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**Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee
Hudson Point Conference Room,
Port Townsend, Washington
June 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Michael Adams, District 3, Chair
John Cambalik, *ex-officio*, PSP
Larry Crockett, *ex officio*, Port of Port Townsend

Andrew Palmer, Alternate – District 2
Tony Petrillo, District 2, NWS Rep
Dave Robison, District 1

Jadyne Reichner, Water/Beach Watchers

Guests:

Scott Brady, DNR District Manager, Orca Straits Aquatic Region
Jim Pickrell, Cape George resident, Observer

Absent:

Hyatt Barnes, Recreation
Joth Davis, Commercial Interest
Shannon Davis, District 1
Steve Lewis, Alternate – Recreation Pending
Anne Murphy, District 2
_____, *ex-officio*, U.S. Navy, Indian Island
Aleta Erickson, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Phil Johnson, ex officio, Jefferson County Commissioner
Caroline Gibson, Marine Science Practitioner
Pat Pearson, WSU Extension
Judy Surber, City of Port Townsend
Judy D'Amore, Environment

Staff:

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 6:02 PM.	A committee of the whole was formed and proceeded until a quorum was established at 6:10 PM, following Observer Comments.	M. Adams All members – sign in
OBSERVER COMMENTS	Michael Ramsey, DFW, discussed the upcoming ESRP Grant Cycle.		
AGENDA APPROVAL (Michael Adams)	The agenda was approved, as written..		
APPROVAL of MINUTES	Minutes of May 6, 2008 were approved, as written.		
APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jadyne Reichner was appointed as Vice Chair through December 2008 		M. Adams
DISCUSSION OF MRC SUPPORT FOR DABOB BAY NATURAL AREA PRESERVE (Gabrielle LaRoche)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After a brief discussion, the MRC passed a motion to approve a letter of support drafted by G. LaRoche. 	The BOCC should be cc'd on the letter.	G. LaRoche
NWS MEETING REPORT (Jadyne Reichner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jadyne Reichner reported on the meeting held at Fort Worden Chapel Anne Murphy had presented on the MSC plastics project. Review of the NWSC Strategic Plan Puget Sound Partnership update Insley-Cantwell Ocean Acidification issue discussion. J. Surber reported on the possible Fort Worden dock project. 	•	
PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP (John Cambalik)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priorities for Puget Sound document released Action Area Profiles will be published within the month Strait Action Area workgroup update ECB & Leadership Council upcoming meetings New liaison for North Central Action Area 	•	J. D'Amore – verify that Anne Murphy can attend working group meeting for MRC.

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MRC APPOINTMENTS UPDATE (Gabrielle LaRoche)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open position for District 3; solicitation period ends June 30. • One application submitted so far. 		G. LaRocjhe
PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORTS (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympia Oyster – survey work continues • Eel grass Protection – aerial eelgrass survey rescheduled to June 6; rigging completed; working on brochure updates. • Soft-shore Protection – aerial survey will also note possible sites for this project; will be developing PowerPoint presentation for shoreline owners 		
OBSERVER COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Spill Training for Beach Watchers • Cape George community participation with MRC 		
JC MRC STRATEGIC PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of latest changes to the draft. • Walk through of John Cambalik's comments • Addition of several items from J. Reichner 	The Strategic Plan was approved and will continue to be a living document.	LaRoche – update the draft with latest corrections and finalize.
FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING (ALL)	July Meeting cancelled. Next Regular Meeting – set for August 5, 2008. Exec. Committee – July 22, 2008 4:30-5:30 PM at Dream City Café.	Wooden Boat Festival planning needs to be done at August meeting.	Committees will need to meet throughout the summer.
ADJOURNMENT	The MRC meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. He moved that the group proceed as a committee of the whole until a quorum was present; the motion was seconded and approved all in favor. He noted that two more members needed for a quorum were expected to arrive.

Chair Adams introduced Michael Ramsey, Puget Sound NearShore Partnership and Washington State DFW.

