

CLALLAM COUNTY

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: Monday, August 17, 2020
 Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 Location: Zoom – Intern Celebration followed by a short MRC meeting.
 Minutes prepared by Helle Andersen

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

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

Alternates present:

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| P Harold Kline | Chris Burns | Lance Vail |
| Ioana Bociu | Navarra Carr | |

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

Alisa Taylor, Clallam MRC Fellow; Cathy Lear, Clallam MRC Coordinator; Helle Andersen, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator.

Intern Celebration

Chair Bob Vreeland welcomed 34 MRC members and local residents to the online event. Following Bob’s remarks was a short PowerPoint Presentation by Helle Andersen summarizing this year’s internship program and introducing the newly established fellowship program. Next the first draft video produced by interns Tyler Diltz and Malleck Braun was shown. Angelina Woods presented on the green crab capture and removal project in Neah Bay. She was followed by Alissa Lofstrom and Anika Avelino who spoke about the smolt trap project on Tumwater Creek. The Intern Celebration ended with comments and questions from the audience and a wish that the event in 2021 will be in-person at Feiro Marine Life Center.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

None

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

The July minutes were approved.

NWSC Update

In order to save time Alan Clark said he would email the members a brief update about the activities in the NWSC.

Activity Updates

Climate Change Committee: Lyn Muench informed the members that four Clallam MRC members met with Commissioner Randy Johnson to discuss climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. Lyn described the meeting as interesting, enjoyable and productive. Ed Bowlby added that Randy Johnson was interested in climate change, but he pointed out that currently the commissioners are focused on dealing with Covid-19. Alan Clark said that after the upcoming meeting with Commissioner Bill Peach the subcommittee will strategies on next steps. *Lyn said she will share her notes from the meeting with the MRC members.*

Pigeon Guillemot Surveys: Ed Bowlby informed the members that last week was the end of the 10-week survey period. Breeding activities at most sites have ended with only a few sites still active (before a site is closed the birds have to be inactive for 2 weeks).

Forage Fish Surveys: Tim Cochnauer told the members that forage fish sampling is ongoing and up-to-date. Helle Andersen added that the WDFW lab is once again accepting samples after the Covid-19 closure and the samples that Lucas Hart had stored have been turned over to the lab. The samples collected since May are still in the MRC's possession and will be delivered to Lucas Hart later in August.

Educational Outreach: Helle Andersen informed the members that the 275 packages have been compiled and will be distributed to students at Boys & Girls Club in Port Angeles in the week of August 17th. Any remaining packages will be given to B&GC students in Sequim.

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Lyn Muench stated that the two Olympia oyster population surveys were successfully completed in early August. Survival and growth were recorded but a more accurately report will be submitted by Liz Tobin. Tim agreed with Lyn that the participants had "fun in the mud."

Public Comment

Mike Doherty told the members that the Makah tribe is looking to fill the vacant tribal seat. Several of the tribal members and employees participated in today's Intern Celebration.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.