

**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
WSU Extension, Port Hadlock, Washington
March 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Michael Adams, District 3, Chair
John Cambalik, *ex-officio*, PSP
Judy D'Amore, Environment
Hyatt Barnes, Recreation
Steve Lewis, Alternate – Recreation Pending
Pat Pearson, WSU Extension
Tony Petrillo, Alternate – District 2
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend, NWS Rep (6:35 PM)

Absent:

Hal Beattie, District 3, Chair
Larry Crockett, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend
Joth Davis, Commercial Interest
Robin Downey, Alternate - Commercial Interest
Caroline Gibson, Marine Science Practitioner
Phil Johnson, *ex officio*, Jefferson County Commissioner
Anne Murphy, District 2
Andrew Palmer, District 2
Jadyne Reichner, Water/Beach Watchers
Tod Wakefield, District 1
_____, *ex-officio*, U.S. Navy, Indian Island

Guests:

Aleta Erickson, Clallam MRC

Staff:

Gail Bernhard, Meeting Recorder
Gabrielle La Roche, Marine Science Practitioner

Topic	Update or Issue	Decisions/Follow-Up	Responsibility
INTRODUCTIONS/ CALL TO ORDER (Michael Adams)	Chair Michael Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.	Due to the lack of a quorum, those present declared themselves to be a committee of the whole, allowing actions taken to be later approved by a quorum. This was addressed at 6:35 PM upon arrival of Judy Surber who completed the quorum.	M. Adams
AGENDA APPROVAL (Michael Adams)	The agenda was approved, with the addition of Earth Day planning.	Later in the meeting, new grant funding/planning was also added.	
APPROVAL of MINUTES	Minutes of January 15 and February 5, 2008 were approved, as submitted.		
PROTECTION ISLAND AQUATIC RESERVE UPDATE (Aleta Erickson, Clallam MRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the February Clallam MRC meeting; they were unable to agree on letter of support; pending further information. Discussion: boundary changes and approaching deadline may mean Jefferson MRC will act independently of Clallam MRC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full copy of Cyrilla Cook's proposal will be received March 6. Adams, Pearson, Petrillo and LaRoche will meet on March 11 to consider letter of support. Deadline: March 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G. LaRoche –. Send proposal copies to all when available
NORTHWEST STRAITS MEETING REPORT (Tony Petrillo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony reported on the Feb 2-day meeting NWS Strategic Plan drafted NWS Foundation - \$700,000 raised New grant funds process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive discussion about possible use of the additional \$25,000 grant funding for high visibility projects Application for funds has deadline of April 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exec. Committee – Make arrangements for submitting grant application Find out about PSP funding for Water/Beach Watchers
PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP (John Cambalik)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming Workshops – March 5 (Port Hadlock) and March 7 (Sequim) Liaison coverage for Action Areas 		G. LaRoche and P. Pearson attending workshops
MRC APPOINTMENTS UPDATE (Gabrielle LaRoche)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to BOCC from Tribes re: representative Aleta Erickson Shannon _____ and Dave Robison are interested in MRC positions Joth Davis, Robin Downey and Ted Wakefield resignations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible shifting of positions to cover shellfish representation was discussed Suggestion to add a Green Builder representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G. LaRoche – Coordinate with BOCC Ask Davis, Downey & Wakefield for letters of resignation All – seek District 3 candidates

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PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORTS (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympia Oyster –sampling season starts mid April; preparing a training for volunteers for sampling program • Eel grass Protection – diver waiver done; tackle repairs progress. Dive volunteers ready for April buoy installation; need a boat • Soft-shore Protection –extensive discussion about possible shift to a public or park dock or ramp removal instead of private shoreline 		
EARTH DAY PLANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, April 20, 2008 at Memorial Field; other locations uncertain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will staff an MRC booth at Earth Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. LaRoche – coordinate • M. Adams – shellfish display
JC MRC STRATEGIC PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRC members reviewed and edited sections II and III, which had been drafted and mailed out in advance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> G. LaRoche – make new corrections to draft & re-distribute All – Send comments and input for sections III To V. to Gabrielle before next meeting.
OBSERVER COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Coping Recognition • Pleasant Harbor EIS 		
FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING (ALL)	Next Regular Meeting – set for April 1 2008 at Hudson Point Exec. Committee – Tuesday, March 18 8:30 AM at Dream Cafe	Possible agenda items: grant application; shoreline project; Aquatic reserve; MRC candidates; Earth Day; strategic planning	
ADJOURNMENT	The MRC meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.		

