

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 8:30-10:30am**  
**Legislative Hearing Room and Legislative Large Conference Room**  
**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Barbara Bentley (Chair), Kathleen Dolsen, Sam Gibboney, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, and Bob Wilson

**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers (w/ notification), Johannes Krieger (w/ notification), Chuck Schietinger (w/notification), Ken Sebens (w/notification), Terry Turner (w/ notification), Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Susan Key (Minutes)

**Guests:** Jamie Stephens, Laura Jo Severson, Barbara Rosenkotter (Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery coordinator)

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** the MRC meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:42 am

**Live Streaming ENGAGED**

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**Citizen Input:**

Laura Jo Severson – Congressman Rick Larsen was in Friday Harbor yesterday @ the Grange with 67 attending; largest % of questions related to concerns about oil spills

**\*\*Meeting Minutes:** minutes for December 18, 2013 were approved with one abstention (Kathleen)

**Reports**

- **County Council Liaison, Jamie Stephens** – heading to Olympia this afternoon; seconded the concern over the makeup of the advisory group for the National Monument Planning efforts, no one who has been so involved with the National Monument had input into the group’s makeup, and there seems to be little opportunity for local involvement, even though this has been emphasized from the get go; effort to change the makeup before it is published in the federal register, which would make it very hard to change; may nominate self, or be nominated to the advisory group  
Laura – MRC work plan includes being involved in the planning for National Monument; could an MRC member be nominated?  
Jamie – during the meeting, it was suggested that scoping be reopened in order to involve more groups in this planning phase  
Phil – report was Eastern WA concentric, and didn’t really address Islands
- **Tribal Liaison, TBA** – still waiting on an appointment; Marta - Tribes are working to install a replacement
- **Port of Friday Harbor,** no report
- **Town of Friday Harbor, Johannes Krieger** – no report
- **Community Development & Planning Department, Sam**

- Retreat was very helpful
- Sam and Marta reviewed the MRC budget; concern over number of hours required for the coordinator to fulfill deliverables; will be discussing an amendment with NW Straits Commission
- **Staff, Marta Branch**
  - Volunteer hours are extremely important for required match; PLEASE use the electronic reporting method, which will cut down on hours spent by Marta's
  - **Action Item:** Members PLEASE REPORT ALL HOURS (meetings, reading, homework, background research, and travel) every month via the electronic reporting form
  - BLM – overall advisory committee being formed regarding the recent National Monument status; Jamie and Phil attended this meeting; Tom Reeves brought this group together to discuss the makeup of the advisory group  
 Laura – is there a relationship between this group and BLM? Phil – the law required this group be formed to give input to BLM on the management of the National Monument; Marta – belongs to the CISPUS teaching staff for collaborative... natural resources, BLM staff discussed organization; for BLM, WA & OR are combined, Spokane is the office that directs the Wenatchee field office, which oversees the San Juan National Monument; Youth Conservation Corp is part of the outreach and implementation efforts; YCC's have been formed on both Lopez and Orcas; tie in with MRC Work Plan is to mobilize youth through the two local YCC groups; Barbara B (Chair) – put National Monument, BLM, and YCC as a future MRC item
  - MRC is championing County Council's legislative priorities; Feb 21 meeting at invitation of PSP to work out how to achieve local Action Agenda items; A Oversight Committee (AOC) meeting likely Feb 7; Implementation Committee (IC) meeting Feb 5 on the regularly scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of every month
    - Presentations and spreadsheets –happening
    - Upcoming work schedule
- **Chair, Barbara B**
  - Follow up on Subcommittee structure – many action items do not fall strictly within the current subcommittee structure; considering organizing by action item, rather than science, outreach, policy; concerned about increase in time if keep current structure and also have groups meeting about action items  
 Discussion: Laura – may work well to have different disciplines gather around action topics  
 Jamie – seems projects are the reason that subcommittees meet

**Report:** Salmon Recovery work, PIAT presentation by *Barbara R*

- Data workshop, tomorrow, Jan 23 at the Mullis Fire Station: presentations include Sound IQ – MRC sponsors this effort; Pulling It All Together project (PIAT); and SJC sea level rise vulnerability
- Teeing up salmon recovery projects for 2014 – MRC will review and approve evaluation criteria for the salmon recovery grant round, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) gets together with select MRC members and does the revisions to the criteria which is presented to the full MRC; are there any MRC members who are interested?  
 Phil and Bob volunteered

**Rose Foundation Grants** – Barbara B (Chair)

Jim Slocomb requested that the MRC sponsor his grant application to upgrade the CTD (conductivity, temperature & density) sampling device he uses to sample the water column; this is needed to continue ongoing monitoring

Kathy – ongoing monitoring is very important; suggests supporting this grant application

Jamie – County Council would like to be kept informed on all grant proposals

Laura – how much money does the proposal request and what is the match required? Need more details

Sam – what is the timeframe for application deadline? Need more info in order to give a summary presentation to County Council

Marta – Jim has been collecting data **since 1996**; recalibration needs to be done every five years

Marta will update Sam who will update Mike Thomas and County Council

**EPA Proposal Update – Barbara B (Chair)**

EPA released an RFP for environmental education projects, deadline is Feb 4; Barbara B wrote proposal last spring to run workshops to train citizen scientists to collect high quality data, perform data analysis, and conduct outreach; specimen bank protocols are in place; volunteers will collect water and sediment samples according to these protocols; a final workshop is planned for decision makers with citizen scientists as hosts; requires 25% match, and Barbara has agreements with other organizations to meet this match including FH Labs, WDFW, Ecology, county GIS services (public data base), and Barbara B's time; on County Council agenda for next Monday; discussing financial grant management with Auditor Milene Henley; if funded, will provide \$230,000 (including matching funds)

Laura – fits into MRC Work Plans for 2013 and 2014; need to clarify tie in to specimen bank, science, and outreach portions of Work Plan

Sam – is the inclusion in 2014 MRC Work Plan sufficient to indicate committee support? Do we need a motion of support?

Laura – **made a motion** for the MRC to support moving forward with the application to EPA in order to meet the Feb 4 deadline; Kathy seconded

Discussion: Sam – note that there is additional funding in this application to support MRC staff, which is very helpful to support Marta's work on this important effort

Barbara B – indirect costs go to the county to cover administration; the only thing the county will provide as match is 2 hours of GIS time per workshop

**Motion passed** unanimously

**Shift meeting to Large Conference Room due to scheduling conflict  
Live streaming not available**

**\*\*Presentation:** 2014 Work Plan and 2013 Annual Report by *Laura*

Cover Letter draft to the CC – members approved content by consensus

Annual Report – this year consists of a one page bullet list due to reduced staffing (currently 1/2 time position versus 1 full time coordinator plus ½ time outreach position) and funding (for printing and distribution); in the past, the annual report has been used as an outreach tool because the MRC had the staff and funding to produce this type of full color, designed formatted report

Kathy - \$10,000 in current budget under outreach? Sam - is for Marta's salary

Phil **made a motion** to approve the 2013 Annual Report with modifications noted in this meeting and Sam seconded

Discussion: Members added missing elements

**Motion passed** unanimously

2014 Work Plan – Laura suggests that the budget and leads columns are not included in the presentation to the CC, nor for the deliverable to the NW Straits Commission (due Jan 31); Sam suggests that timeframe be a separate column as well

Sam **made a motion** to approve the 2014 Work Plan with modifications noted in this meeting and Bob seconded

Discussion: Members added missing elements and clarified language

**Motion passed** unanimously

**Citizen Input:** none

**Adjourn MRC Meeting:** the meeting was adjourned by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 10:36 am

**Minutes Submitted** by *Susan Key*

The MRC will convene again at the **February 5** meeting, 8:30 am at the SJC Legislative Hearing Room

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
1-23-2014	Natural Resource Dept Data Presentation—SJ CDPD	Mullis Fire Station	1:00 – 4:00 pm
1-31-2014	Storming the Sound Conf	LaConner	All Day
2-3-2014	Shorelines Forum	Tukwila	All Day
2-5-2014	MRC Meeting	Council Chambers, Legislative Bldg	8:30-10:30
2-5-2014	LIO Implementation Committee meeting	Town of Friday Harbor Fire Hall Meeting Room	11:30- 13:00
2/25 thru 2/28	Cispus Collaboration Workshop	Randle, Washington; Cispus Center	Four days
4/29 thru 5/1-2014	Salish Sea Conference	Seattle Convention Center	Three days

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**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Greg Ayers, Barbara Bentley (Chair), Kathleen Dolsen, Phil Green, Shireene Hale (for Sam Gibboney; left @ 9:27), Johannes Krieger, Ken Sebens, Tom Temple, Terry Turner, and Bob Wilson

