

# Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Summary

April 19, 2017 6:30-8:30PM

3000 Rockefeller Ave, Snohomish County Campus, Everett WA 98201  
Admin East Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

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| <p><b>MRC Members Present</b><br/>         Franchesca Perez<br/>         Sarah Brown<br/>         Traci Sanderson<br/>         Deborah Hopkins<br/>         Paul Clampitt<br/>         Mike Ehlebracht<br/>         Cathy Stanley<br/>         Bob Hillmann<br/>         Tom Doerge<br/>         Laura Gurley<br/>         Susan Tarpley</p> <p><b>Absent</b><br/>         Craig Wollam (excused)</p> | <p><b>Staff, Presenters, and Others</b><br/>         Kathleen Pozarycki, Snohomish County MRC Lead Staff<br/>         Elisa Dawson, Snohomish County MRC Planner</p> <p>Christie Heyer, Citizen<br/>         David Bain, Citizen</p> |
| <p><b>Summary of Decisions</b></p> <p>The MRC approved the March 15, 2017 MRC Meeting Summary.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next forage fish sampling will be in June 2017.</li> <li>• MRC grant presentation to the Northwest Straits Commission is April 28.</li> <li>• Kayak Point Regional Park Public Meeting April 27.</li> </ul>  |  |

**Welcome and Introductions**

Franchesca Perez opened the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) meeting with a quorum at 6:35pm. Franchesca asked the meeting participants to go around the room and introduce themselves.

David Bain introduced himself and announced that there will be a Ribbon Cutting for the North Creek Forest on April 28 from 9:30-1PM. The event will celebrate the acquisition of the 64-acre North Creek Forest by the City of Bothell. There will be festivities including a forest tour following the ceremony. Governor Jay Inslee is the Guest of Honor. North Creek Forest is located at 112th Ave NE and NE 202nd St. Bothell

Christie Heyer introduced herself as a recent graduate interested in the work of the MRC. She is attending the meeting as general public.

**Approval of MRC Meeting Summary**

Paul Clampitt made a motion to approve the March 15, 2017 MRC Meeting Summary. Susan Tarpley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **MRC Grant for 2017/2018: Ocean Literacy Project**

Sarah Brown discussed the MRC Grant for 2017/2018 which will be the Ocean Literacy and Engagement Project. For this grant, The Snohomish County MRC will increase ocean literacy and engage the audience in local citizen-science based data gathering by sponsoring ocean science films to the public, paired with an information session on the MyCoast website and smart-phone companion application. The event will be held in Snohomish County including one in South Snohomish County and one in the Northern/Everett Area, as well as a minimum of six schools. After the film there will be a call to action which encourages the audience to take part in gathering data through the MyCoast App. The group continues to edit the grant draft. The MRC will present their draft to the Northwest Straits Commission on April 28, 2017.

### **MRC Subcommittees**

Kathleen reviewed the subcommittee membership chart with the MRC. Kathleen asked for the MRC members to review their membership and let her know if there are any changes. The MRC discussed creating a new subcommittee which would include the MyCoast App, the Storm Surge Project, and the 2017/2018 MRC Grant. The MRC also suggested making a subcommittee for the website. Kathleen will update the MRC subcommittee chart.

Executive Subcommittee: Franchesca reported that the Snohomish MRC made their annual presentation to Snohomish County Council on April 18, 2017. MRC Chair Franchesca Perez and MRC Co-Chairs Traci Sanderson and Sarah Brown attended. MRC staff Kathleen Pozarycki and Elisa Dawson were also present. Tom Hoban, a former Snohomish MRC Member, also attended the presentation. Franchesca Perez presented the 2016 projects and accomplishments to the Snohomish County Council. Councilmembers were provided a copy of the 2016 Snohomish MRC Annual Report. The video of the presentation can be viewed online here- [http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=5692](http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=5692). Traci suggested that in future years it may be beneficial to use the annual report as the presentation material instead of having a separate PowerPoint presentation. MRC members also suggested to feature members in the presentation so that the County Council can learn more about the volunteers.

Storm Surge Subcommittee: Franchesca reported the results from the In-Situ water level monitoring device from January-present, and discussed the MyCoast storm surge reports. Elisa showed the reports online on the projector to the MRC. Kathleen reminded the MRC that a date needs to be set for a summer follow-up workshop for this project.

MRC Ocean Literacy Grant Subcommittee: Sarah decided to skip this report since the project was already discussed.