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS (Michael Adams)

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Since there was not yet a quorum present, He suggested that the group invoke the Committee of the Whole process. Tony Petrillo and Steve Lewis moved and seconded for a Committee of the Whole to be later ratified in the presence of a quorum; the motion was approved by the members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gabrielle LaRoche requested that a brief Earth Day discussion be added to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded and approved, all in favor.

OBSERVER COMMENTS -- NONE

AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan 15, 2008 Minutes – Michael Adams moved and Tony Petrillo seconded that the minutes be approved, as written. Motion passed, all in favor.

Feb 5, 2008 – Michael Adams moved and Tony Petrillo seconded that the minutes be approved, as written. Motion passed, all in favor.

PROTECTION ISLAND AQUATIC RESERVE UPDATE (Aleta Erickson)

Gabrielle LaRoche explained that she had asked Aleta Erickson to give an update on the Clallam MRC process regarding this proposal. Ms. Erickson had attended the Jefferson MRC meeting in February, as well.

She said that at their January meeting, the Clallam sport fishing representative had been concerned about possible access restrictions in the aquatic reserve area should be proposal be approved. There were also concerns that the area was too large.

Kyle Murphy, DNR, came to the February meeting to answer questions and address concerns. Tim Cullinen, formerly of Audubon Society and now Point No Point Treaty Council, was expected to be there but was not able to be attend. (In earlier conversations, he had indicated to Aleta that there should be no need for concern about birds, flyways or forage areas in regards to the Aquatic Reserve designation.)

The sport fishing representative asked several pointed questions of Kyle Murphy, which really had little to do with access or birds. His feeling was that DNR could accomplish their goals through authority already given them through the WAC and RCW, and did not understand the need for a reserve designation. Kyle Murphy responded that the reserve program would provide greater specificity than that possible through the WAC. The sport fishing representative was not satisfied but drafted a letter of support during the meeting, which seemed to be acceptable by those present.

However, when the letter was e-mailed to all members for agreement, some members including Aleta Erickson believed it was a letter of non-support and rather pointless. She then drafted an alternative letter, which the sport fishing rep would not support. At this point, the Clallam MRC is inclined to look at the whole proposal before making a decision.

She said Cyrilla Cook now had the full proposal in draft form and would be e-mailing a copy to both MRCs the following day, March 5. The deadline for the proposal is March 12. She said she had heard that Jefferson County had some concerns about the boundaries. In the interim the Jamestown Tribe has written a letter of support, which is awaiting a signature by Ron Allen.

Michael Adams asked what the sticking point was on the original letter, for the fishing rep. Aleta said the person had felt he did not have enough information to adequately represent his constituents.

Gabrielle LaRoche noted that Jefferson MRC had been allowing Clallam MRC to take the lead, but if the boundaries were adjusted to the East, the matter would be more of an equal interest. There was further discussion about the boundaries proposed by Tony Petrillo and a review of what was known about water depth, currents and shoreline conditions. Aleta showed a copy of a map from an INC report.

Aleta reported that Cyrilla Cook is asking for contact people from both MRCs. And, she is also being asked to provide biological justification for the boundaries. She later added that they were seeking knowledgeable people to be involved in the development of the management plan. It was acknowledged that no one from Clallam or Jefferson MRCs knows if the boundaries have

been adjusted or whether this is still the original concept. That would be seen when the full proposal is e-mailed.

