

**CLALLAM COUNTY**  
  
**MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

Date: Monday, March 24, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 6:45 pm

Location: WebEx – the meeting agenda was reduced in scope and conducted online due to Covid-19

Minutes prepared by Helle Andersen

**Members present:**

**P = Present E= Excused**

Bob Vreeland	P Robert Knapp	E Arnold Schouten	P Tim Cochnauer	Jesse Waknitz
P Ann Soule	P Jeff Ward	P Mike Doherty	Greig Arnold	LEKT Open Position
Lyn Muench	P Alan Clark	P Ed Bowlby	E Latrisha Suggs	T&C Open Position

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

Ioana Bociu, Academia alternate; Harold Kline, District III alternate; Lucas Hart, NWSC Executive Director; Sasha Horst, NWSC Project Manager; Helle Andersen, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator.

**Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda**

None

**Public Comment/Approval of Minutes**

The February minutes were approved.

**2019-20 Budget Amendment**

The members went through the different tasks and projects funded by the NWSC 2019-20 grant and approved the revised budget as shown below.

During the discussion the members talked about different ways to engage the public during Covid-19. Suggestions included webinars, making short videos to be shown at local TV stations, inviting small groups of the public to join us at our field monitoring events. A good example of the field events would be a beach walk to the pigeon guillemot monitoring sites. Jeff Ward and Alan Clark suggested using some of the money for the kelp monitoring project to purchase a GoPro or similar underwater camera to make short videos of organisms utilizing kelp beds.

Task	Submitted Budget for the 2019-20 NWSC Grant		Proposed Revised Budget for the 2019-20 NWSC Grant		
	Description	Budget	Description	Budget	Budget Details and Assumptions
1	Administration		Administration	\$500	Add the remaining funds to this category to give us flexibility to cover additional travel and participation in conferences and meetings
	<b>Total for Administration</b>	<b>\$70,850</b>	<b>Total for Administration</b>	<b>\$71,350</b>	
2	<b>Monitoring</b>		<b>Monitoring</b>		
	Kelp	\$600	Kelp	\$1,922	Add \$550 for an extra day of motorized survey + \$772 for GoPro
	Pigeon guillemot	\$400	Pigeon guillemot	\$400	
	Shellfish biotoxin	\$100	Shellfish biotoxin	\$100	
	Forage fish	\$100	Forage fish	\$100	
	<b>Total for Monitoring</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>Total for Monitoring</b>	<b>\$2,522</b>	
3	Oil Spill Preparedness		Oil Spill Preparedness	\$400	Room rental for an event (example PAYC)
	<b>Total for Oil Spill Preparedness</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>	<b>Total for Oil Spill Preparedness</b>	<b>\$400</b>	
4	<b>Outreach and Education</b>		<b>Outreach and Education</b>		
	Internship	\$6,210	Internship	\$10,603	Covers 150 hr video intern, four 80 hr interns and one 45 hr intern (the other 45 hr is covered by NWSF NOAA marine debris grant)
	Other educational outreach activities	\$4,140	Other educational outreach activities	\$1,500	Keeping \$1,500 in this category to cover other educational outreach activities
			Booth at festivals	\$25	The Maritime Festival is June 13-14, 2020 estimated cost for booth is \$20-25; The Dungeness Crab Festival is Oct. 9-11, 2020 - since we are not selling anything it should be free; Even if there was a fee we cannot include the cost of a booth in the 2019-20 budget. Application due date 4/1/20
			Emergent issues	\$200	Add this category to the budget to cover climate change and other tasks
	Crab Pot Outreach	\$0	Crab Pot Outreach	\$0	
	Transboundary Outreach	\$0	Transboundary Outreach	\$0	
	Marine Debris Removal	\$0	Marine Debris Removal	\$0	
	Elwha Beach Stewardship	\$2,400	Elwha Beach Stewardship	\$2,400	
		<b>Total for Outreach and Education</b>	<b>\$12,750</b>	<b>Total for Outreach and Education</b>	<b>\$14,728</b>
5	<b>Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>		<b>Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>		
	Jamestown contract	\$2,000	Jamestown contract		
	<b>Total for Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Total for Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Keeping the same
	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>	

### Review of Current Projects

In preparation for the submittal of 2020-21 project proposals and updated budget April 10<sup>th</sup> the members went through the current projects and discussed any revisions/additions for the next year. Most of the tasks/projects remained the same except for the Education & Outreach Task. Under this task the members decided to add participation in other festivals such as the Celebration of Science & Technology, the Maritime Festival, and Dungeness Crab Festival and to add a subtask covering climate change and other emergent issues. The Clallam MRC will continue outreach to recreational crabbers after the NWSF grant ends in 2020/ They also decided to leave the transboundary outreach in the proposal thinking that oil spill preparedness and Olympia oyster restoration may be good topics for the transboundary outreach. Marine debris removal was removed as a subtask in 2019, but the members decided to reinstate it and consider other ways than Earth Day and International Cleanup Day to address the issue.

