

CLALLAM COUNTY

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: Monday, October 19, 2020
 Time: 5:30 – 7:10 pm
 Location: Zoom meeting.
 Minutes prepared by Helle Andersen

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

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

Alternates present:

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

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

Nicole Naar, Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis and Washington Sea Grant employee; Jason recording for Alisa Taylor, Clallam MRC Fellow; Cathy Lear, Clallam MRC Coordinator; Helle Andersen, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

Two topics were added under Good of the Order – Shared Waters and NWSF’s Orca Forum. The presentation on the motorized kelp surveys was postponed because of Alisa Taylor had a family emergency.

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved.

Kelp Agriculture

Nicole Naar, Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis, gave an excellent presentation for kelp agriculture; a new “industry” in the Salish Sea. Numerous topics were covered in the presentation including reasons for cultivating kelp, challenges, opportunities provided by kelp agriculture, and potential impacts from kelp agriculture. After the presentation the members posed several questions and comments. After the presentation the film “the power of kelp” was going to be shared. Unfortunately, problems with the audio precluded the showing and the members and Nicole used the time to discuss kelp agriculture in the Salish Sea.

Clallam MRC Motorized Kelp Surveys

The topic was postponed to the November meeting.

Clallam MRC Educational Outreach Plan 2020-21

The members had a final discussion of the draft final educational outreach plan, which had been emailed to the members the week prior to the meeting. Part of the discussion was how to track outcomes of educational events such as online Trivia or quizzes. The members pointed out that adding this on would be an additional event in itself and Lyn Muench suggested we try using our Facebook page or other social media for feedback for community residents. Alan Clark suggested that the Clallam MRC starts tracking conversations with the public when we are out in the field. One way to increase the awareness about the MRC would be to add a QR code to the pigeon guillemot signage at Port Williams. *Helle Andersen promised to email directions on how to create a QR code to Ed Bowlby.* The educational outreach events were ranked based on input from the members and the final plan will state that the

members will focus on the first 8 events and that in case Covid-19 restrictions are lifted the Clallam MRC will staff booth at festivals. The members approved the educational outreach plan.

Forage Fish Sampling

Tim Cochnauer told the members that the monthly sampling had been conducted at Ediz Hook. The sampling at Cline Spit will take place on October 28th and Lisa Hillier from WDFW will join the team to offer training for new volunteers and a refresher training for old volunteers. Helle Andersen mentioned that she, through Facebook, has used the upcoming event to recruit new volunteers. Tim also brought up the possibility of processing the samples instead of sending them to the WDFW lab in Olympia. If this was to happen he proposed that Clallam MRC purchases a microscope and a monitor. In previous meetings when this had been discussed the roadblock had been the access to a fumehood. Tim asked if the fumehood was a WDFW requirement and said that he will ensure this topic was discussed with Lisa on October 28th.

MRC Map Making Capability

Helle Andersen informed the members about the increased mapping needs of Clallam MRC and how to address this with the increased staff capacity through Alisa Taylor's Fellowship. In talking with Sasha Horst the easiest way to gain access to ArcGIS is to buy a one year license and place the program on Alisa's computer. The MRC members approved spending \$100 for the purchase of a one-year ArcGIS license and place it on Alisa's computer.

NWSC Update

Alan Clark provided a brief update on the NWSC. As all the members know the MRC conference, usually held in November each year, was cancelled back in April. Instead the NWSC will be hosting several online presentations. At the next NWSC meeting October 29th (10 am – 1 pm) Ken Currens and Adrian Spidel from the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission will give a presentation on hatcheries. Another presentation on whale watching is currently on-hold until the extended comments period has passed. The NWSC has completed a brief document summarizing the "elevator speech." *The document will be sent out to the members.* Finally a memorandum of understanding detailing the roles and responsibilities of the NWSC and the NWSF has been completed and *Alan will email it to the members before the next meeting.*

Activity Updates

Climate Change: Ann Soule informed the members that the subcommittee met online on September 29th and during that meeting identified priority action items. The action items include meeting with the NW Development Council; facilitate a better connection to businesses and the Port of Port Angeles; keep the conversation going about kelp agriculture and maybe host a forum; reach out and connect with folks on the west end; and follow up on the greenhouse gas inventory for the county.

Good of the Order

Shared Waters - Ed Bowlby participated in the 2-day event which focused on oil spills. It was an interesting event with participation from numerous tribes. An online link to the events will be available later. Ed pointed out that the event took 8 hours over the two days so quite a time commitment.

Orca Forum – Cathy Lear informed the members about the forum hosted by NWSF. The forum included three presentations: Rich Osborne gave a general overview of Orcas; Dr. Jacques White, Long Live the Kings, talks about the salmon populations in the Salish Sea; and Dr. Deborah Giles, Wild Orcas and UW Center for Conservation Biology, talks about what scat can tell us about the health of whales and the use of scat detection dogs. The forum is available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9XoyYmCb-k>

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 7:17 pm.