (b) Achieving a net reduction in the number of shellfish harvest areas within the county closed due to contamination;
- (c) Contributing to measurable increases in factors supporting bottom fish recovery (such as rockfish), including numbers of fish of broodstock size and age, average fish size, and abundance of prey species, as well as sufficient amounts and quality of protected habitat;
- (d) Contributing to increases in other key marine indicator species;
- (e) Identifying the local implications, needs and possible strategies associated with the recovery of Puget Sound salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act in concert with federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes;
- (f) Identifying and recommending local candidate sites for designation as marine protection areas (MPAs), consistent with a scientifically-based regional system of MPAs;
- (g) Building public awareness on such issues as the link between healthy marine habitat and healthy resources and how MPAs can play an important role in habitat and resource protection;

- (h) Working with the federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes to help map, assess, and protect nearshore habitat and prevent harm from upland and shoreline activities through local and state regulations and planning efforts;
- (i) Creating and maintaining a scientific database on marine resources, including a scientific baseline, common protocols, a unified geographic information system (GIS) and shared ecosystem assessments and research;
- (j) Providing assistance to federal, state and local governmental entities and tribes in assessing the status of marine resources and factors of their decline;
- (k) Identifying, prioritizing and recommending current and future remedial measures;
- (l) Working with local government leaders to implement local marine conservation and restoration initiatives; and
- (m) Coordinating with the Northwest Straits Commission on marine ecosystem objectives.

(2) The marine resources advisory committee may collaborate with and assist county agencies in preparing, reviewing, prioritizing and recommending grant applications to the Northwest Straits Commission prior to submittal. The marine resources advisory committee may also collaborate with county agencies to develop grant applications to federal, state and local entities and tribes to address local marine issues.

(3) The marine resources advisory committee shall report annually to the county council and executive on its activities and progress in achieving its goals.

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2.800.040 Membership.

(1) Chapter 2.03 SCC shall govern membership on the marine resources advisory committee, provided that candidates for appointment may be recommended by the executive or individual council members, subject to appointment by the county council. The marine resources advisory committee shall annually elect a chairperson by simple majority vote. The marine resources advisory committee shall establish bylaws and a regular meeting schedule. The county executive may provide staff support to the committee to the extent that the executive deems appropriate.

(2) The marine resources advisory committee shall be composed of no more than thirteen members with balanced representation from individuals with relevant experience or scientific expertise representing:

- (a) local governments;
- (b) affected economic interests;
- (c) recreational, conservation or environmental interests;

- (d) local tribal governments; and
- (e) no more than two citizens at large.

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2.800.050 Terms.

All positions shall serve three-year terms, except for the initial terms which shall be established by ordinance. A member shall not serve more than three consecutive terms on the committee.

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2.800.060 Vacancies.

A vacancy occurring as a result of an expired term shall be filled as provided by Chapter 2.03 SCC. Vacancies occurring for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office shall be filled by appointment of the county council for the duration of the unexpired term of the office being filled.

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2.800.900 Sunset.

This chapter is repealed effective on the date five years following reenactment (September 2, 2014) unless reenacted prior to that date, as provided in Snohomish County Charter Section 2.115.

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