

Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Summary

May 17, 2017 6:30-8:30PM

**3000 Rockefeller Ave, Snohomish County Campus, Everett WA 98201
Admin East Building, 6th Floor**

<p>MRC Members Present Franchesca Perez Sarah Brown Deborah Hopkins Paul Clampitt Mike Ehlebracht Tom Doerge Laura Gurley Susan Tarpley Craig Wollam</p> <p>Absent Traci Sanderson (excused) Cathy Sanderson (excused) Bob Hillmann (excused)</p>	<p>Staff, Presenters, and Others Kathleen Pozarycki, Snohomish County MRC Lead Staff Elisa Dawson, Snohomish County MRC Planner</p> <p>Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks Department Principle Parks Planner</p>
<p>Summary of Decisions</p> <p>The MRC approved the April 19, 2017 MRC Meeting Summary.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next forage fish sampling will be in June of 2017. • MRC & SWM staff will help with UW ESRP monitoring along the Snohomish County Nearshore June 5-9th. • The Northwest Straits Commission will host their next meeting June 30th on Snohomish County Campus from 10-3 p.m. 	

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.

Franchesca introduced Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks Principle Planner. Sharon will be giving a presentation on the Kayak Point Regional Park Renovation Project.

Approval of MRC Meeting Summary

Sarah Brown made a motion to approve the April 19, 2017 MRC Meeting Summary. Franchesca Perez seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kayak Point Park Update

Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks Principle Planner, gave a presentation on the Kayak Point Regional Park Renovation Project. Sharon described the location of the park to the MRC and presented the Day Use Area Schematic Plan for Kayak Point County Park to the MRC. Sharon

provided paper copies of the Day Use Area Schematic Plan for Kayak Point County Park to the MRC members. Sharon reported that the current plan for the park was informed by the work done in 2002-2003 and 2008-2011 in partnership with the Snohomish County MRC. In 2010, Snohomish County Parks and the MRC worked to create a shared Vision Statement through a series of public meetings. The Kayak Point Park Community Shared Vision is:

“Kayak Point Park is a premier waterfront recreation resource for Snohomish County which contributes to the overall health and sustainability of the Puget Sound ecosystem. The day use portion of the park provides a beautiful place for visitors to connect with the saltwater environment and enjoy diverse recreation, education and leisure opportunities. Accessible, safe and pedestrian friendly facilities promote exceptional park experiences for all. Facilities for boating, picnicking, nature appreciation, field sports, fishing, child play, and walking are thoughtfully designed to create lasting functionality and durability while promoting a healthy beach and marine environment. Revenue from park amenities, services, and fees help to ensure a quality park is maintained for our children, grandchildren and beyond.”

In 2011, the MRC worked with Parks to complete the final report of the Barrier Lagoon Feasibility Study for Kayak Point County Park. The objective of the Barrier Lagoon Feasibility Study for Kayak Point County Park report was to provide coastal geomorphic, engineering, and ecological analysis and recommendations for evaluating restoration of a self-sustaining barrier lagoon at the north end of Kayak Point County Park, WA. The park site historically contained a relatively large barrier lagoon at the south end of the park. Restoring a smaller version of a barrier lagoon would provide an opportunity to recreate a lagoon and associated tidal wetlands that will provide ecological value to a host of nearshore species by adding more sheltered shallow water habitat, greater complexity, and connectivity to enhance nearshore habitats and provide other potential benefits, including educational opportunities for the public. This study follows other work at the site including coastal geomorphic assessment, and restoration feasibility assessment and design for other portions of the park.

Sharon reported that this work was considered when developing the new plan for Kayak Point Park Day Use Area. However, Sharon reported that the current team developing the park plan did not think that a barrier lagoon would be feasible in their new plan, and therefore it was not included in the plan. The new plan focuses on preparing the park for sea level rise (SLR). Snohomish County Parks has decided to prepare the park for a 4.5 foot SLR increase in the year 2100. This will mean bringing in a large amount of fill, and Sharon reported that this fill would be protected by a gravel berm surrounding the park. Sharon presented a photograph on the Mukilteo Lighthouse Beach Park gravel berm, indicating that Kayak Point County Park would be implementing something like this at their park. However, specific details of the berm have not been decided yet.