Oil Spill Subcommittee: Susan reported that there was a county-wide emergency planners meeting on April 18 which focused on cyber-attacks. Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management attended this meeting. Tarpley continues to attend the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The next meeting is on May 9. Susan suggested that the list of partners that the MRC created be sent out to key stakeholders at SWM.

Water Quality/Mussel Watch Subcommittee: Mike reported that the MRC will be sponsoring one site at Brackett's Landing in Edmonds for the 2017-2018 mussel watch season. Franchesca Perez reported that the Stillaguamish Tribe is sponsoring another location Kayak Point. Kathleen reported that there will also be 2-3 other locations which WDFW is in charge of in Snohomish County which the MRC will be able to help with. The data from the mussel watch project is used by municipal stormwater utilities.

Fisheries Education Subcommittee: Bob reported that he and Paul have been coordinating supplies the WSU Beach Watchers. Although the MRC had been wanting to expand site locations to 7 sites this year, the contract with WSU only covers the Everett Boat Launch and one other location. The MRC plans to focus at kayak point for the other location. Susan suggested that the Edmonds Pier is a convenient location for the South County, and offered to take supplies there. Susan will check to see if the City of Edmonds may be able to cover one minor and his guardian who are interested in volunteering. The MRC will see if they may be able to cover additional volunteers for Edmonds. Paul, Bob, and Elisa will attend a planning meeting with WSU Beach Watchers on April 26 to define materials needed and volunteer shifts. The training for volunteers will be May 12, 2017.

Kelp Subcommittee: Traci reported that she attended the April 15, 2017 Kelp Workshop with the Regional Kelp Planning Team in Port Townsend. The regional Kelp Planning Team is working on an evaluation of the kelp data gathering process. During the workshop, the team considered changes to the protocol before the next kelp monitoring season. The team decided to have MRCs continue to monitor for the same data as last year. The team discussed options for focusing on several kelp beds and taking more in-depth measurements at those kelp beds, instead of monitoring all of the kelp beds for data. The Snohomish MRC wants to continue to do a presence/absence for all known kelp beds in the county, and will work to put together a plan for this monitoring season. Traci asked the MRC if anyone knew of any other kelp beds in the county, such as in Port Susan or around Hat Island. Cathy reported that there is some kelp around Hat Island that the MRC could check out. Kathleen reported that the SWM boat is not ideal for long travels such as out to Hat Island. Cathy said that she may be able to get the Tulalip Tribes boat for reconnaissance at Hat Island. The kelp subcommittee will set up a call on the monitoring plan. Susan will join the call.

Port Susan Subcommittee: Traci suggested that the MRC should add septic GIS information to their shoreline armoring data in Port Susan. The septic information would identify properties where septic tanks are too close to the shoreline, which would make them ineligible for hard-armoring removal. This is a good project for a future date that can be done with the help of GIS staff at Snohomish County.

Forage Fish Subcommittee: Elisa reported that a conference call was held to discuss forage fish logistics on April 12, 2017. Participants on the conference call were MRC staff Kathleen Pozarycki and Elisa Dawson, SWM Staff Frank Leonetti, MRC members Cathy Stanley and Franchesca Perez, and Salish Sea Biological constant Dan Penttila. The team discussed the sampling plan for the summer and August 2017-February 2018 season. In accordance with this plan, the MRC has decided to sample sites 12 and 13 in April and June in addition to the August-February sampling season. Forage fish samples were collected at sites 12 and 13 on April 17 and delivered to consultant, Salish Sea Biological, for processing. No eggs were found. The Snohomish MRC also collected the Howarth Park index site sample in April. The sample was processed using the blue bowl method and will be delivered to Erin Dilworth for processing. The Snohomish MRC will continue to sample the index site monthly. Elisa Dawson, Deborah Hopkins, Traci Sanderson, Tom Doerge, and Mike Ehlebracht attended forage fish training provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on April 10, 2017 at Padilla Bay. The training provided information on the regional forage fish program, and all attendees received training on forage fish protocols.

Snohomish Estuary Cleanup Subcommittee: Paul reported that work has begun to focus efforts on derelict boat removal in the Snohomish Estuary. Field crews will be working on reconnaissance on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the estuary to identify vessels that would be good candidates for removal. Paul will be helping with this reconnaissance. A draft Inter Agency Agreement is now being discussed between

Snohomish County and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR has agreed to help the County and the Snohomish MRC with the derelict boat removal. The plan is to remove 1-4 derelict boats from the Snohomish Estuary.