**Members Absent:** Sam Gibboney (w/ notification), Wes Heinmiller (w/ notification), Chuck Schietinger (w/notification)  
Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Susan Key (Minutes)

**Guests:** Elizabeth Anderson, Alan Chapman (Lummi Tribe), Eric Eisenhardt (Soundwatch), Barbara Rosenkotter (Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery coordinator), Laura Jo Severson, Kate Hansen (Executive Administrator, Common Sense Alliance), Scott Williamson (PSP liaison)

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**Convene MRC Meeting:** the MRC meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:32 am  
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**Citizen Input:**

Laura Jo - very glad that the MRC is talking about oil spills

**\*\*Meeting Minutes:** minutes for January 22, 2013 were approved with two abstentions (Greg and Kathy since they did not attend the last meeting)

**Changes to Agenda –** Mussel Watch presentation will occur at the end of the meeting  
Laura – County Council has renamed “oil spills” to “marine vessel traffic and oil spills”

**Action Item:** please use the microphones so those watching the video can hear!!

**Reports**

- **County Council Liaison, Jamie Stephens** – asked that Barbara B relate that the letter that the Council has prepared to DOE RE: the Kinder Morgan project, asking the DOE to apply for intervener status with Canadian Board of Energy is before the County Council and will be considered next week.
- **Tribal Liaison, TBA** – still waiting on an appointment; Marta - Tribes are working to install a replacement
- **Port of Friday Harbor, TBA**
- **Town of Friday Harbor, Johannes Krieger** – communicated with Duncan (Town of FH Administrator) re. conversations with Port about dealing with stormwater; the Port needs info on grants to include LID in their stormwater treatment

- **Community Development & Planning Department, Shireene Hale** – County Council talked about pushing the effective date of CAO implementation to March 31; incorporating LID into code is likely going onto back burner, will know priorities in the next couple of weeks

- **Committee Reports**

- **Outreach, Phil Green** – no report

- Greg – when can he tell community groups that an MRC rep will come to talk?

Marta – Barbara B (Chair) will be giving these presentations

**Action Item:** Marta will begin to schedule presentations to community groups

- **Policy, Kathy** – SMP is in PA's office, possibly before the County Council in April; will be forwarded to Ecology in May

Laura – waiting for hearing draft to be released

Kathy – concerned about radiation coming from the Fukushima plume; EPA does not have a program for baseline monitoring for radiation in the Salish Sea; main plume to hit Vancouver Island, Olympic Peninsula and Salish Sea in 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2014 (now)

Greg – discussed this at the NW Straits meeting, and there is so far no evidence that radiation has entered the Salish Sea; we have an opportunity to take a leadership position on this important issue

Kathy – will email a report from the October 2013 conference to MRC members

**Action Item:** Marta will forward the info from Kathy to MRC members and Greg will forward it to NW Straits staff

Barbara B – established an ad hoc committee to look into this subject; Kathy, Laura and Ken (who will have a conflict with scheduling beginning in March due to a class he is teaching) volunteered

Barbara B – would like a concise white paper to forward to the County Council

- **Science, Tom Temple** – science group should participate in the ad hoc committee mentioned above; Tom volunteered to join

- **NW Straits Commission, Greg Ayers**

- Last meeting was in Pt Townsend; a Jefferson County commissioner presented information on their attempt to prohibit fin fish net pens from marine shorelines through the SMP update, however Ecology struck that section

Laura – is on our radar; what concerned Ecology is outright prohibition; SJC code is already very restrictive regarding fish pens

Barbara R – SMP must balance environmental protection and economic development with regards to activities that can *only* occur in the shoreline; this is playing out along all United States shorelines, so also includes a federal perspective

Greg – the Jefferson County commissioner encouraged all Salish Sea counties to include this in SMP updates in order to push Ecology to allow for substantial control or outright prohibition; we are one of only two counties that are currently updating their SMPs

Alan – Tribes treaty rights trump local SMPs; there was an attempt to put in fish pens behind Lummi Island, which was squashed by Lummi Tribe

Shireene – the legislation (Shoreline Management Act) may need to be changed

Laura – in the past has distributed what info is in current code and what new issues may not already be covered

**Action Item:** Laura will check info in current code regarding fish pens and redistribute to MRC members; Laura will give an update at the next MRC meeting

- NW Straits Commission must update their 5 year plan – Greg is on the next MRC meeting agenda to ask for input from MRC members as to how to contribute

- There is a substantial amount of work going on (legislation, research, working groups) regarding oil spills; there is currently a bill in the state senate asking for an evaluation of effectiveness of what is currently in place; a large oil transfer facility is slated for the Columbia River, and facilities in the Salish Sea may well be expanded

Does the MRC wish to draft a letter for the county council to send to the state legislature?

Greg has not yet researched the position of our elected officials

Marta – has emailed MRC members “Legislative Updates” which include this issue, and also information regarding Kinder Morgan (British Columbia); both have info that could be used for a letter to the County Council

Barbara – asked for volunteers for an ad hoc committee

**Action Item:** Greg volunteered to monitor the state legislature on Feb 7 to see if this bill lives; if so he will circulate the NW Straits letter so the MRC can come up with a draft

**Future Agenda Item:** holistic discussion of “marine vessel traffic and oil spills”

Laura – another important issue is derelict vessels; Laura volunteered to track this

○ **Executive, Barbara B (Chair)**

- Sam and Marta are working with Barbara B to put together a Power Point presentation for the Feb 10 County Council meeting; Greg requested that the draft be circulated to the full MRC for input

**Action Item:** Marta will email the DRAFT Power Point presentation for the County Council to MRC members

- EPA grant application was submitted, thanks to Marta working over the weekend!  
Collaborators: WDFW and Ecology who are providing instructors and all materials, FH Labs are providing freezer space, SJ Nature Institute is doing an evaluation of what volunteers knew before and after, SJC GIS is providing staff time and storage space for data collected, Stewardship Network members will recruit volunteers

**Action Item:** Marta will email the application to MRC members

Additional Items

Greg – asked for update on LIO liaison; Barbara B and Phil are the MRC members who will attend the Implementation Committee (IC) meetings

Marta – there will be a presentation by Ed Hale about another EPA grant (Pollution Identification & Control = PIC) at today’s IC meeting, 11:30 Town Fire Hall

Greg – noted that the resolution electing Barbara B as chair may have been for six months; suggests that the Executive Sub-committee review past MRC minutes and the new County Council rules for sub-committees, and before the six months are up, bring a recommendation to the full MRC regarding the framework for officer elections

● **Staff, Marta Branch**

- Volunteer hours are extremely important for required match; PLEASE use the electronic reporting method, which will cut down on hours spent by Marta’s

**Action Item:** Members PLEASE REPORT ALL HOURS (meetings, reading, homework, background research, and travel) every month via the electronic reporting form

- Report: Northwest Straits Commission staff meeting

- Salish Sea Conference delegates – NW Straits will provide funding for 2 slots, potential to share;

Ken is going courtesy of FH Labs; Phil is going courtesy of Nature Conservancy

MRC members interested – Sam, Barbara B; **Marta will take one of the NW Straits slots**

- Training & Recruiting – NW Straits Commission was excited about the training that Marta has provided to new MRC members; the materials that Marta developed to train new members have been shared throughout the region

- Sound IQ – deadline for submittals in spring 2014; Google “Sound IQ”

- Received training from Sasha Horst for the MRC website

- \*\*Quarterly Report was submitted to the NW Straits Commission and emailed the MRC members

- Report to County Council is scheduled for Feb 10

- Salish Sea Shoreline Forum, Feb 3 in Edmunds – Marta was not able to attend because she was working to get the EPA grant submitted by deadline; Marta emailed a link to the Forum to MRC members

- Upcoming AOC meeting, Fri, Feb 7 10:15am-2pm

- Upcoming Oil Spill meeting – oil spill near term action technical meeting is open to the public, FH Labs, Feb 21

### **MRC Nomination for the National Monument Advisory Committee**

Barbara B asked for a volunteer; Phil is willing, but noted that we have no guarantee of a slot

Laura – noted that participation in the National Monument effort is on the MRC's work plan; requested that Marsha deChardenes (newly appointed director of the San Juan National Monument) give a presentation to the MRC; Marta has already requested via email.