There was additional discussion about the need for the boundaries to change in order for Jefferson MRC to support it. There was also review of what conditions or restrictions would become part of the reserve arrangement, such as increased scrutiny on potential leases. Aleta pointed out two locations where geoducks are currently being harvested by the Tribes.

Pat Pearson asked if there is any funding involved. Michael Adams responded that there is just protection of this tract, not grant funding. Gabrielle noted that there is obviously an internal DNR budget for staff to oversee this effort, but none other wise.

After further discussion about the need for more information and timing, it was agreed that Tony Petrillo, Michael Adams, Pat Pearson and Gabrielle LaRoche would meet at 8:30 AM on March 11 at the Dream City Café to work out a response and/or letter.

NORTHWEST STRAITS MEETING REPORT (Tony Petrillo)

Tony Petrillo reported on the two day February meeting, led on the first day by facilitator Polly O'Neal. He described the large group work and break out processes for "loosening up" ideas. A draft 5-section strategic plan will be developed from the worksheets and mailed out soon.

On the second day, Joan Drinkwin gave a status report on the NWS Foundation, which has raised about \$700,000 to date.

He noted that an additional \$175,000 had been provided by the legislature for NWS. There had been intense discussion as to how the funds should be allocated: apportioned equally among 7 MRCS or awarded on the basis of competition based on project proposals. Although the larger, better resourced counties and Governor's appointees had been in favor of competition, the decision was to apportion the funds, although each MRC will still need to submit a proposal. This was deemed to be more fair to the smaller counties. The proposal deadline is April 4, per the e-mail from Sasha Horst, and a documented application/proposal process. Tony noted that there are other sources of funding, as well, such as Partners; Marine Program Ecology Fund.

Tony Petrillo said that at the next NWS meeting in April, each MRC would be making a 40 minute presentation twenty minutes for highlights on one or two projects, with twenty minutes for Q & A.

He also said he had obtained a copy of the Tulalip Tribe DVD, Shadow of the Salmon, which could be scheduled to be shown at an upcoming meeting.

Judy Surber arrived at approximately 6:35 PM, establishing a quorum. Steve Lewis moved that the actions of the Committee of the Whole be approved and Tony Petrillo seconded. The motion was approved, all in favor.

The criteria for the new grant money were discussed. Pat Pearson read excerpts from the e-mail about the grants proposal process and criteria.

Michael Adams moved that the MRC pursue the \$25,000 grant for the purpose of funding the Water Watchers program, and offered to lead the application effort. Steve Lewis suggested a friendly amendment such that the purpose would not be limited to just the Water Watchers, which was accepted by Michael Adams.

Tony Petrillo noted that there is another project worthy of discussion: assessment and removal or modification of the Marine Science Center dock at Fort Worden, which is seriously altering the drift pattern there.

Gabrielle noted that the grant and grant ideas had not been on the agenda, but perhaps it would be necessary to add that topic.

Judy Surber interjected that, as former NWS representative, she had voted for the original idea of funding high visibility projects that were well developed, ready to go and had already been vetted. She mentioned Kayak Point and Cherry Point. To her mind, it is preferable for NWS/MRCs, which will face decreased funding, to have more “on the ground” successful projects identified with NWS. She noted the previous lack of a strategic plan, the long wind up to launching projects, and the money turned back unspent by some of the smaller MRCs.

Michael Adams said that was a reason for selecting Water Watchers; it has obvious immediate benefit for the County in its education/outreach, and gets larger numbers of people involved. Judy mentioned that Don Meehan and Pete Granger had spoken about University/Sound Partnership as a possible funding source for Water/Beach Watchers. Pat Pearson said she had not heard news of funding from them. John Cambalik said he thought there was some money passed from the EPA to the Puget Sound Partnership for Water/Beach Watchers.

Judy Surber noted that the MSC dock project is listed in the Port Townsend SMP list of Restoration Projects.

Gabrielle LaRoche noted that the meeting had drifted from the planned agenda, and Michael Adams noted that there was a motion, with second, on the floor. He withdrew his motion.