### **Congressman Rick Larsen Visit**

The MRC hosted a tour at Howarth Park of the Nearshore Restoration Project for Congressman Rick Larsen on April 18, 2017. MRC Staff Kathleen Pozarycki and Elisa Dawson, and MRC members Franchesca Perez, Sarah Brown, Laura Gurley and Bob Hillmann attended the event. Other attendees included Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen, SWM Director Will Hall, SWM Supervisor David Lucas, City of Everett Parks Manager Mark Harrison, and Northwest Straits Commission Director Rich Childers, and Northwest Straits Foundation Director Caroline Gibson attended. Kathleen Pozarycki gave an overview of the Nearshore Restoration Project, and talked about the importance of EPA funds to complete the project. Two articles were published in the Everett Herald-

<http://www.heraldnet.com/news/habitat-restoration-at-howarth-park-ready-to-be-enjoyed-by-public/>  
<http://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/editorial-everett-beach-an-example-of-what-could-be-lost/>

### **MyCoast App and Photo Monitoring Reconnaissance**

Throughout the last few weeks, MRC members have went out to capture example photographs for their monitoring project. Elisa presented the final photographs for each of the following locations:

- Edmonds Bracket's Landing North
- Edmonds Olympic Beach Park
- Edmonds Marina Beach Park
- Everett Pidgeon Creek Park
- Everett Marine Drive Park
- Kayak Point Beach
- Meadowdale Beach
- Picnic Point
- Howarth Park Beach Stairs southwest view
- Howarth Park Beach Stairs northeast view

Tom Doerge will work on gathering an example photograph for Mukilteo Edgewater Beach. The MRC also discussed the idea of putting up brackets on a fixed location. Participants would then place their phone on the bracket to gather consistent photographs. The MRC discussed potentially going out and gathering additional recon photos with the intention of taking the photo from where a bracket could be placed. Not all locations may be able to have a bracket, but the MRC was interested in placing brackets where it is possible.

### **Announcements**

- Paul Clampitt attended the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 NSWC meeting. The group discussed funding issues and brainstormed securing local funding.
- Paul reported that the LIO did not meet in March 2017. The next LIO meeting will be April 20th. A LIO subcommittee is reviewing the process for updating the NTAs as well as the structure of the LIO.
- The next Kayak Point Regional Park meeting is April 27. The public will be welcomed to review proposed development options for approximately 350 acres of undeveloped land at Kayak Point Park. Options being considered include: additional camping, trails, a

community center, etc. The event will be held at the Kayak Point Golf Course 15711 Marine Dr. NE, Stanwood

- Kathleen will be ordering MRC name tags. Please tell Kathleen if you need a replacement. Debbie requested to have “Debbie” on her name tag.
- A team will be doing reconnaissance for derelict boat removal on Monday, April 24. Paul Clampitt is participating in the reconnaissance.
- Susan and Debbie attended the Oiled Wildlife HAZWOPER training in Everett on March 18, 2017. They are now HAZWOPER certified. Traci, Mike, Cathy, and Franny are also HAZWOPER certified.
- The MRC grant presentation to the Northwest Straits Commission is April 28<sup>th</sup> at Padilla Bay.
- The MRC had their Annual Presentation to Snohomish County Council on April 18<sup>th</sup>. MRC Chair Franchesca Perez and MRC Co-Chairs Traci Sanderson and Sarah Brown attended. MRC staff Kathleen Pozarycki and Elisa Dawson were also present. Tom Hoban, a Snohomish MRC Alumni, also attended the presentation. Franchesca Perez gave a presentation on 2016 projects and accomplishments to the Snohomish County Council. The Council was provided a copy of the 2016 Snohomish MRC Annual Report.

#### **Work Plan Status:**

Kathleen has proposed the Meadowdale Economic Valuation Study to SWM management as the project for the MRC \$20,000 on-call consultant project. She is currently waiting for approval from SWM Management on this project.

#### **Running List of MRC Actions:**

- MRC members and staff will continue to finalize to 2017/2018 MRC grant. Members will continue to brainstorm movie ideas, and find options for movie screenings. Sarah will reach out to school districts.
- Susan will check to see if the City of Edmonds may be able to cover one minor and his guardian who are interested in volunteering.
- Cathy will see if the Tulalip Tribes boat could be used this summer to do kelp reconnaissance around Hat Island.
- Kathleen will update the MRC subcommittee chart.
- Elisa will send out follow up directions to Tom Doerge for photo monitoring reconnaissance.
- Kathleen will continue to work to see if MRC contracting funds can be used for the Meadowdale BCA and ESV study.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**