Marta suggests that a letter of endorsement come from the MRC at the appropriate time, if appropriate

**Action Item:** Phil will keep the MRC abreast of developments

**Update: 2013 MRC Report & 2014 Work Plan, Laura Arnold** – both were submitted to County Council and emailed to MRC members

**Upcoming Agenda Items, Marta Branch:** please email or call with agenda topics

- PIAT (Pulling It All Together project) – on the agenda for the next MRC meeting
- Oil Spill update by Lovel Pratt – to be incorporated into a holistic discussion of “marine vessel traffic and oil spills” (from above minutes, report on NW Straits Commission section)
- Star Fish Wasting Disease

**Presentation: 2013 Mussel Watch Data power point** – *Barbara B (Chair)*

**Citizen Input:** none

**Adjourn MRC Meeting:** the meeting was adjourned by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 10:33 am

**Minutes submitted** by *Susan Key*

The MRC will convene again at the **February 19** meeting, 8:30 am at the SJC Legislative Hearing Room



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**Members Absent:** Sam Gibboney (w/ notification), Chuck Schietinger (w/notification), Kathleen Dolsen (w/notification), Johannes Krieger (w/notification), Bob Wilson (w/notification).  
Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant.

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Julia Vouri filling in for Susan Key (Minutes)

**Guests:** Elizabeth Anderson, Laura Jo Severson, Barbara Rosenkott (Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery coordinator), Michael Durland and Jamie Stephens (County Council Liaison).

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**Meeting Minutes:** minutes for February 5, 2014 were approved with one abstention (Wes Heinmiller).

### Reports

- **County Council Liaison,** Jamie Stephens: Council submitted to National Energy Board for commenter status. See agenda for what we submitted on Feb. 11 under council member updates. Over 1,000 applications as of Monday afternoon. I went to Olympia as member of the Legislative Steering Committee. If bills didn't get out of committee as of last week, had to be out of the house of origin. This included the transportation bill that Greg had brought, which required 2 people in a pilot house. The bill was picked apart and didn't make it out.

Barbara B: Don't know how this meshes with any kind of national homeland security interests in shipping. The content of the containers is the issue.

Jamie: This is about toxic materials. They seem to search us more than shipping containers. I'll get update tomorrow at PSP meeting (Ecosystem Board). Discussion will include how to provide incentive to remove bulkheads—or not build them to begin with. Looking at current taxation program. Interesting approach in areas with long shoreline, but most areas don't have as much shoreline. May not be enough incentive. Other issues of tax shifting, I think it will be a good meeting. At least they're looking at incentives, not just piling on regulations. Getting people to do right thing.

We will be meeting here on Friday with AOC about oil spills. The San Juan watershed has been leading charge on how an oil spill could affect the marine environment. PSP realizes this could endanger the whole of Puget Sound. We are holding the meeting here because of certain groups here, such as IOSA. We will be looking at near-term actions, and how to coordinate those.

- **Tribal Liaison,** TBA
- **Port of Friday Harbor,** Marilyn O'Connor will make a presentation at the March 5 LIO meeting.
- **Town of Friday Harbor,** TBA

- **Community Development & Planning Department**, Shireene: Sam Gibboney has been moved from interim director and has been appointed as director.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Science:** Tom Temple: Picked up a brochure, “Threats to the West” at the boat show. Discusses examples of threats, such as ships emptying out bilges, zebra shrimp and other alien species. Also, a new battery has been introduced that’s injectable; thus, every salmon will have a license plate.
  - **Policy:** Laura says that part of current grant agreement includes putting on this year’s annual marine managers workshop. Would put it in the fall, not spring. Put it forward as part of the work plan, which was discussed in Council meeting last week. Shireene, Kathy and Laura agreed to wait to hear if oil spill and safety issues are something the Council wants to pursue.
    - Shireene: Re the redrafted version of SNP: don’t expect a lot of changes. Shall the MRC make comments now, or wait until the County Council makes changes and comment on the hearing draft?
    - Laura: the MRC has been commenting incrementally, and that has not been evident. We have already made other comments, and are waiting for the hearing draft.
    - Phil: An outreach committee met for a small group discussion.
    - Barbara B: Set up an ad hoc committee to look into debris from Fukushima.
    - **Action Item:** Ken: Has been researching material for it, and will get back.
  - **NW Straits:** Greg: Status on legislation: It’s come out of committee, and is being discussed on the Senate floor. There is legislation in place going through review to reveal oil spill program in the Puget Sound, how it could be applied to the Columbia River, and any opportunities to improve Puget Sound before it’s transported. Still undergoing discussion. Will look at effects of pilot boats, tugs, monitoring that goes on at various facilities, Will want Council to comment. Has to complete discussion by Feb. 28.

**Additional items:**

Greg – Wants new election mid-February, would like to see executive committee lead that effort. Barbara B recused herself from that discussion.

- **Action Item:** Per Laura: Given that we had regular officer elections in May, let’s put it on regular agenda for next meeting.
  - Greg: Should it be on a 12-month term? Or traditional election date? May?
  - Laura: Wants to memorialize it in the official minutes.
  - Greg: May be advisable if the executive committee can report to other committee.
  - Laura: Want recap on proposed work plan, and whether there had been a vote to approve it. Or move to another date?
  - Barbara: Council receptive to plan, very much in approval of it. Jamie, did you vote to approve it?
  - Jamie: No.
  - Barbara: Wants to revisit trans-boundary agreement, and council is working on that now. Other than that, everything else would eventually be approved in a vote.
  - Jamie: Asked to include marine shipping issues.
- **Action Item:** Changes include: add marine shipping and remove transboundary agreement.
- **Storm Management:** Wes: Stormwater Management Committee Meeting: in early stages of workplan for year. I’ll continue to attend and offer input on what’s happening to MRC.
- **MRC Chair Report:**

Barbara B: We gave report to County Council, and were pleased with it. Subcommittees are asked to come up with various reports to present to the Council from the MRC. Marta reproduced a couple of MRC documents from the past to give us a sense of format for

giving a report. We want to provide details and perspectives to council, but not advocate for any position. Open meetings require that we have notification of subcommittees. (Marta distributed two items: (1)MRC recommendations for road conversion to chipseal or asphalt and (2) memo about the MRC reviewing the impacts of reverse osmosis (RO) water purification plants on Marine Critical Areas in the County). Subcommittees can be proactive, not just reactive. We can approach the Council, and ask if they would like information on particular projects. Fukushima is an example of a topic we can bring that to the County Council's attention, and ask if they'd like more information.

- Ken: We hope to have something drafted for the first meeting in March.
- Jamie: Agree on approach.

Barbara B: Suggests scheduling business and presentations in the first meeting of the month, and business and subcommittees in the second. Right now, we have a backlog of presentations, like starfish wasting disease, we think are important to bring to the MRC. If any of you want subcommittee meetings outside of our schedule, let me know.

**Additional items:** Wes would like to meet once a month on Orcas.

Motion by Wes to meet every other 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month to be held on Orcas Island. That would mean ¼ of meetings would be on Orcas. Greg seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**Action Item:** MRC will begin meeting on Orcas Island on March 19, at the meeting space on the Orcas dock. Marta will research room and ferry schedules and report at next meeting.

- **Staff Reports:** Marta Branch

**AOC/IC:** IC met on Wed. Feb. 5. Two things came up: 1. I was asked to take AOC letter to EPA telling them that the LIO would like them to apply for intervenor status in the Kinder Morgan process with the National Energy Board of Canada. Discussed sending letters as well to the Coast Guard, Dept of Ecology and Council head. AOC decided that they would advance the letter to the EPA, but not the Coast Guard, as that was covered by work the Makah tribe was doing. The AOC decided not to advance the letter to Dept of Ecology. AOC letter to EPA was OK'd by SJCC, also went through Tulalip and Swinomish, still don't know about Lummi. Letter was advanced to EPA and region 10 and all way up to state dept. The window was extended to midnight that night(Wed 2/12). The EPA asked that intervenor status be extended for 2 weeks so they could formally apply. Other letter by Ed Hale, Public Works, request for support of the grant proposal from public works RE Stormwater project—approved.

AOC meeting canceled due to funeral of tribal elder and other scheduling conflicts. Next one should happen in April.

Upcoming conferences: Salish Sea Conference. Have been formally notified that MRC/LIO session panel discussion on oil spill and emergency response and citizen science formally approved. Will have 5 presentations as part of session. Go to Salish Sea Conference website to read new description. NW Straits bought two conference spots in the names of Marta Branch and Greg Ayers, if you'd like to attend. You can also apply on your own.

Next week I will be attending a workshop on collaborating techniques and natural resources management. Cell phone service limited.

A lovely book on salmon was donated to us. Will bring it to next meeting, and will add to the MRC library.

Marta's office has been moved from San Juan to Orcas, on temporary basis until construction completed in CDPD office in FH.

