

CLALLAM COUNTY

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: Monday, September 21, 2020
 Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 Location: Zoom meeting.
 Minutes prepared by Helle Andersen

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

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

Alternates present:

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

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

Sasha Horst, NWSC Operation Manager; Alisa Taylor, Clallam MRC Fellow; Alisa Hasbrouck, City of Sequim employee; Cathy Lear, Clallam MRC Coordinator; Helle Andersen, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

Under introduction Ann Soule introduced Alisa Hasbrouck as the new alternate for City of Sequim. Ed Bowlby added change in leadership for the forage fish project and Helle Andersen added two topics under Good of the Order – new applicants to the MRC and the Fellowship Program.

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

The August minutes were approved.

Member Discussion of the Clallam MRC 2020-21 Budget

Helle Andersen initiated the discussion by a brief summary of the funding sources and amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. Then Sasha Horst shared a handout summarizing information about allowable uses of current state/federal funds, and provided examples of how other MRCs have been funding larger tasks/projects. The handout is attached to these minutes.

Clallam MRC Educational Outreach Plan 2020-21

The members discussed the educational outreach activities that the MRC will undertake in 2020-21 to interact with the local community. Many of the members came up with ideas how to perform outreach to the community under Covid-19. The ideas are summarized in the attached draft 2020-21 educational outreach plan. *The final 2020-21 educational outreach plan will be on the October agenda for approval by the members before the delivery due date of October 30, 2020 to the NWSC.*

NWSC Update

Alan Clark provided a brief update on the NWSC. The commission is currently working with Kate Elliott from Maul, Foster and Alongi on a communication plan. The plan will, among other topics, clarify the difference between the NWSC and NWSF to elected officials and other interested parties. The NWSI 101 presentation usually offered at the annual MRC conference explains the difference, but as all know this conference will not take place in 2020. The commission was also wondering how many people are interested in hearing about the history of the NWSI. Most people focus on the field projects and the best

interaction with community members often happens in the field. For this purpose a “elevator speech” has been developed. The commission will continue working on this plan for a while.

A high number of the European green crab has been caught in Drayton Harbor, Whatcom County, and the commission is discussing how to engage the community.

Nicole Naar, Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis, gave a presentation on kelp agriculture. Agriculture of kelp offers a lot of benefits but also some drawback such as introduction of non-native species which could outcompete native species.

At the end Alan offered to speak with anybody interested in hearing more about the topics the commission is working on.

Activity Updates

Climate Change: Ann Soule informed the members that the subcommittee has met with the three commissioners. After the last meeting Lyn Muench provided the following notes.

CMRC Actions recommended:

Ozias:

Connect with County staff to help them find local data, and how to interpret, to help the BOOC and support staff make better decisions.

Engage with the North Olympic Peninsula Development Council.

Johnson:

Add an economist or a businessman to CMRC, someone who could rate alternatives, given limited resources. (Our idea- ask one to serve as an advisor rather than an official member required to attend all meetings.)

Reach out to the entire business community.

Peach: Expand our youth education

Look at DNR Climate Change proposal

County Climate Change Baseline Data

Johnson:

They use the EPA Baseline. County staff member Rich Myer is working on it (pre-Covid)

Peach:

The County needs a clearer baseline – it is not consolidated – on which to base County policy. Science is needed. He does not like the EPA model; it includes correlation factors he does not support.

Issues of interest mentioned:

Ozias

- shoreline development
- plastics and toxics in the ocean
- oil transshipment along the Strait
- Educational outreach – youth and public, training future stewards

Johnson

- ranking alternative climate change actions
- recycling
- Water shortage (fresh)
- Education – of youth and public education.

Peach

- Youth programs – expand to younger age. Senior projects. Seek volunteer help (Lions Club)
- Transportation from West End (climate impacts as well as cost)
- Kelp (importance for fish)

- Aquaculture of algae

The subcommittee will be to look at the overlap of the recommendations from the commissioners and decide on the next steps.

After the summary Bob Vreeland informed the members that he is on the panel reviewing two proposals the City of Port Angeles have received regarding carbon footprint data collection. The City of Port Angeles will make a decision in October

Internship Program: The subcommittee and MRC members had no comments to the internship program.

Shellfish Biotoxin: Bob Vreeland informed the members that the last sampling effort in September will be carried out next week. The sampling effort will end unless Bob is told by CCEH to continue sampling in October.

Pigeon Guillemot: Ed Bowlby provided a summary but unfortunately because of poor WIFI connection Helle Andersen (the note taker) could not hear his summary.

Good of the Order

Transfer of forage fish leadership role – Ed Bowlby informed the members that Tim Cochnauer is taking on the role as MRC member lead on the forage fish project. Tim was advocating for the MRC to buy a microscope so that the Clallam MRC can process our samples.

New MRC applicants – Helle Andersen informed the members that the MRC has received two new applications. Earlier in the meeting Ann Soule had introduced Alisa Hasbrouck as the new alternate for the City of Sequim. The other applicant was Ann Stafford and after a short discussion the members decided to offer her the position representing Tourism & Recreation. *Helle will inform Ann and start getting her through the county process.*

Fellowship Program – Helle Andersen informed the members that the fellowship will end September 30th and she thanked Alisa Taylor for all her work. Alan Clark and Ed Bowlby also thanked her and mentioned that it would be nice if the MRC could extend the fellowship. Alisa told the members that she had very much enjoyed being the MRC Fellow and she was open to extending the contract. A short discussion followed and the members approved an extension of the fellowship. *Helle Andersen will look at the 2020-21 budget and write a job description including number of hours for extending the fellowship through the fall and winter months. Approval of the fellowship extension will be on the October agenda.*

Mike Doherty told the members that Jeff Ward, Ed Bowlby and he participated in the first of two oil spill preparedness workshops offered by DOE and Snohomish County. The first workshop covered numerous topics including types of oil and impacts of oil to the environment. *Mike thinks both workshops will be taped and he will share the links once they become available.*

Tim Cochnauer informed the members that Ed Bowlby and he have been talking with Nessa Goldman, the Sequim teacher who has participated in a few MRC meetings earlier this year. Ed and Tim will be involved with developing her online curriculum for middle school students.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.