Pat Pearson asked Judy Surber for clarification on the high visibility projects to which she had referred. Judy Surber said she would look for more specifics in her notes on the Kayak Point project which had been very close to getting off the ground. ***

There was additional discussion about the benefits of funding Water/Beach Watchers and the types of linkages it has had and would have with NWS/MRC goals in the future, should the funding be obtained.

John Cambalik said it is important to find out the status of the EPA/PSP money and the result of the conversations between Don Meehan and David Dicks.

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP REPORT (John Cambalik)

Workshops – John Cambalik reminded of two upcoming workshops, one on the Strait Friday, March 7 afternoon and evening, and the other on Hood Canal(Wednesday, March 5). They are focused on collecting assessment data in the form of reports, studies, plans that can help the

scientific community bolster their overall status and threats analysis for the entire Puget Sound basin and individual Action Areas. NOAA Fisheries will be presenting an overview of their region-wide status and threats analysis, as well. He advised that this type of material be brought to the workshops in hard copy, CDs, or links to web sites, etc. There will also be an inventory of programs and major projects that have been collected as of February 29, 2008. Pat Pearson and Gabrielle LaRoche will be covering them for this MRC.

Another series of workshops will be held in May, focusing on additional actions needed to work toward recovery by 2020. Do efforts need to be realigned and how will we prioritize? In June and July, there will be a public comment period on the first draft of the Action Agenda. He explained that the public parts would begin with a type of Partnership 101 introduction (1 to 5 PM), then the Community Conversation from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Attendance at the Bremerton workshop was about sixty with less than twenty at the meeting session. Water/Beach Watchers are being given credit for attending, Pat said.

Liaison Coverage for Action Areas – John is now not involved with the Hood Canal area but will be Dwayne's backup. He will also cover all the government meetings in Jefferson County.

*** Judy Surber said she had found her notes. At the time, the money had to be spent by June of 2009 but that has been pushed back to June 2009, so has more implementation time. The other project was Cliffside Beach which was not as ready. Tony Petrillo noted that, regardless of how he had voted, he believed that Skagit and Clallam MRCs would have carried the day on the voting. There was additional brief discussion about the scarcity of resources in the smaller counties.

MRC APPOINTMENTS UPDATE (Gabrielle LaRoche)

Gabrielle LaRoche and Aleta Erickson reported that the Tribes have written a letter to the BOCC supporting Aleta for the Tribes representative position on the Jefferson MRC. It has been signed by the Elwah and Port Gambol tribes. Gabrielle LaRoche said that the just BOCC recognizes the appointment of the Tribes. Members congratulated and welcomed Aleta as new member.

Caroline Gibson and Gabrielle have both been actively soliciting to fill the position vacated by Bill Miller. Shannon _____, formerly of the San Juan MRC, will be submitting her application. In addition, Dave Robison of the Maritime Center also expressed interest. This will provide two excellent District 1 candidates. Meanwhile, Todd Wakefield had informed Gabrielle that he will resign.

Michael Adams said they had learned on this day that Joth Davis and Robin Downey are both also resigning, due to schedules and time demands. (Gabrielle LaRoche reminded that they each needed to send an e-mail to the BOCC regarding their resignations.) Chair Adams suggested it would be possible for him, as a shell fisherman and aqua-culturist, he could shift to the vacated spot and open up a District 3 position. He said he knew of two people who had expressed interest. Gabrielle and Michael agreed to send applications to them and she said she would also ask Hal Beattie to seek applicants in South County.

Pat Pearson asked if there would be still be adequate expertise on the Olympia Oyster project, with Joth and Robin's departure. Michael Adams said he still had a relationship with Taylor Shellfish and would talk with them.

John Cambalik added that he would like to repeat an earlier recommendation that the MRC consider the addition of a Built Green builder, such as the individual who sits on the Clallam MRC. He mentioned two possible names, Kevin Coker and Ann Raab.