- **National Monument:** Phil Green: All interested are encouraged to apply to be on the National Monument Committee. I was encouraged to throw my hat in the ring.
- Laura made a motion to write a letter of endorsement from the MRC for Phil. Discussion followed about whether the MRC, as an advisory committee, can do this without the Council's approval. Jamie will bring it up in discussion at the Council meeting on Monday. Letter isn't needed until March 15, so can put on agenda for another meeting.
- New motion by Shireene to draft the letter of support and await Council's approval before sending. Seconded by Wes. Passed unanimously.
- **Action Item:** Letter to endorse Phil Green for National Monument Committee will be written by B. Bentley, brought to MRC on 3/5 to await Council's approval before sending.

- **NW Straits Commission, Strategic Planning and Projects—SJ MRC input/coordination: Greg Ayers**

Presented slide show, which included questions requiring input from MRC members (this was sent out as forwarded email from Greg with attachment--from Marta to all members on 2/19/14).

NWS Retreat planned March 20-21 to discuss input provided by MRC.

Questions to consider: What work do you want to see NWSI take on and accomplish in the next 3-5 years? What role does the MRC want to play? What is the commitment from other commission members? Please refer to slide show for specific questions, and get suggestions to Greg by the next meeting.

A few comments that came up during the slide show: Barbara B: The initiative was set up with these overarching goals. To what extent can these be changed within a federal structure?

Greg: They've been edited in the past, and will be reviewed at the retreat. Probably can't delete one, but should be able to add to remain current.

Laura: Would like to include derelict vessel program as an item to provide more information to the State Legislature. Greg: Yes, this is a good example of an opportunity. Send me your idea.

Barbara B: What's being done with forage fish? Greg: Collecting data, habitat restoration, in some cases a single MRC project, in few cases, multiple MRCs, is where the commission comes to bear with their activities. Marta: Trainings on forage fish sampling, offering workshops to various MRCs.

Greg: One of my concerns: should foundation be involved in project management, or only in assisting the MRCs in developing projects and looking for sources of funding? Have concern that foundation competes with local MRCs for funding. Want to create better fundraising brochure for the foundation. If you have ideas on board member possibilities or ways to help in the fundraising activities, or other activities to assist us as local MRC in help with raising funds, let me know. I would like this input within next couple of weeks.

Barbara B: I'd like to see foundation help MRCs raise funds.

**Upcoming Agenda Items: Please get these to Marta or Barbara in timely fashion—one week ahead preferred.**

**Presentation: PIAT--Pulling it All Together Study – B. Rosenkotter**

**Action Item: Post PIAT presentation to SJC MRC website—it is already available on Salmon Recovery website—SJC/WRIA2**

SJC/WRIA2 Lead Entity Program for Salmon Recovery:

San Juans provide important nearshore and marine habitat for salmon, and provide forage for salmon. Important because we have major rivers that are outputting juvenile salmon. Protection of high quality nearshore marine habitat is the top salmon recovery goal for SJC. Current action strategy to meet goal: Assessment, protection and restoration projects. Our challenge: how do we look at existing data in a comprehensive way? The Pulling it All Together Project brings various assessments and data sets together and analyzes use to prioritize protection and restoration actions for SJC. Want to be sure we're using public funds in places they're most effective.

**Citizen Input:** none

**Adjourn MRC Meeting:** the meeting was adjourned by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 10:39 am.

**Minutes submitted** by *Julia Vouri*

The MRC will convene again at the 3/5/14 meeting, 8:30 am at the SJC Legislative Hearing Room  
**\*\*Meeting location has been moved—SJCC has bumped us to the Town of Friday Harbor meeting room—60 2<sup>nd</sup> Street—Town of FH building, meeting room is located above the Fire Engines Hanger/Garage.**

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**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (MRC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 8:30-10:30am  
Legislative Hearing Room  
55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Ken Sebens (by phone), Tom Temple, Terry Turner, and Bob Wilson

**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers (w/ notification), Sam Gibboney (w/ notification), Johannes Krieger (w/ notification), Chuck Schietinger (NO notification)

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Susan Key (Minutes)

**Guests:** Barbara Rosenkotter (Lead Entity for Salmon Recovery coordinator), Laura Jo Severson, Eric Eisenhardt (Soundwatch), Dr. Judy Meyer (Salmon TAG), Dr. Gene Helfman (Salmon TAG), Clay Warner (SJC Public Works), Tina Whitman (Friends of the San Juan)

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**\*\*Denotes pre-meeting reading material sent to members with meeting agenda**

**Convene MRC Meeting:** the MRC meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:34 am

**Citizen Input - none**

**Transportation to Orcas** – Bob Wilson and Ken Sebens can provide boat transport for meetings on other islands!

**\*\*Meeting Minutes:** minutes for March 5, 2014 were approved with 3 abstentions

**Changes to Agenda** – none

**Meeting Schedule Restructure**, *Chair Barbara Bentley*

Barbara B met with Sam and others to discuss; traditionally, the MRC has met twice a month, however there is not enough funding to cover the administrative time that it takes for 2 meetings per month. With the focus on Task Forces coming through the structure of sub-committees, each MRC member needs to step up and commit time and work to complete items on the Work Plan (which includes grant deliverables). The second MRC meeting would be committee meetings, and work group ad hoc meetings—chair to set agenda. Meetings will be held in alternate locations, so as to facilitate group work and group discussion. Odd months at County Building, Orcas Landing, Even months in Islander’s Bank Annex: downstairs meeting room. **Action item: Marta to make arrangements for rooms.**

Executive – nominations for May, tasks from SJC County Council—Marta to set up meeting place, time

Policy – SMP update, tasks from SJC County Council

Science – coal and oil transportation issues, ocean acidification, tasks from SJC County Council

Outreach – needs more members, tasks from SJC County Council

Discussion:

Terry – could Marta give us more information?

Marta – previously, the MRC had a full time coordinator plus a ½ time outreach coordinator; now the MRC coordinator is ½ time and there is no outreach coordinator

Laura – can we approach this from the viewpoint of accomplishing deliverables for the NW Straits Commission grant?

Barbara B – how would keeping the sub-committees and having them assign members to task forces for specific projects?

Kathy – what are the public notice requirements for the task force meetings?

Marta – will check; any sub-committee meeting must have an agenda posted 24 hours in advance

Laura – task forces can bring in non-MRC members

Terry – this seems to be an even bigger picture, in that the MRC coordinator needs more financial support so the position can be funded for more time; are other sources of funding being looked at?

Marta – yes, and Sam is supportive

Tom – likes the second meeting to focus on tasks; can MRC members do things to help Marta?

Marta – thanked Tom for the offer; Sam, Marta and Executive Committee need to approach this question in a systematic manner

Phil – likes the task force idea; he represents the MRC on several groups and doesn't see how they necessarily fit into the sub-committee groups, but does see how they fit with the task force

**Conclusion:**

The MRC continues to have a regular full MRC meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, same time and location. The meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month will be for task force meetings, same time and location may vary.

Laura – let's establish during the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday meeting what topics the task force will focus on for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday meeting

**Action Item:** during each 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday MRC meeting the topics for sub-committee task forces will be established

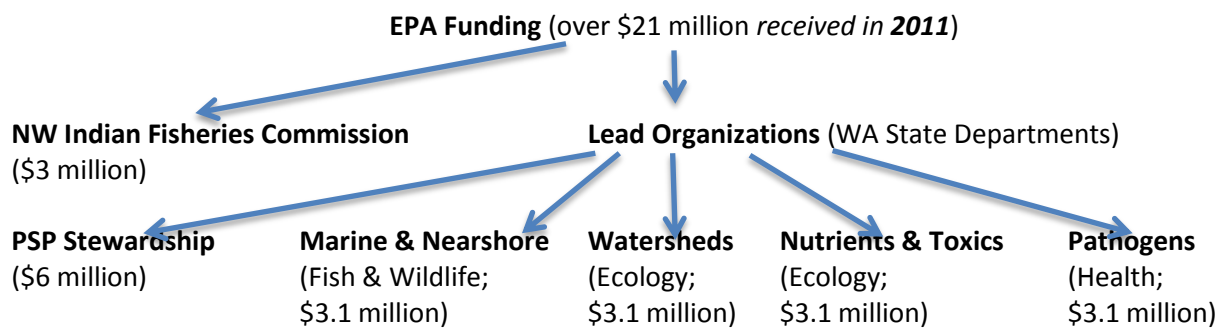
**Executive Committee Task – Elections**

Barbara B – nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and NW Straits representative must come from the Executive Committee; Sam, as Chair of the Executive Committee, will head this effort

**Reports**

- **Tribal Liaison**, *TBA* – still waiting on an appointment; Marta - Tribes are working to install a replacement; the MRC is aware of the demands on Tribal time, however the MRC continues to believe that Tribal representation is very important
- **Community Development & Planning Department**, *Sam Gibboney/Shireene Hale* – neither present
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Executive**, *Sam* – not yet present
  - **Policy**, *Kathy* – has been out of commission for 6 weeks due to surgery; will focus on SMP update
  - **Science**, *Tom Temple* – there is a lot to do focusing on coal & oil transportation plus ocean acidification
  - **Outreach**, *Phil* – waiting for more info on the EPA grant proposal submitted by Chair Barbara Bentley
  - **NW Straits Liaison**, *Marta Branch*