Another feature the design for Kayak Point County Park Day Use Area is a raised boat ramp. The raised boat ramp would allow for sediment to move freely under the ramp instead of piling up on the ramp. Currently, there are problems with sediment build up on the boat ramp which creates a very difficult launch for vehicles and trailers. Sharon reported that a raised boat ramp would help solve the problem of sediment build up while also adding to the beach ecological system function by allowing the sediment to move more freely along the shoreline.

Kayak Point Park Day Use Area Plan Discussion

Sharon finished her presentation and opened up the presentation to discussion. Franchesca asked about the current grant which is funding this process. Sharon said that Snohomish County Parks currently has a grant which will fund the design of the boat ramp. Parks will need to look for funding to implement the overall design. Franchesca suggested that Parks could partner with the MRC and look for funding from the Department of Ecology and other sources which focus on habitat for

implementing the environmental aspects into the design provided that these types of elements are included in the preferred alternative. Several MRC members asked what happened to the habitat features that were in the 2011 preferred alternative to the current alternative.

Paul Clampitt asked about the 4.5 foot SLR prediction, and how Parks came to this number. Sharon responded that the 4.5 SLR number was from the consultant, and that she could provide additional follow up on the exact reports this number comes from.

Laura Gurley shared that the Port of Everett is using a manufactured wetland in their new design at the Port of Everett. Laura offered to share more information about this technology with Sharon. Laura suggested it may be a good way to treat stormwater on site.

Kathleen asked if the buried sea wall would be removed. Sharon reported that it would not, and that Parks idea was that the fill and gravel berm would cover the sea wall. MRC members commented that the sand moves drastically at Kayak Point County Park, and the sea wall often goes from being unexposed one year to being exposed the next. The MRC suggested that it may be best for the long term goal of the park to remove the sea wall.

The MRC suggested a follow- up meeting with Sharon and Parks staff to discuss opportunities for habitat enhancement of Kayak Point County Park. Sharon and the MRC also discussed including the consultant in this meeting so that the team could all together discuss habitat features which could be included in the new plan. Kathleen and Franchesca will follow up with Sharon on this next step.

Maternity Leave Plan

Kathleen presented the Maternity Leave Summer Work Plan for staff to the MRC. Kathleen expects to be on maternity leave from approximately June 3 – September 5, 2017. Kathleen went through the Summer Work Plan with the MRC, which outlines the activities that will need to be completed over the summer. SWM is working to finalize paperwork which will put Elisa in a temporary upgrade position as the Senior Planner for the MRC. SWM is currently in the process of interviewing for a temporary Planner position which will also support the MRC in Kathleen's absence.

MyCoast App

All twelve of the example photos for the monitoring locations for the MyCoast app have been completed. Elisa presented site location descriptions of each location to the MRC, which will be available in the app to help participants find the photo monitoring location. Elisa asked MRC members to take a look at the location descriptions and give any feedback to her by Tuesday 5/23. The final locations for the monitoring project are:

- Edmonds Bracket's Landing North
- Edmonds Olympic Beach Park
- Edmonds Marina Beach Park
- Everett Pidgeon Creek Park
- Everett Port Gardner Way North View Area
- Kayak Point Beach
- Mukilteo Lighthouse Beach Park
- Mukilteo Edgewater Beach
- Meadowdale Beach
- Picnic Point

- Howarth Park Beach Stairs southwest view and northeast view

Bob Hillmann is working to have brackets installed at Howarth Park. Kathleen has not heard back from Snohomish County Parks on whether or not the MRC can install brackets at Meadowdale or at Kayak Point Regional Park.

Finalize MRC Grant for 2017/2018: Ocean Literacy Project

Sarah Brown discussed the MRC Grant for 2017/2018. The MRC has developed a project entitled, *Ocean Literacy and Engagement*. For this grant, The Snohomish County MRC will host ocean literacy film events to inspire and increase local citizen engagement in a time-lapse photo monitoring project of Snohomish County nearshore beaches. The project will use the MyCoast website and smart-phone companion app to provide an easy and fast platform for people to post photos. Film screenings will provide a pathway for engagement, and after each showing there will be a call to action which encourages the audience to take part in a local project. The MRC presented this draft to the Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) on April 28, 2017. The Northwest Straits Commission encouraged the MRC to include measureable outcomes to meet their intended goal. Edits were made to the grant to focus the goal on engagement and use the films as a pathway to achieve this. Copies of the most recent update to the grant were available for MRC members. Kathleen solicited any feedback to be given in as soon as possible. The grant is due Friday, May 19, 2017.