Pat Pearson said that Jadyne Reichner may know of other possible candidates. Judy Surber mentioned that County Commissioner Johnson is trying to recruit one of them for one slot on the Climate Action Committee. There was also an inquiry from a person in Quilcene. Perhaps the recruiting can be coordinated. It was mentioned that, technically, the alternate is supposed to be named by the regular member.

PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Olympia Oyster Project – Michael Adams said that Anne Murphy sent her regrets for being unable to attend. Spring sampling season starts in mid April. She is awaiting a return phone call from Joth Davis for a status report on the histology slides. She and Michael Adams will be meeting shortly to develop a volunteer sampling program for the summer. Gabrielle asked if arrangements had been made for someone to speak at a Water/Beach Watchers training, since she is scheduled to speak to them the following day. It was agreed that coordination must include Anne Murphy, Karen Lull, Gabrielle and Pat.

Eel Grass Protection Project – Gabrielle reported that a sample waiver for divers obtained by Tony Petrillo had been revised and already approved by David Alvarez. Caroline has a commitment for volunteers from the dive group for buoy installation in April; a boat is still needed. Steve Lewis has made great progress on re-rigging the tackle meanwhile. She said they had discovered some holes in their tackle data and are working through the corrections. Steve said his boat may be in the water and ready by April.

Shoreline Protection Alternatives Project – Gabrielle reported that the committee has dwindled to Tony Petrillo and herself; they had met to discuss the Marine Science Center (MSC) dock issue the previous week. A meeting with the Fort Worden parks representative about the MSC pier is scheduled for the following week. Judy Surber said she may be able to get time approved by the City for this project. Gabrielle said that Tony had noticed the bisected drift cell by the pier that houses the MSC marine exhibit. They learned that this issue has been discussed in the past; the Park managers are somewhat protective of the current configuration because it prevents the boat basin from filling up with sediment. However, there now seems to be some willingness to discuss remedial options. She said this seems to be a good example of a high visibility on the ground partnership project, being in the park and within the City's shoreline master program restoration project list. She said that although the MRC strategic plan is not yet finished, it is the intention to adopt the City's restoration project plan and help implement it.

Gabrielle said that she and Tony had discussed the possibility of redirecting some or all of the bulkhead funds to do initial feasibility, if the Park Service is amenable. After the work on investigation and outreach, the bulkhead project is stalled for lack of a willing landowner partner. Since the pier work is about restoring drift cell function rather than bulkhead removal, it would

require a grant amendment, which is not a problem. Steve Lewis commented that fully re-establishing the drift cell would be quite challenging there because of reduced wave action. He said the sediment would continue to drop unless the entire structure is removed. Tony Petrillo mentioned the pilings that run out from shore to the end of the dock. He suggested that removing the ones that meet the shore so that water could get through.

Steve Lewis estimated that the basic pier was built in about 1910. Pointing to the map, he noted the assumed original location of the shoreline and pointed out how it had changed. He said the sediment dropping in the small boat basin is much finer because of the gentler wave action. The long shore drift is interrupted at that point. He described similar situations along the California coast, where sand trucking (sand pumping) is necessary.

Two other possible projects were mentioned: the old concrete boat ramp at North Beach and the unused ramp at Fort Flagler. Pat Pearson described preliminary discussions, spurred by Ron Hershey, with the a Flagler park official last year, which came about after a Water/Beach Watcher class held there.

The opportunities for grant money to fund one or more of these public recreation area projects was discussed. Existing bulkhead funds would not be adequate to cover more than feasibility. Tony mentioned that Joan Drinkwin, NWS Foundation, had indicated funds and partners could be raised for a well defined worthwhile project.

John Cambalik suggested that perhaps there is a way to apply the funds to a feasibility study to examine what the alternatives would be to connect the MSC platform with the land, eliminating any obstruction. He cited the Navy Indian Island and Battelle facilities as examples.

Pat Pearson discussed the importance of prioritizing and applying funds based on the habitat value or shoreline impact of a project, rather than simply its public visibility.