- NW Straits Commission – Marta attended a 2 day retreat for all MRCs to give input to a strategic plan for the NW Straits (Commission & Foundation, and all MRCs); a written report is being compiled and Marta will distribute
- **Staff, Marta Branch**
  - Collect Volunteer Hours – needed NOW!!
  - NW Straits Strategy Session – see above
  - EPA Listening Sessions – Marta attended 2 days of presentations by all of the Lead Organizations (see below) and the NW Indian Fisheries Commission



- Ocean Acidification/Climate Change Lecture/Workshop – one of the MRC’s deliverables; NW Straits Foundation has obtained additional funding; coordinate with the National Park Service who is doing an Global Climate Change lecture series beginning in May and continuing through the summer; the MRC could convene an Ocean Acidification workshop in the fall that fits in with this and is grant deliverable, AND could fold in a one day Marine Manager’s workshop as well. Tentative date: September 10; the San Juan Islands Stewardship Network coordinator has the time to use the additional funding to help coordinate this effort
- **Chair, Barbara Bentley**
  - EPA Grant – was eliminated because the EPA reviewer did not realize that the proposal does contain at least 25% sub-contracts to other organizations. Barbara B will talk with EPA’s Sally Hemp to explain the proposal and ask that it be put back in the running
- **County Council Liaison, Jamie Stephens**
  - WA State Representatives Jeff Morris and Kris Litton are holding a Town Hall meeting in this room tomorrow from 1-3pm; our representatives are starting to formulate plans for next year’s session so now is a very good time to give them input
  - SJC Shoreline Master Plan update is on the County Council agenda for next week and the following week; now is the time to give input
  - Out of 93 appeals on the SJC Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO)update, the Growth Hearings Board sent back 8 which resulted in amendments to the CAO; recent focus has been on fixing those 8; CDPD staff are now looking at how the updated CAO plays out in the field

**Presentation: San Juan County Stream Typing Results, Mary Lou White (Wild Fish Conservancy)**

Go to [www.wildfishconservancy.org](http://www.wildfishconservancy.org) for maps for the San Juan Islands

For how to identify wild fish, go to [www.FishID.org](http://www.FishID.org)

Power Point will be posted on Salmon Recovery website.



**Citizen Input** - none

**Adjourn MRC Meeting:** the meeting was adjourned by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 9:54 am

**Minutes submitted** by *Susan Key*

The MRC will convene again **April 16 for Sub-Committee meetings**  
SJC Legislative Hearing Room, 8:30 – 10:30

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**Convene Salmon Advisory Group Meeting:** the meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 9:54 am.

**Citizen Input**

Eric Eisenhardt – free admission to The Whale Museum on Thursdays for San Juan County residents!

**\*\*Evaluation Criteria for Grant Round, Barbara Rosenkotter** – each year MRC members review and approve proposals for San Juan County Salmon Recovery

Barbara introduced the Salmon Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members present: Eric Eisenhardt (Soundwatch, The Whale Museum), Dr. Judy Meyer and Dr. Gene Helfman; state Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Review Panel members for this year’s grant round are Paul Schlenger and Marnie Tyler.

Just over \$1 million in funding available for projects in San Juan County

- Funding comes from federal via Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding (PCSRF) which is matched by state capital funding. Also additional state funding is allocated for Puget Sound Chinook salmon recovery via Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Funding (PSAR)
- Last year SJC got Reid Harbor on the regionally ranked list and got an additional \$800,000 for the project
- **\*\*Timeline for 2014 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Proposal Review**

**Action Item:** MRC members **MAKE SURE that June 4** (for a longer MRC/Salmon Advisory Group meeting in Friday Harbor at Islanders Bank staffed by Barbara R) **and June 5<sup>th</sup>** (for site visits; staffed by Barbara R) **are on your calendars**; may need use of private boats; **and July 16** (staffed by Barbara R) **MUST have a QUORUM** in order to approve projects

**Motion:** Phil made a motion to approve this timeline; seconded by Tom; passed unanimously

- **\*\*Application Process and Scoring Criteria** – the result of previous year’s efforts and review by the Salmon Technical Advisory Group
  - Preliminary Applications will go to MRC members for review before June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Final Proposals (actually scored by TAG) will go to MRC members before July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Motion:** Laura moved to approve the *Application Process and Scoring Criteria* as proposed; Phil seconded; motion passed unanimously

**Citizen Input**

**Adjourn Salmon Advisory Group Meeting:** adjourned by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 10:37

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
4/2/2014	LIO Implementation Committee meeting	Town of Friday Harbor Fire Station Meeting Hall	11:30AM – 1:30PM
4/10/2014	Stormwater Committee Meeting	SJC Legislative Building, Council Chambers	8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
4/16/2014	MRC Meeting	SJC Legislative Building, Council Chambers	8:30 – 10:30AM
4/16/2014	Stewardship Network Meeting	Whidbey Island Bank	12-2 PM
4/29**/2014	AOC Meeting (Tentative)	Town of Anacortes Meeting Hall	10:00AM – 2:30PM
4/30 to 5/2 2014	Salish Sea Conference	Seattle Conference Center	Overnight
5/7/2014	MRC Meeting	SJC Legislative Building, Council Chambers	8:30-10:30 AM
5/7/2014	LIO Implementation Committee meeting	Town of Friday Harbor Fire Station Meeting Hall	11:30AM – 1:30PM

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Greg Ayers, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Sam Gibboney (left @ 9:30,) Phil Green (left @ 9:00,) Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, and Terry Turner

**Members Absent:** Bob Wilson, Johannes Krieger, Chuck Schietinger, Ken Sebens

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes)

**Guests:** Lisa Kaufman (Nearshore Program Manager – Northwest Straits Foundation)

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**\*\*Denotes pre-meeting reading material sent to members with meeting agenda**

**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:34am

**Citizen Input – none**

**Convene Salmon Recovery Meeting July 30, 2014 at 8:35 AM**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Greg Ayers, Chair Salmon CAG Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Sam Gibboney, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, and Terry Turner

**Guests:** Lisa Kaufman (Nearshore Program Manager – Northwest Straits Foundation)

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator; MRC), Chandler Colahan (Minutes); On Vacation: Barbara Rosenkotter

**Citizen Input:** none

**West Beach Creek Restoration Project Cost Overrun – NW Straits Foundation  
Presentation/Discussion – Lisa Kaufman:**

- **NW Straits Nearshore Program Manager, Lisa Kaufman** – The West Beach Creek restoration project (on Orcas Island) will focus on replacing culverts that dam passages for salmonids. Permits were issued in May. NW Straits advertised the project in Seattle and in the Island Sounder (Orcas) and Journal (San Juan Island) and began taking bids. All the bids that came in (three from off island contractors and two from local contractors Orcas Construction, and Orcas Excavators) were extremely high. Currently, there is not enough funding to proceed with the project. Also, the private property where the project will be is currently for sale. The NW Straits Foundation is trying to keep the project going, hoping to get it done by this fall so new owners of the property won't be a concern. Once the dam is removed the creek will be allowed to find its own course. It will take about one year to replant the area and for the system to recover. As it stands, the projected cost overruns are estimated at \$77,000 - \$78,000. If additional funding does not become available the NW Straits will have to put the project on hold. NW Straits is working with engineers to find cost cutting measures and details. They are also working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife on plans. With new changes to the plans the overrun costs may be up to \$15,000 less than current estimates. Changes are costly. Just redrawing the plans will cost \$2,000 - \$3,000.

- **Discussion:** Terry asked if a new driveway was looked at as a cost cutting option, and if there was an archeological monitoring requirement for the project. Lisa didn't think that a new driveway was an option, and informed the committee that there is no requirement for onsite archeological monitoring unless something is inadvertently found.

- **Public Input** – member of the general audience asked if this information will be presented to the San Juan County Water Resources Committee. Lisa responded no.

- **Discussion:** Marta reported on the review by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG.) Ray Glaze (not present) recommends that the MRC approves moving forward with this project. Also, Mindy Rowse (not present) strongly recommends moving forward with it. She feels like funds will be found somewhere because this is an important problem for salmon recovery. As representatives of the public, the MRC needs to decide if this project is valuable based on salmon recovery versus costs. The entire TAG committee and the Citizen Salmon Recovery Group were informed about the issues.

