



Minutes

Date: Monday, June 21, 2021

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Paradis and Mary Sue Brancato

Members present:

P = Present E= Excused

? Bob Vreeland	P Robert Knapp	P Arnold Schouten	P Tim Cochnauer	? Jesse Waknitz
P Ann Soule	P 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:

P Mary Sue Brancato	? Chris Burns	P 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; Rebecca Paradis, Clallam MRC Project Coordinator, Adrienne Akamajian, Laila Greene, McKenzie Ginther.

Call to Order/Introductions/ Changes to Agenda

Two topics were added under Good of the Order – Lance Vail updated on crabber outreach material. Tim added a discussion for using expiring State funds. Rebecca Paradis, new MRC Coordinator introduced herself, Adrienne Akamajian, Makah Tribe Marine Biologist introduced herself and Green crab intern project.

Public Comment/Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved. No public comments.

Intern Introductions

Laila Greene MRC Green crab intern is scheduled to start Friday June 25th and her internship will last through mid-August. Adrienne stated that Laila will be helping her do some video monitoring of Green and Dungeness crab as well as capturing and marking crabs.

McKenzie Ginther is the outreach/education intern for the MRC. She will be designing Education Cards of the MRC projects to be distributed to local businesses. The education cards will have catchy photos of MRC projects with fun facts about various marine creatures. Ann Soule (mentor) asked for a small sub-committee to help with species and design. Rebecca volunteered to take names. Ed, Arnold and Tim volunteered to be part of the sub-committee. Ann Soule asked if there was going to be a new CMRC logo. Cathy Lear pointed out with the time it would take to line out a new logo it wouldn't be feasible.

Vita Olson is not here with us tonight. Tim updated us on her involvement with the Tumwater Creek fence weir project. The Tumwater Fence Weir is in collaboration with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT). Vita has also been helping to check LEKT's screw traps and seining in the Elwha estuary. She is also assisting Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe with Olympia Oyster surveys, and fence weir trap checks on Mariotti and Seibert Creeks. She is also hoping to be part of the snorkel surveys of the Dungeness.

Project Updates

Pigeon Guillemot: Ed Bowlby said that they are in week 2 of a 10 week program with 30 volunteers monitoring the Pigeon Guillemot breeding/nesting sites. He still could use additional volunteers, if interested please contact Ed at edbowlby1@gmail.com. A joint project with Audubon Society and Clallam County Parks is ending the 1st week in September.

Olympia oyster restoration effort: Ed stated that we are seeing very successful results, good work endeavor with Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe and CMRC.

Forage Fish: Surveys were finished this month and sent to WDFW. Thought we would be seeing eggs by now at our 3 sites but none yet. Saw a dead Sand lance in April.

Crabber outreach: Lance stated that crab trap educational brochures, posters and polyester bags are in and he will put them out. He will target places where crabbing equipment is sold. Crabbing season starts July 1st. Ed will work with County park Supervisor at Cline Spit to put up posters. LaTrisha suggested putting info up on CMRC's website and Facebook page. It was also suggested to make sure some get to Seiku, Freshwater Bay and Pillar Point.

Shore Management Plan (SMP)

LaTrisha gave an update on what is referred to as periodic update. Port Angeles City Council has a presentation last meeting in regards to it. There needs to be a more comprehensive update, but due to the minimal funding received by the state, they only funded a periodic update. How do we approve an update but then the plan doesn't address the current situation? This is not ideal. There is hope that climate change, greenhouse gasses and development of today would be addressed. We need strong language to protect our shorelines. We need to continue to educate on what's going on around us. We need data for the future. Tim- was MRC involved in the plan? Contractor reviewed existing public comments were made available. Ed- Bob Vreeland sat in for Olympic Climate Action and CMRC but doesn't have his comments in front of him. Arnold-was on the committee with SMP for the County, all comments we recorded and made publically available for review. There is no pattern written in that we can review them all. There are no guidelines. Each unique city has their own format; it would be nice to have a more consistent format so we could have a consistent way to review it, not reinventing the wheel every time the plan is updated. Would be nice if there was more of a template, could be reviewed more easily.

LaTrisha update in chat: Summary: In April 2020 the City of Port Angeles began the periodic review of its Shoreline Master

Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act. Through the end of 2020 and into spring 2021, the City conducted a public participation program. The City responded to public comment. The Planning Commission considered the draft SMP project record and directed staff to submit the proposed draft update to Ecology and thereafter to Council for adoption if Department of Ecology (DOE) issued a statement of concurrence. The City received DOE's Initial Determination of Consistency (with RCW 90.58) with 15 recommendations for edits. The grant funding deadline for Council adoption of the proposed amendments is June 30, 2021.

Funding: The professional services fee is \$24,340. The grant agreement executed with Department of Ecology reimburses the City up to \$22,800.

Recommendation: Conduct the first reading of the attached ordinance, which updates the City's Shoreline Master Program to be con

The City adopted its current SMP through a comprehensive update in 2014. In early 2020, the City of Port Angeles began the periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and SMP Guidelines (WAC 173-26). The

focus of the periodic review is on consistency with changes to state law made since its adoption. The review also addresses consistency with the City's comprehensive plan and development regulations, and overall usability of the SMP. The City received a grant from the Department of Ecology to conduct the periodic review and hired The Watershed Company to help staff prepare the update.