Task	2019-20 Projects	Proposed 2020-21 Projects
	Description	Description
1	Administration	Administration
2	<b>Monitoring</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
	Kelp	Kelp
	Pigeon guillemot	Pigeon guillemot
	Shellfish biotoxin	Shellfish biotoxin

Task	2019-20 Projects	Proposed 2020-21 Projects
	Description	Description
	Forage fish	Forage fish
<b>3</b>	<b>Oil Spill Preparedness</b>	<b>Oil Spill Preparedness</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Outreach and Education</b>	<b>Outreach and Education</b>
	Internship	Internship
	Other educational outreach activities	Other educational outreach activities
	Dungeness River Festival	Dungeness River Festival
		Add other festivals such as Celebration of S&T, Maritime and Dungeness Crab Festivals.
	Ocean Science Program	Ocean Science Program
		Climate change and other emergent issues
	Crab Pot Outreach	Continue the effort after the educational outreach part of the NWSF NOAA grant ends in 2020.
	Transboundary Outreach	leave in - oil spill, Olympia oyster projects
	Marine Debris Removal	leave in
Elwha Beach Stewardship	Elwha Beach Stewardship	
<b>5</b>	<b>Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>	<b>Olympia Oyster Restoration</b>

### **NWSC Update**

Alan Clark asked Lucas Hart to give the update. Lucas informed the members that the Washington Day-on-the-Hill event has been postponed until the fall. The Salish Sea Ecosystem conference has been cancelled and numerous other meetings and events, such as the MRC retreat, have been postponed. As Department of Ecology employees the NWSC has been encouraged to work from home, avoid groups greater than 10 people, and follow the cleaning and sanitary advice given by the department. Alan added that many of the meetings such as the recent kelp monitoring meeting is being conducted online.

### **Project Updates**

2020 Internship Program: Ed Bowlby as a representative for the subcommittee told the members about the interview process for the video internship last week. Three candidates were interviewed and they were all well qualified. Two of the candidates advocated a team approach instead of a single intern. After the interviews it was decided that Helle Andersen should reach out to Patric McInnes to get his opinion on the following three questions: do you agree that the production of the 2-3 videos would be better if it is carried out by a team of two students? We do not have the funds to pay two students for 150 hours each but we do have funds for paying two students for 100 hours each – would that be enough for making 2-3 videos? Finally, who of the three students would make a better team of two? Helle informed the members that Patric provided answers to the three questions today and the subcommittee will decide which of the two paths to take. Helle also informed the members that on March 25<sup>th</sup> four candidates will be interviewed for the Green Crab Internship with the Makah Tribe and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> two candidates will be interviewed for the Smolt Trap Internship with the Lower Elwha Tribe.

Climate Change Subcommittee: Ann Soule gave an update on the effort to reach out to the three county commissioners. The subcommittee has developed a set of good talking points based on the 2015

Climate Change Preparedness Plan which provides a variety of recommendations on how to address climate change on the peninsula. Three-four MRC members will meet with Mark Ozias first to discuss the talking points, but also to talk about how he can approach the two other commissioners to promote county-wide activities. The meeting is tentatively set for this week. Lucas Hart applauded the effort and asked about the other two commissioners' viewpoint on climate change. The members agreed that one is interested but the other one is not and Mark needs to approach the topic in a way it doesn't get confrontational.

### **Good of the Order**

Chico Bags: Ann Soule informed the members that Helle Andersen cannot work on the Chico Bag project at all because she is funded by State and Federal money. A MRC member can do it or we can try to reach out to Feiro to see if they would be interested in partnering on the project. Ann doesn't know about what Feiro's potential fee would be, but she thinks it is a good idea since no other organization in Clallam County is currently selling Chico Bags. Sasha Horst asked if the NWSF staff could spearhead the project. Ann thought that they are too distant to make it work. *The members agreed that it would be a good idea if Ann reached out to Feiro to see if they are interested in partnering on the project.*

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.