Terry has concerns about the issues surrounding this project. One of the local (on Orcas Island) contractors missed the bid, and Terry felt like that contractor could do the project and come in under budget. How did those connections get missed? The public announcement was made; it's not the MRC's responsibility to micromanage bids. Marta suggests getting contractors to come to the annual June meeting where Salmon

Recovery Projects annual projects proposals are presented. Terry feels that employing off island contractors is very expensive, with many built-in costs, and ultimately unsuccessful because of location logistics.

**Action:** Phil called for the question. Tom made a motion to approve moving forward with the project as proposed, with the cost overruns. Terry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**(Salmon Citizen Advisory Committee Group adjourned, 9:00AM; Phil Green left meeting, Greg Ayers moved to front of room.) MRC Meeting Reconvened, 9:04AM:**

**\*\*Meeting Minutes:** Salmon Recovery Meeting Notes from July 2, 2014. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Laura, seconded by Kathleen. Five committee members voted to approve minutes, two voted to abstain. MRC meeting minutes from July 2, 2014. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Barbara, seconded by Tom. The motion passed unanimously. Salmon Citizen Advisory Committee meeting minutes from July 16, 2014 are tabled for review until the next meeting.

#### **Reports:**

- **Tribal Liaison** – still TBA
- **Working Group Reports** –

Executive: Marine Managers Workshop will have as theme vessel traffic and cargo; event to be Oct. 23/24 – the executive committee to meet, approve details of event, and send out invitations (meeting will take place directly after today's MRC meeting.)

Policy: Marine Manager's Workshop, Shellfish Growers and Ocean Acidification Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> event preparation is under way and everything is on schedule.

Science: Group is talking about ocean acidification and is interested in developing a paper about specifics on the topic to present to the county council.

Outreach: The village Green booth (Aug. 13-16) is an option for an outreach venue. Marta informed the committee that there are great print materials for the MRC printed and ready for public distribution. In addition, there are four banner displays that can be used. Marta will put information about print materials in her report. Anyone who can run the booth on August 9<sup>th</sup> should get in touch with Marta Branch. The MRC booth at the SJC Fair on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> will be monitored by the San Juan Stewardship Network. Marta will make sure the

tent gets put up and taken down. Need volunteers for this, or Marta will make arrangements for contractor outreach piece-work.

NW Straits Liaison- Foundation level: The NW Straits 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> this year at the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. Session topics include role of kelp and eelgrass in Puget Sound ecosystems, efforts to recover threatened and endangered species, ecological and cultural importance of forage fish, and our changing oceans & climate. Heidi Lehman is the contact person for conference registration and questions. The NW Straits has a booth for the Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> event on Orcas Island and is looking to recruit from area MRCs. The NW Straits wants to get people interested in contributing to the MRCs. There will also be a reception on San Juan Island on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to solicit funds from private donors. Robyn du Pré, the executive director of the NW Straits Foundation, will be resigning on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. A job description for a replacement for her position is posted on the foundation's website. The foundation is hoping to have a candidate to fill the position by Sept. /Oct.

NW Straits Staff level: The NW Straits has asked the MRC to send a letter to be added to a grant application in support of a workshop to help citizens and land owners understand the issues around and the alternatives to hard armoring shorelines. There is a format to the letter of support. The MRC is not being asked to help with funding for this project, though three other MRCs have committed \$2,000.00 each to help offset costs in their own counties. The NW Straits Foundation is more than willing to accept funding.

- Discussion – Terry asked if there are current numbers for armored shorelines in San Juan County. Lisa responded yes, extensive studies have been done on who owns what and also how attitudes can be changed. The cumulative rates trend to be that armory is going up faster than the rates of salmon recovery. Barbara B. added that this is a very interesting project with the bonus being no cost to the San Juan County MRC. Marta pointed out that money for the workshops will come from grants. The project will mesh with the MRC initiatives and the county's near term actions. Barbara stated that she felt there is enough information about the project that the MRC can endorse it. Marta read the letter of support suggested form draft from NWS.
- Action – Terry motioned to approve the letter with modifications to be made by Marta with MRC specific information. Laura seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

LIO Liaison: July 2<sup>nd</sup> was the last meeting.

Stormwater Liaison: unable to be at last Stormwater meeting

- **Staff – Marta Branch:**
  - PSPartnershipStrategic planning meeting is upcoming- oil spills are becoming a topic of importance. This meeting is very important for Marta to be at.
  - The Ocean Acidification/ Climate Change Lecture Series continues this month. The lectures have been well attended, with 70-80 people in attendance for each lecture. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> is the last event in this series. The PSP science plan will be presented with PSP attending. Stephanie Sollien is the new liaison between the PSP Leadership Council and the AOG (SJ WRIA 2 LIO).
  - Leave No Trace Event – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. The message will be the traditional message of leave the place better than you found it. Workshops and events are being talked about. Marta is attending these meetings.
  - AOC Meeting – Letters were approved supporting three Nearshore grant applications at their meeting.
  - Grant Application Process – Marta has been involved in writing staff pieces for MRC capacity grant to the Dept. of Ecology(overseen by the NWS). Everything for the grant applications needs to be done by July 31, 2014. The funds for MRCs are fixed, and evenly divided between the 7 MRC's. Our county indirect costs are fixed at 20% for next year, and other fixed costs (benefits, IT, Supplies, etc) have been calculated. The budget is manipulated accordingly.
    - Discussion: Laura would like information on what amount of County funding for the MRC is being proposed for next year's county budget for the record by the next meeting. (Currently, this amount is \$0)
  - Marta's office space on San Juan Island is coming along! Carpet has been laid, but there are still phone and furniture issues. In both the MRC and LIO grants there are still funds; decision has been made to hire a temporary administrative assistant. Bridget Nyberg has been hired and will be answering Marta's phone during the week.
  
- **Chair – Barbara Bentley: Strategic Plan Review and Comment.**
  - Round Robin for comments:
  - Wes had no comment.
  - Laura felt like there has been a lot of weight put on restoration versus protective actions. Also, there is no assessment component in the assessment, as in effects on organisms.
  - Greg would like to know, section by section, where protective measures would be good to insert. This would be helpful for

revisions. Also, there is nothing included about oil transportation. That information should be included.

- Laura had issues with the lack of quantifying protective measures. She suggested reordering the goals. Greg and Kathy agreed.
- Tom was struck with how big the operation is. How will any one group get their arms around it all? Will it be a three year plan? A five year plan? Is the plan too big?
- Terry stated that he feels that it is important to improve on past mistakes. How do these measures translate to differences he can understand on the ground? He sees it as being divided into shoreline, upland, and education.
- Greg noted that the education piece was pulled out to be a specific goal because it is such an important topic.
- Barbara is very concerned by this plan. Primary duties of the NW Straits are to support the MRCs. The reason the NW Straits exists is because of the MRCs. The proposal needs to be shifted to encourage collaborations and support local initiatives. There needs to be well developed RFPs. This, then, really changes the measures of progress. She suggests putting the proposal in more of a work plan format to clear up any lack of support for MRCs by the NW Straits. She feels there needs to be an overreaching, comprehensive plan.
- Greg agrees. NW Straits needs to look at wording of initiatives to be inclusive of MRCs. The foundation will also plan on finding funding for those projects.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 10:31am.**



**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 8:30 – 13:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Sam Gibboney, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, Johannes Krieger, Ken Sebens, Bob Wilson.

**Members Absent:** Greg Ayers, Terry Turner (all with notification), Chuck Shietinger.

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) and Position 13 (Port) are currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes)

**Guests:** Jenny deGroot, Jamie Stephens, Jenny Rose, Tracy Becker, Alan Chapman, Barbara Rosenkotter, Mark Broman.

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**\*\*Denotes pre-meeting reading material sent to members with meeting agenda**

**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:35am

**Citizen Input** – Eric Eisenhardt, Soundwatch coordinator/Research Curator for the Whale Museum, thanked the MRC committee for promoting the Gear Down event to be hosted by the Whale Museum Friday October 24, 2014. Gear Down is an annual Marine Naturalist workshop for anyone interested in protecting the Salish Sea marine ecosystem. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion, downstairs. Also, on Saturday October 25, 2014 the Whale Museum is hosting the Southern Resident Orca C.A.L.F. (Community Action-Look Forward) Workshop from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Friday Harbor High School Commons. He looks forward to seeing everyone there!

**MRC Meeting:**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from September 3, 2014. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Phil, seconded by Wes. Eight committee members voted to approve minutes, two voted to abstain.

