

CLALLAM COUNTY

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: Monday, June 17, 2019
 Time: 5:30 – 7:10 pm
 Location: Commissioners’ Large Conference Room
 Minutes prepared by Helle Andersen

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

P Bob Vreeland	E Robert Knapp	P Arnold Schouten	Mike McHenry	Jesse Waknitz
P Sissi Bruch	P Jeff Ward	E Mike Doherty	P Ann Soule	Greig Arnold
E Lyn Muench	P Alan Clark	E Ed Bowlby	P Pete Schroeder	Open Position

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

Whitney Fleming, Oregon State University; Alisa Taylor, summer intern, Alisandra Baccus, summer intern; Chris Burns, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe alternate; Coleman, resident; Edwin Prince, resident; Helle Andersen, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

None

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

No public comments. The May minutes were approved as amended.

Human Wellbeing Decision-Making Tools

Whitney Fleming, Oregon State University presented on a project titled “Integrating Human Health and Wellbeing with Ecosystem Services”. The objectives of the project are to 1) understand how LIOs function and understand/integrate human wellbeing (and social data/science) into local recovery efforts and 2) integrate human wellbeing indicators with ecological indicators in LIO decision-making, including NTA development and scoring process. Whitney emphasized that this is a community-based project tailored to LIO needs and interests with an intended low-impact. After the introduction she provided a lot of interesting data based on a survey of Clallam County residents. For example: 1) only 20-23% of the population is younger than 55 years; 2) the survey participants have on average 16 years of education; 3) the participants have on average lived in Puget Sound for 26 years; and 4) more than 80% were satisfied with where they lived. She also shared information on the participants’ view of “good governance”, “Sound stewardship”, “sense of place” and “well-being”. To facilitate the integration of human wellbeing and social data/science the project offers practical tools, capacity, and resources to all LIOs. Whitney mentioned three tools: special overlays (maps), a structured decision making tool (DASEES), and a combination of these two tools. Next steps for the project includes continue working closely with 4 LIOs on both programmatic and research components and providing workshops and training for selection and use of the tools. A good discussion followed the presentation in which Jeff Ward pointed out that the Clallam MRC could use the project to figure out if the MRC’s work resonates with the public. Whitney emphasized that they have found that knowledge driven campaigns or educational outreach events (using a lot of data) are not useful – the best outcomes involve “pulling the heart strings.” *After the meeting the presentation was emailed to all Clallam MRC members, because of all the interesting data on Clallam County residents.*

Introduction of 2019 Summer Interns

Two of the five 2019 interns came to the meeting to present themselves to the MRC members. Alisa Taylor, who will be working on the kelp monitoring project, is an undergraduate student at the Peninsula

College. The internship she sees as an exciting opportunity to learn about local ocean ecosystems, and to gain practice in ecological conservation work and data collection methods. After obtaining her AS degree at Peninsula College, she plans to move on to a University and pursue further education in Biology enabling her to work as a conservation scientist. Alisandra Baccus is a junior at the Port Angeles High School and she will be working on the green crab/Olympia oyster project. Her primary interest in the internship is that it would allow her to work in the field of environmental science. Alisandra wants to go to a four year university and study a science field after high school. She is interested in both environmental science and wildlife biology and will most likely major in one of these.

Final NWSC Presentation

Alan Clark started his presentation by encouraging the members to provide comments to the draft presentation. Based on the comments several changes will be made to PowerPoint presentation. *The members will get another opportunity to comment on the draft final presentation by email.*

2019 Fellowship and MRC Opportunity Fund

Jeff Ward informed the members that Clallam MRC has withdrawn its video fellowship application for this year and hopes to resubmit it in 2020. The reason for the withdrawal is that as the high school year is ending soon the Clallam MRC will not be able to contact and select the video intern for the fellowship. Jeff has written an email to Don Hunger and expects to hear back once Don is back from vacation. Jeff received better news from Caroline Gibson about the MRC Opportunity Fund. The Clallam MRC application has been reviewed and ranked high for funding. Caroline just needs some clarification on the details, to ensure that there are no overlaps with the tasks being carried out under the NWSC funding. Helle Andersen will talk with Caroline in the coming week and hopefully that would clear the way for Clallam MRC receiving the funding for the Olympia oyster restoration project.

NWSC Update

Alan Clark provided a brief update on the NWSC. On May 31st the NWSC Executive Committee approved the \$91K per MRC budget. June 7th the NWSC and NWSF held a joint meeting and it was decided to look for ways to work closer together. The MRC Conference will be held November 15-16, 2019 in the new Everett Convention Center. Sasha Horst has distributed a survey on topics of interest. If any of the members have topic suggestions please contact Sasha. Tarrell Kullaway, the NWSF Director of Philanthropy, has resigned to take a job in the Bay area. She will not be replaced right away.

Project Updates

Olympia Oyster Restoration: Chris Burns told the members that the population survey in May of the new smaller restoration site went well. Liz Tobin will be working up the data from the survey. Currently the tribal field crew is distributing about 250 bags of shells at the old larger restoration site. They are doing the work whenever they have time and the effort is going well.

Crabber 101 Workshop: Jeff Ward provided a summary of the first crabber outreach workshop held June 10th at the John Wayne Marina. The workshop was well received by the 52 attending recreational crabbers. Jeff provided a brief introduction to the derelict pot removal effort and crabber outreach program. Then Rich Childers, WDFW, and Liz Tobin, shellfish biologist at Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, co-presented about State and tribal regulations including size limits, females. Finally Dave Croonquist and Bob Keck, members of the Puget Sound Anglers Society and seasoned crabbers, talked about the tricks of the trade while showing crab pots, bait, rope and many more items. A similar workshop will be held June 20th between 6 – 8 pm at Port Angeles Library. Don Hatler will present as the seasoned crabber instead of Dave and Bob.

Shellfish Biotoxin: Bob Vreeland and Coleman continue the biweekly sampling at Pillar Point. All is going well.

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Clallam MRC Retreat: Ann Soule handed out a questionnaire that the City of Sequim has used in preparation for a retreat. She asked the members to answer especially the questions about facilitator's strengths, goal of the retreat, and what results would the members like to see. The questionnaire is attached to these minutes. In connection with the retreat Ann suggested that the MRC reach out to the PNNL, sanctuary and college in search for new members. *Ann also asked for help with the retreat and Alan Clark, Sissi Bruch and Edwin Prince volunteered.*

Peggy McClure: Ann Soule informed the members that Peggy has resigned as the alternate for City of Sequim citing difficulties with working in a team setting.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Request for Facilitation



Requester:

Department/Team Originating Request:

Situation: (Why is it important to have this discussion? Please describe the situation you need to have facilitated)

Number of Meetings Requested: (One or a series?)

If a Series, Would You Be Willing to Work with Multiple Facilitators: (Y/N)

Facilitator Strengths Requested: (What facilitator strengths would you prefer for the discussion/discussions)

Facilitator Requested (if any): (Name of trained facilitator you would prefer – we recommend using facilitators with no vested interest in the outcome)

***Target (Goal):** (What are you hoping to accomplish? What are the benefits of having this discussion?)

***Action Plan (Solution):** (What would an ideal solution(s)/next steps look like to you?)

***Result (Closure):** (What type of closure do you need to resolve the situation?)

To Requester: *These 3 questions will be asked of the group at the beginning of each session, and your responses will be shared.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Hanna: bhanna@sequimwa.gov (360) 681-3422