Announcements

- Paul Clampitt reported that members from the NWSC met on April 28, 2017. Each MRC gave their presentation for their 2017/2018 grant application at the meeting.
- Paul reported that the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) met on April 20th. The LIO is reviewing the process for updating near term actions (NTA) as well as the structure of the LIO.
- Kathleen reported the Meadowdale Benefit Cost Analysis and Ecosystem Services Valuation study has been approved by SWM management. A scope of work has been written and was provided to the MRC project representative for review and comment.
- The MRC will be sponsoring one Caged Mussel Watch site at Brackett's Landing in Edmonds for the 2017-2018 mussel watch season. Kathleen reported that there will also be 2-3 other locations which Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will sponsor but will likely request volunteer help from MRC members to install the cages.
- Paul reported that he participated in the derelict boat removal reconnaissance on April 24th in the Snohomish Estuary. The team identified vessels that would be good candidates for removal. Next, the team is working to prioritize these vessels for removal based on habitat impact and cost. Kathleen continues to work on the draft Inter Agency Agreement (IAA) 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 1-7 derelict boats from the Snohomish Estuary.
- Kathleen asked the MRC if there was any preference for September 12, 13, or 14 for the storm surge summer community follow-up workshop for this project. The MRC selected Thursday, September 14, 2017 for the follow-up workshop.
- Elisa Dawson, Paul Clampitt, and Bob Hillmann attended the recreational crabber education training held in partnership with WSU Snohomish County Extension Beach Watchers on May 12, 2017. Don Velasquez from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife presented information on crab biology, recreational crab traps and techniques to reduce crab pot loss. Chrys Bertolotto discussed outreach messaging for recreational crabber education and techniques for getting messaging across. Also discussed were tips

and scenarios on how to engage with recreational crabbers. Volunteer sign-ups were passed out for July 1 and 2 at Everett 10th street boat launch and Kayak Point Regional Park. WSU will continue to gather volunteers for the event and will return the sign ups to the MRC.

- An executive subcommittee conference call was held on May 10, 2017 to discuss meeting logistics and Kathleen's maternity leave and the upcoming Ocean Literacy Project for the MRC Grant. Participants on the conference call were MRC staff Kathleen Pozarycki and Elisa Dawson, and MRC members Sarah Brown, Traci Sanderson and Franchesca Perez. The team also discussed the upcoming presentation from Snohomish County Parks on the Kayak Point Park Day Use Area at the May 17 MRC meeting. The team decided to reschedule a presentation on Greenwood Creek for the June MRC meeting.
- Elisa Dawson and Mike Ehlebracht took the forage fish index site sample at Howarth Park on May 11, 2017. This is the only sample which will be taken in May. The sample was processed using the blue bowl method at Mike Ehlebracht's office lab. This lab will serve as a back-up location for Snohomish County in case Snohomish County staff are unable to process the sample. The sample will be delivered to Erin Dilworth (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) for processing. The Snohomish MRC will continue to sample the index site monthly.
- Susan Tarpley attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting which focused on risk mapping this month. Susan reported that the City of Stanwood has contacted DEM and wants to have a tabletop exercise on October 11th or 18th for an oil train derailment. DEM will serve as the lead spill planner. Susan reported that DEM will work with MRC to develop an environmental component for the Stanwood tabletop exercise. Elisa will schedule an Oil Spill Subcommittee conference call in early June. The subcommittee is planning to meet to discuss the updated oil spill response plans in Washington State called Geographic Response Plans (GRPs). Washington State Department of Ecology, in coordination with the Northwest Area Committee and EPA Region 10, has drafted 11 new GRPS, one of which is the Stillaguamish Region in Snohomish County.

Running List of MRC Actions:

- Kathleen will finalize the 2017/2018 MRC grant and submit it to the Northwest Straits Commission and through the EAGL portal before May 19, 2017. Members will continue to brainstorm on film selection ideas and find options for movie screenings.
- Susan and Elisa will schedule an Oil Spill Subcommittee conference call for early June.
- Kathleen and Franchesca will follow up with Sharon Swan on setting up a meeting to discuss potential habitat features to add to the Kayak Point Park Day Use Area Plan. .
- Kathleen will send the stakeholder list developed by the Oil Spill Subcommittee created to Surface Water Management (SWM) managers and key staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.