**Business:**

- Barbara informed everyone that October 8, 2014 is the last day to fill out the Watershed Working Group Survey for MRC members. All members should fill out one survey for every watershed action group with which they are working.
- Marta reported that the Leave No Trace event was a big success and directly fulfilled the stewardship mission of the MRC. The County Council, at its Oct 7 meeting, offered support for this effort in the form of an ordinance that declares San Juan County a “Leave No Trace” County—the first such declaration in the USA. Federal trainers came in and did training workshops for participants, in concert with local representatives of Federal and State agencies that have land management responsibilities here in the county, and many local groups. There is a train the trainer component to the program that the MRC could be part of in the future.
- The Gear Down workshop will be on October 24th for people working on whale conservation. The workshop will feature a discussion about transient orcas by Josh McInnes of the University of Victoria, an overview of NOAA’s 10 years of research and conservation on behalf of southern resident killer whales, by Dawn Noren, and a program about the Conservation Canine program by Liz Seely. Tucker the orca poop sniffing dog will be there too!
- Marta and Laura reported on the Marine Managers workshop. The contract is moving forward and will be signed as soon as possible. VEDA Environmental consulting will be planning the workshop. There is a different set of workshops that the same firm is coordinating contracted by the Northwest Straits Commission for oil spill response.
- Barbara noted that there has been a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Restoration and Recovery Program in Washington State FY15 Notice of Funding, and she is looking into how the MRC programs can be available for funding, and how information could be a baseline of information for the MRC.
- October meeting date – October 22, 2014.

**County Council Updates:**

- Jamie Stephens reported that he attended the Department of Ecology oil spill study railroad and marine meetings. Neither meeting took into account Canadian traffic. The railroads plan on increasing rail capacity for oil from 80% to 110 % (coal was not considered in the scope of the study.) Marine protection would include more cooperation with the Canadian government. A funding plan still has to be made as well. There is still time to weigh in with comments on the Department of Ecology website. This information does affect the MRC by way of the Northwest Straits Commission and the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP.) There have been frustrations with the PSP and lead organizations obtaining funding. The San Juan LIO was also at this meeting. There is hope that future funding might be structured in similar fashion to current Salmon

Recovery funding. The EPA is the lead organization on this. Under the current funding model, monies distributed through the EPA, under the National Estuary Program to the Puget Sound Estuary are distributed as a yearly allocation, determined by congress. Currently, about 10% of the total amount goes to each lead organization working on projects for oil spill response (i.e. PSP, Dept. of Ecology, WDFW, etc.) Marta will include the link for the information. Several items under oil spill response have regional significance and funding implications under the strategic initiatives. Members from the SJ LIO met last week with representatives from the Partnership, DOE, and the Makah tribe to agree on wording for a NTA coming from the 2014 SJ NTAs #1 and #2 that would be listed as a strategic initiative. With more LIOs in Washington State now, there is increased competition for funding of Near Term Actions. Laura requested that when an action comes out of this committee, that the MRC be informed. Marta will follow up on PSP plans.

- There was a meeting about mooring buoys for tourists to San Juan County. It is a difficult topic, as buoys can't really be placed at the end of private roads. Ken mentioned that there is a precedent for this set by the state parks. Jamie suggested that the MRC should look at this issue in the future, not now.

#### **Working Group Reports:**

- Executive – Jamie reported that the Washington State Ferry System is planning on extending the winter schedule by 12-20 weeks, to decrease costs in the budget, which would hamper/cancel the Sydney schedule. Discussion about how this could have an effect on participation at the Spring MRC Marine Managers' Workshop.
- Policy – Barbara B. is asking a volunteer task committee to look into the CAO documents on line and report on them at the next meeting. Kathy reported that the Planning Committee will be meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> about this. The MRC will be looking at the revisions and should comment at the Planning Committee meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Marta suggested that the MRC should at least make a statement about the documents. Laura will report on changes and past comments at the next MRC meeting.
- Science – Tom reported on two items: 1) Eel grass habitat - there is a lot of loose eel grass from recreational boats cruising near shore at low tides; he suggests that the loose eel grass needs to be tracked so that changes in boating guidelines can be made. 2) Vessel traffic – San Juan County is affected by both US and Canadian vessel traffic. The US government needs to look at those impacts, paying close attention to impacts in the next twenty years. Ken noted that the MRC did a traffic study a few years ago, and maybe it is time to repeat it.
- NW Straits Liaison – Greg is gone from today's meeting.
- LIO Liaison – there is funding for the LIO Coordinator position; already discussed the SJ NTAs on Oil Spills, above.

- Stormwater Liaison – there is currently a meeting happening at the fire station, which is unfortunately happening simultaneously with this one. This is a combined meeting of the Water Advisory Group and the Stormwater Committee. One of the topics being discussed is the effects of changing roads to gravel. Bioremediations may be needed.  
\*Next working groups MRC meeting is October 22, 2014 in the Island Bank Annex.

**Citizen Input / Discussion:**

- Tracy Becker reported that there is cable repair in progress that is creating vast improvements because the cable is being laid under the sea bed.
- Marta discussed upcoming event dates. The annual NW Straits conference is in Port Townsend December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year. The MRC members are invited to participate; the conference costs for MRC committee members are paid. Registration is open at the NWS site. The NW Straits Commission is interested in having the MRCs present a project and outreach that has happened in the last year. The presentation should be about ten minutes. They would like auction items as well. There will be a tabletop luncheon as well where each MRC can have a small display. Jamie mentioned that the county passed a resolution that San Juan County is now the very first “Leave NO Trace” county in the nation and suggested that the presentation could be about that. Everyone agreed, and Barbara volunteered to do the presentation. Wes agreed to tend to the display for the luncheon. Marta commented that there is a possible workshop on net pens by NOAA. She will send out the details ASAP. Also, there is now a bull kelp monitoring protocol on the NW Straits Commission website which will allow anyone to participate. The MRC should think about becoming involved. Caroline Gibson could present updates on the program at a future meeting.
- Johannes updated everyone on the rain garden contract. It will be turned over to the town, not sure if the town knows it! Currently, the town is maintaining the garden. The Stormwater committee needs more data. Johannes will find out more details and report on it at the next meeting.

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 9:53am.**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY**

**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting as SALMON CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 10:00 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, Johannes Krieger, Ken Sebens, and Bob Wilson

**Members Absent:** Chuck Schietinger, Greg Ayers, Terry Turner; Sam Gibboney

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes), Barbara Rosenkotter, Salmon Recovery Coordinator

**Salmon Technical Advisory Group (TAG):** Alan Chapman

**Guests:** Jenny deGroot, Jamie Stephens, Jenny Rose, Tracy Becker, Mark Broman.

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**Convene MRC - CAG Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 9:54am

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Laura motioned to approve the minutes, Phil seconded the motion; minutes approved by **eight committee members, abstained by two.**

**Citizen Input:**

- Barbara Rosenkotter WRIA II Update – The projects have all been approved, signed off, and are moving forward. The Hart property acquisition request will be submitted to the government for funding because the estimated costs are in the range of \$140 million. The West Beach Road project is back on track after funding issues that arose in July

were alleviated by the implementation of returned funds. As a priority project, the Hart project is now 17<sup>th</sup>, down from a ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> last year. The criteria for the ranking have changed. Surprisingly, the project did not score well under the fit to local action agenda. Inquiry has taught that the project needs to also be matched to the criteria based on regional action agendas. Next time questions for ranking qualifications will be answered on different levels. We can resubmit the proposal for funding in next cycle.

- Proposal from Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council – The work that is being done is different than what was set up for lead organizations. Each watershed is basically responsible for implementing its own salmon recovery chapter. This document, specifically the section that lists the full scope of, and lead entity role in, watershed-based salmon recovery, is an acknowledgement that there is extra work being done; work being done in a way that's a little different from the original model. This document asks if the right people are in place to do the job. The MRC is set up to be the Citizen Salmon Advisory Group by the county Council because of the good fit of the requirements (by county ordinance) of the make of the SJ MRC to the historical federal/state requirements for the make-up of Salmon Citizen Advisory Groups. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council wants the Citizen Salmon Advisory Group to review and discuss the following:
  1. How they might assist each watershed with recruiting additional participants as necessary and desired to round out their leadership groups;
  2. How they might provide us with the support we need to find additional capacity funding for each Lead Entity and/or watershed participants if it is necessary to help support larger policy and decision making functions; and
  3. How they might help create additional consistency among watershed organizations while still preserving and honoring the unique characteristics and political landscape of each watershed.
- Laura noted that this group is supposed to be a CITIZEN advisory group and cautioned about having too much government involvement. Jamie agreed and felt that maybe the more appropriate route would be to add more people to the group instead of state agencies. Johannes said if more government is put into these groups, there is a good chance there will be more issues trying to reach a quorum.
- Barbara Rosenkotter noted that this document is in response to trying to answer questions of what is working and/or not working. Barbara Bentley felt that wording is important in this document because we have a small county and it is difficult to gather large committees. Barbara Rosenkotter said there is a reason these groups are set up the way they are in each watershed. She will be sending a version of this document out

in November. Hopefully there will be a draft to share at our meeting in November.  
Barbara Bentley pointed out that at this point no action is required, just discussion.