From LaTrisha Suggs-City of Port Angeles to Everyone: 06:54 PM

DOE completed its review of the final draft of the SMP and issued concurrence with an "Initial Determination of Consistency." DOE also submitted 15 recommendations for consideration by the City that, if implemented, would be consistent with the policy and standards of RCW 90.58. Staff implemented most of the recommendations and prepared a response rubric. The recommendations are not substantive nor required. The accepted updates are to add clarity, fix flawed formatting, and resolve Scrivener's errors relating to reach vs. segment and accessory vs. appurtenance terminology. Staff recommends deferring the recommendation to add additional "floating on-water residence" definitions until a later limited SMP amendment, already scheduled within the next few years as a companion to the Critical Areas Ordinance update, to engage stakeholders on the issue as early as possible.

NWSC Update

Alan: focused on reauthorization of NWS initiative- conversation with Kilmer, Cantwell and Murray's offices needs to be reauthorized. Could clear up some funding. Funding comes from EPA. Several MRC's provided letters of support. NWIFC (Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) is in the middle of support of reauthorization. Will keep meeting and talk to staffers. Northwest Straits staff will continue speaking about strategies for working inside the house of reps. But in 2012, there was some challenge in this area which taught everyone that it's really important to get sponsors that are connected, and also very important to make good relationships with the staffers.

MRC power point presentations to NWSC:

Clallam is focusing on smolt traps. Given a month's reprieve, Rebecca and Alisa are going to help with the presentation. LaTrisha- is there a draft letter of support for other entities? Alan is going to get back to LaTrisha with letter template. 2021 reauthorization thought it was done but finding out that all wasn't done.

North Pacific Coast MRC meeting update

Cathy- NPCMRC meeting was held last week, discussion occurred about Willapa Bay: a request from shellfish growers to use an insecticide to continue oyster production to control ghost shrimp. The meeting covered the Olympic oyster history- this is a good opportunity to share our restoration efforts here at JST. History they were shipped to San Francisco. We have folks in our group with info. Ed thinks it's a good project for CMRC to coordinate that with coastal MRC. Their meetings are still virtual. We could talk about our experience; have a guest speaker or panel to present information. Cathy will pass along info to see where it goes. Lyn munch and Chris burns have been leads for CMRC. Tim will send out message to see if they are interested.

Volunteer Recruitment

Alan- Some information that Mary Sue brought to our conversation was pivotal in making a decision, or at least recommendation, about how we approach volunteer recruitment. I started looking around because I was at northwest straits meeting and could talk to people directly, in Whatcom County they have a Salish Sea Stewards and Northern Stream Stewards as monitors and what they do is they offer a series of classes on the natural history of the area, what MRC does, and also deals with field work skills. The idea

behind it is, as a volunteer you'll come away with a good general knowledge of what's going on in your local marine environment. In exchange, you work about 40 hours a year on various MRC projects. Some downsides: it's pretty labor intensive to put one of these efforts together. This is when Mary Sue can continue the update. They offer classes of natural history and what the MRC does. As a volunteer you will come away with a good idea of what is going on around your area. Mary Sue – Volunteer management and training can be very labor intensive, for instance Clallam Co Beachwatchers, University of Washington COASST program, Feiro Marine Life Center and NOAA's OCNM Sanctuary have previously or currently had to dedicate considerable staff time to the effort. I have been involved in managing and/or training volunteers for each of these programs. My initial query to the MRC members about the need for volunteers was to make LESS work for already over-committed MRC members, not to make more work. MRC members expressed a need for only 5-10 volunteers, which wouldn't necessitate spending the time and money for an extensive volunteer program. If the MRC eventually has more projects that volunteers could be involved in then a more extensive program could be considered or the MRC could perhaps partner with an existing program (e.g., or Feiro). Because the current field season is well underway, next April we could have volunteer outreach to line up 5-10 volunteers on projects. Need to see County's liability and/or volunteer forms (Cathy Lear?).. Comments: Partnerships- Latisha, WCC they have to do volunteer hours also. Rebecca will get WCC crew lead Owen French's contact info. Get Streamkeepers volunteer list. Have a line item subject in the MRC budget that we need volunteers. The County Laurel Moulton has volunteers WSU-County volunteers. Tim- Seattle volunteers had volunteers out talking to people about what they could see in the nearshore and beaches. Would we be interested in having people on the beaches advertising MRC. Feiro has them at Salt Creek doing that—great way to reach out to the public.

Good of the Order

New Equipment-Rebecca- there are some State funds that are going away on June 30th. If we can think of equipment we would like to buy let me know. The caveat is that the money has to be spent by June 30th and we need to have equipment in hand. We need to submit a list of exactly what we want with price list to Sasha for approval before expenditure. Once approved we let Lori know and she can make a purchase. We have a tentative list right now so please let me know via email if you have an addition.

Arnold- Are we going to meet in person any time this year? Cathy- maybe? Need to look into County regulations and what are member's sentiments? LaTrisha- The City is looking at hybrid meetings but we have to wait on the Governor to lift public meeting regulations. Tim- face to face would be easier and better. We will wait for County approval.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Commented [MSB1]: Did someone say they had access to this list? I'm not sure who mentioned it.

Commented [MSB2]: I think Ed or Jeff said this but I'm not certain

Commented [MSB3]: I don't know who said this

Commented [MSB4]: I'm not sure this section is accurate. I thought Tim was asking if the MRC members wanted to start a new program by staffing busy beaches at low tide (e.g., Hollywood Beach) to educate the public about the natural history. Some local organizations (Feiro and formerly OCNMS) do this but not necessarily at Hollywood Beach. You'd need to ask Tim for clarification and it may not belong under this topic. I'm not sure.