Steve Lewis said he foresees considerable change to the shoreline at Fort Worden over the next 20 to 30 years, with dramatic shortening of the Point and the loss of the lighthouse unless it is moved.

EARTH DAY PLANNING (Gabrielle LaRoche)

Gabrielle LaRoche asked if there was interest in staffing the MRC booth at Memorial Field on Sunday, April 20. She said she would set it up and break it down. After a brief discussion, three members indicated they would be available. Michael Adams volunteered to bring shell fish for a live exhibit. (Aleta Erickson may have access to geoducks.) Gabrielle will follow up with specific arrangements.

STRATEGIC PLANNING (Gabrielle LaRoche)

The latest updates to the Strategic Plan draft had been e-mailed earlier in the day. Paper copies were also distributed.

Gabrielle walked everyone through the revisions that had been suggested at the previous meeting.

Page 3: Underlined text with characterizations in the form of percentages, taken from Battelle and SMP tables, by WRIA and action area. Members suggested:

1. a wording change to the first sentence to clarify “In an analysis...”;
2. consistency and parallel construction using either percent degraded or percent not degraded, and impaired or unimpaired, but not both.
3. Judy Surber raised questions covered in previous meetings that she had missed.
4. John Cambalik suggested that the two new paragraphs discussed above may be better represented in table or bulleted list form. Gabrielle said she would try that approach for the next draft.

[There was a brief discussion about Future Agenda Planning at this point while copies were made. Gabrielle announced that the next meeting would be held at Point Hudson on April 1, 2008 and for the next six months.]

Page 5: Goals and objectives (Gabrielle annotated her copy with specific changes.)

A. 1 –Add “and other sources” after ‘human activities’

A. 4 – human induced and other threats

A. 5 – free up County, City, grant and volunteer resources

B. 1. With regard to partnerships, add parks and tribes; there may be other places

Check references to public, private partnerships

Clean up references to Shore Stewards and Beach Watchers – B. 4; E.2

D. 2 -- too many “ands”; editing needed

C. 2 -- Add in Jeff county Department of Health regarding Clean Water District.

B. 6 – remove BOCC, leave just Jefferson County

E. 5 Add as objective 5 – work with county and city planning staff

E 1 – add inform “local citizens and visitors”; preferred to simply “public”

What about boaters? They are citizens and visitors, so don’t need to be mentioned.
Also, mention the Port under Water Quality.

Tony Petrillo noted that the NWS draft plan will come out soon and should be reviewed by all for ideas and for comparison to our MRC plan.

Gabrielle LaRoche will e-mail the revisions; the next section, Action Plan, will be discussed and edited at the next meeting. She noted that Island County had simply included a placeholder for their action plan. John Cambalik urged everyone to help complete the Plan in time for the May Puget Sound Partnership meeting.

OBSERVER COMMENTS

Andrea Coping Recognition -- Chair Adams announced that the recognition event to honor Dr. Andrea Coping had been re-scheduled for March 28 from 4 – 6 PM at the Inn at Port Gardner in Everett, WA. Tony Petrillo added that the appointee who had taken her place is Terry Klinger. Those interested in attending should call Sasha Horst at 360-428-1084 or horst@nws.org.

Pleasant Harbor EIS Document – Judy Surber offered a copy of this document for anyone interested.

AGENDA PLANNING

MRC meeting will be held at Point Hudson for the next 6 months.

Next meeting: April 1, 2008 6:00 PM at Point Hudson, Port Conference Room
Next Executive Committee meeting: March 18, 8:30 AM, at Dream City Café

Michael Adams and Gabrielle LaRoche will work together on the grant application.

Agenda items mentioned:

- Finding commercial or district 3 reps or green builders
- Aquatic reserve status
- Strategic plan
- Earth day update ; use the display from last time and the new roll ups and live oysters;
Aleta may have access to geoducks
- Shadow of the Salmon DVD viewing
- Grant application

ADJOURNMENT

Judy Surber moved and John Cambalik seconded for adjournment at 8:16 PM. Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.