- Marta asked the group about a possible retreat, potentially November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. She is checking into availability at Friday Harbor Labs. Barbara Bentley will send out a poll to vote on.

**CAD Meeting Adjourned at 10:34am.**

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**SAN JUAN COUNTY**  
**MARINE RESOURCES Committee (MRC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2014 2014, 8:30 – 10:30am**

**Legislative Hearing Room**

**55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, WA**

**Members Present:** Laura Arnold, Greg Ayers, Chair Barbara Bentley, Kathleen Dolsen, Phil Green, Wes Heinmiller, Tom Temple, Terry Turner, Marc Broman

**Members Absent:** Bob Wilson, Ken Sebens, Chuck Schietinger, Johannes Krieger, Sam Gibboney

Position 2 (Tribal Representative) is currently vacant

**Staff:** Marta Branch (Coordinator), Chandler Colahan (Minutes)

**Guests:** Barbara Rosenkotter, Eleni Petro

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**\*\*Denotes pre-meeting reading material sent to members with meeting agenda**

**Convene MRC Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by *Barbara Bentley, Chair* at 8:38am

**Citizen Input** – none

**MRC Meeting:**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes:** Marine Resources Committee Meeting from October 8, 2014. No discussion. Motion to approve minutes was made by Tom, seconded by Kathleen. Eight committee members voted to approve minutes, one voted to abstain.

**Business:**

**Upcoming events/assignments**

- Leave No Trace - Marta reported that the San Juan Islands have been identified as a hotspot for Leave No Trace because of the unique environment and value of protecting this special environment. Trainers came and held workshops on various islands for two days. There were two outcomes of these workshops: one, the county council has made resolution to adopt San Juan County as a "Leave No Trace county". Two, there is now an ad hoc working group from the county to work on continuing Leave No Trace efforts.



This includes train-the-trainer sessions; tailoring the LNT message with important local themes; working to expand the partnerships being formed with the various agencies—local, state, federal, governmental and NGOs that are involved; planning sessions for outreach in the coming year. The county resolution made involving Leave No Trace also mentioned the 2004 county resolution creating a Voluntary Marine Stewardship Area of the entire San Juan County. So now MRC outreach efforts within scope of our Marine Stewardship Area Plan (adopted 2007) fit nicely with Leave No Trace outreach messages. San Juan County is the first Leave No Trace county in the USA.

- 2015 Marine Managers' Workshop – Marta reported that the workshop will happen in spring 2015 (end of March or beginning of April.) The executive committee has put out an outline for VEDA Environmental. The consultants from the VEDA firm are very well informed about local marine issues on both sides of the boarder. Tom asked if the focus of this workshop is oil spills. Marta responded that VTRA (vessel traffic risk assessment) is a major part of it. VTRA includes collisions, size of vessels, and cargo, and the assessment focuses risks associated with increases in Vessel traffic. What are the issues and reasonable response to those issues by San Juan County citizens? Barbara Bentley added that this is not an oil spill preparedness workshop, it is about what the possible effects of increased traffic might be. Marta reported that there will be between 50-80 people talking about policies issues and action in San Juan County waterways. Laura added that this has become a regional event that includes international involvement. Marta noted that this is one of the places where the MRC ties into the LIO on these near-term actions, and can be reported on to Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) as near term actions in Action Agenda. There will be a draft agenda from VEDA out soon reviewed by subgroup working on this. The PSP is paying for the contract with VEDA utilizing extra funds from the 2014 SJ LIO grant because it is a part of our local action agenda. VEDA has also been hired by the Northwest Straits Commission to put on an oil spill workshop that is separate from the VTRA workshop.
- Retreat –based on the Doodle poll, the MRC retreat will be December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> this year. The location is TBA, but will hopefully be at the Friday Harbor Labs. Marta will let everyone know details ASAP. Accommodations for members coming from outside San Juan Island are not provided. ACTION: All members should let Marta know if/what accommodations they will need for overnight on 17<sup>th</sup>, and meal requirements

#### County Council Updates:

- Dispersants – (Marta filling in for Jamie Stephens) Marta reported that the MRC should begin looking at the issue of using dispersants in the case of an oil spill. Once an oil spill happens, decisions will be made in immediate fashion. Time to effect policy with rational argument and consideration of best available science is prior to an event. The

science committee needs to look into this, and any comments or thoughts should be sent to the county council. Laura requested that a presentation be made to MRC members about this topic. ACTION: Marta requested that anyone with ideas about people for this presentation forward names to her.

**Working Group Reports:** Barbara Bentley reported that October's working group meetings were very productive, that there was a lot of work accomplished. Marta mentioned that there are standing agendas posted on SJC website. Wes asked if there is a master calendar on the MRC website so committee members may access this information. Marta said this information is available on the San Juan County's website, and that having this information of the MRC's website is a great idea.

- Executive – Barbara reported that the retreat is to begin next year's work plan and prepare the report for the county council which is due in December.
- Policy – Laura put together a description of what the documents are for the CAO report. She recommends no longer submitting formal comments to the county because the MRC does not need to comment on the technical statements. Terry mentioned that he had read the CAO revisions and can comment to the MRC if need. Greg said he has too. Barbara Bentley suggested reporting on the matter as a sub-committee.
- Science – Tom reported that the group is working on issues including eel grass, vessel traffic, and ocean acidification. ACTION: Add Dispersants to list of projects
- Outreach – Wes had nothing to report, as he was absent last meeting. Barbara B stated that Leave No Trace will be part of MRC's outreach presentation at the NWS Conference in December. Marta reminded everyone that there is nothing wrong in recruiting interested citizens for work groups.
- NW Straits Liaison – Greg reported that the NW Straits Annual MRC meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year in Port Townsend. There are limited hotels. The sign up deadline was November 4<sup>th</sup>, but there is still time to register. Grants have been completed for all seven MRCs. The NW Straits is in the process of it strategic planning process and has asked each MRC to send a list of its priorities to the NW Straits as part of the strategic plan. ACTION: All members should let Marta know by email if planning on attending. All those attending register.
- LIO Liaison – no discussion
- Stormwater Liaison – the next meeting will be November 13, 2014 (date changed from the agenda.)

**Herring Project:** Eleni Petro, University of Washington

- "Shifting Baselines in the Pacific Northwest: the Story of Pacific Herring" – Guest Eleni Petro, PhD candidate from the University of Washington presented information about

her project that is focusing on the different historical and biological factors influencing the population structure of Pacific herring populations: ecosystems are the target of restoration efforts. The reproductive cycle of herring is straight forward. Herring lay eggs on sea grasses near-shore, then move out to deeper waters, and then come back in to near-shore habitat to spawn. Herring is an important food source for many species, including humans. They have been commercially fished along the north Pacific coast since the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but in the late 1930's herring populations began declining. There are twenty-one spawning grounds in the region. Spawning times differ between herring population, occurring in January, February, and May. Pacific herring fisheries are currently managed as three separate stocks: Cherry Point stock, Squaxin Pass stock, and everything else combined in one stock. The different stocks are identified by DNA markers. A shifting baseline is a type of change to how a system is measured, usually against previous reference points, which themselves may represent significant changes from an even earlier state of the system. Shifting baseline information is usually based on a relatively short period of time. Official surveys of herring stocks have been collected since 1973, and since 1973 herring populations have been declining. The baseline for current studies is based on an average of recorded biomass of thirty years of surveys. How do we better understand historical baselines? She is looking at genetics, archeology, and history. Fin tissue samples from herring provide DNA information to distinguish populations. It is important to determine types of populations to learn how to better protect and manage herring fisheries. Many things can be determined from DNA samples, including adaptation differentiations from ancient populations to present stocks. Ancient herring bone (500 -1000 years old) samples taken from shell middens are used to extract DNA to see: 1) relative contributions of winter versus spring spawning herring to food supplies, and 2) did proportions of stocks change over time? Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) is information passed down through generations about how relationships of living things with one another and the environment have changed. This study is asking how have herring abundance, distribution, and spawning changed over time? What is the status of stocks today? Traditionally, how were herring caught, produced, and used? Eleni would like to invite anyone who is interested in sharing information they may have about Pacific herring stocks to participate in her project. You may contact Eleni through the project website:

<http://pacificherring.org/stories-map>

Or you may contact her directly at:

[elpetrou@uw.edu](mailto:elpetrou@uw.edu)

**ACTION:** Identify outlets to find possible interviewees. MRC will cosponsor this project as a part of MSA Plan administration. This also ties in with the Salmon work on Forage fish.

**Citizen Input / Discussion:** none

**MRC Meeting Adjourned at 10:09am.**