


CLALLAM COUNTY
MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: Monday, August 20, 2018
 Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 Location: Class Room, Feiro Marine Life Center
 Minutes prepared by Cathy Lear

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

P Bob Vreeland	P Robert Knapp	E Arnold Schouten	Mike McHenry	P Sissi Bruch
P Kathy Cooper	P Jeff Ward	P Mike Doherty	P Peggy McClure	E Jesse Waknitz
E Lyn Muench	P Alan Clark	E Ed Bowlby	P Pete Schroeder	E Greig Arnold

Ex-Officio Members / MRC staff/Members of the Public Present

Rylan MacDonald, 2018 intern; Kennedy Cameron 2018 intern; Christopher Reis 2018 intern; Collin Boe 2018 intern; Griffin Hoins 2018 intern; Cole Svec 2018 intern; Cathy Lear, Clallam MRC Coordinator.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

Jeff added the topic of NOAA funding for crab pot removal to ‘Good of the Order’.

Dungeness River Festival

Standing in for Lyn, Jeff explained the new Festival Schedule, with a community event Thursday evening and regular festival events Friday. A sign up sheet is ready for people to write their names in the time slots they can staff the booth.

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

No public comments. The July minutes were approved.

Clallam MRC Project Updates

Biotoxin monitoring: Bob noted that he, Coleman Byrnes, and Jeff have been sampling. The next sampling occurs on August 28.

Kelp monitoring: Alan reported that large and small beds have been surveyed and sampled. Plankton sampling in the kelp beds is now possible due to the development – by our field team! - of a device known as the ‘Planktomatic’.

Olympia oysters: Jeff and Kathy worked with Chris Burns to distribute oysters.

Pigeon guillemot surveys: surveys have entered their 10th week.

Good of the Order

Jeff described the MyCoast app. The app allows people to report what they see in the nearshore, such as king tide effects, derelict vessels, and other phenomena. The app began in Snohomish County and is a partnership of NWSC, Washington SeaGrant, and USGS. NWSC is looking for a Clallam point of contact.

Jeff also reported that a NOAA grant for derelict crab pot removal in Dungeness Bay and Port Townsend Bay has been awarded for three years, rather than the two years which was requested. Public outreach is a part of the grant, also. The proposal was developed jointly with Jefferson MRC.

Mike noted that State Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Representative Derek Kilmer are hiking the outer coast, retracing the steps of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to highlight opposition to drilling off the coast of Washington State.

Mike mentioned that Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands, is working on bringing employment to rural communities. One example is a new business salvaging parts from derelict vessels for use in vessel repair. Contact Ms. Franz with any ideas you may have.

Public Comment

None

Intern Celebration

Six interns presented results of their work with posters and discussion:

Kennedy Cameron – educational outreach to recreational crabbers

Griffin Hoins – kelp bed monitoring

Rylan MacDonald – green crab removal project with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Cole Svec – green crab removal project with the Makah Tribe

Collin Boe – West Elwha Beach stewardship

Christopher Reis – Pigeon Guillemot breeding surveys

Following the presentations the audience viewed the posters and talked with the interns while enjoying refreshments.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.