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Upcoming ESRP Grant Cycle (Michael Ramsey, DFW)

Mr. Ramsey said that he was a project manager for ESRP (Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program) Grant Program. He noted that he and his associate Paul Serabino were visiting MRCs to engage them in their process and to encourage them to submit restoration projects for funding to improve the health of Puget Sound. He circulated copies of a publication describing the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program and noted that workshop dates are listed on the MRC blog site. The two year old program received \$2.5 million from the legislature in the first year and \$12.3 million for projects listed in the publication. He mentioned that there are approved projects in the Quilcene and Dabob Bay areas. An RFP will be issued in August and he encouraged the MRC to apply or encourage others in the community to apply.

The State funding requires a one-third cost share, which can come from many other sources, including those out of state. This program is based on the Puget Sound NearShore Partnership, i.e. the early action projects for that program. It is science based and directed to improve the health of Puget Sound.

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Larry Crocket asked if the funding was guaranteed each year. Mr. Ramsey said it is not, and that DFW is required to make the request of the legislature each year. Gabrielle LaRoche noted that the MRC funding passes through DOE, and asked if that can be used for match funding. Mr. Ramsey said he understood that was permitted, since NOAA funding is considered federal. Any other local money would also be permitted as match funds.

Dave Robison asked Mr. Ramsey to clarify the differences between restoration, protection and enhancements. He asked whether funds can be used for interpretation and education. Mr. Ramsey said that if a project is funded, and there is a demonstrated need for education and outreach associated with that project, it can be funded. Protection includes purchase of property or conservation easements, etc. Restoration includes removal of bulkheads, tidal inundation, salt marsh creation, activation of feeder bluffs, etc. Larry Crockett asked if the funds could be used for a project related to another project already funded; he mentioned the salmon recovery/filtration work in the Quilcene River, Hood Canal area and possible impacts on shellfish. Mr. Ramsey said that would be possible.

[Mr. Ramsey left the meeting after his presentation.]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Adams noted that there was now a quorum present. Tony Petrillo moved to approve the agenda and Steve Lewis seconded. The agenda was approved, as written, all in favor.

Gabrielle LaRoche requested that members all sign attendance sheets where their names were indicated. Signatures are required by Northwest Straits for grant reporting purposes.

AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Petrillo moved for approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2008. The motion was seconded and approved, all in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR (Michael Adams)

Chair Adams appointed Jadyne Reichner as MRC Vice Chair for the interim period through December 2008, and noted that Jadyne had agreed to accept the appointment.

DISCUSSION OF MRC SUPPORT FOR DABOB BAY NATURAL AREA PRESERVE

(Gabrielle LaRoche)

Gabrielle LaRoche noted that a letter of support had been drafted prior to the meeting. She said that Shannon Davis had attended the meeting in Quilcene about the proposed expansion of the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve, but was unable to attend this meeting. Gabrielle said that she had drafted the letter in anticipation of MRC action, since the group had previously supported this and had funded an initial study that led to this proposal. Larry Crockett raised the question of whether the BOCC should be asked to support this proposal, instead of the MRC acting directly. Andy Palmer said that he believed this to be one of the situations in which it is appropriate for the MRC to act in support. He noted that Phil Johnson has urged the MRC to act

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in similar situations, with a copy to the BOCC. *Steve Lewis moved and Jadyne Reichner seconded to approve the letter of support, with inclusion of a "cc:" to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was approved, all in favor.*

NORTHWEST STRAITS COMMISSION REPORT (Jadyne Reichner)

Jadyne Reichner reported that the NWSC meeting had taken place at the Fort Worden Chapel building. The MRC was represented by Anne Murphy, who made a presentation on the MSC plastics project. She said the presentation was very well received and there is interest in incorporating that into future workshops.

She noted that the NWSC had reviewed the ecological projects by committee and had selected the three outstanding ones to focus on for funding: Forage Fish; Marine Bird Decline; and _____ Water Quality Monitoring. There was also discussion about the counties that had not spent all of their funds by the end of the grant period, and requests for extensions.

There was a review of the NWSC strategic plan draft. Gabrielle confirmed that copies had been e-mailed to all MRC members.

John Cambalik gave a short Puget Sound Partnership presentation.

There was discussion of the Insley-Cantwell Ocean Acidification issue, which had been attended by Ginny (Broadhurst) and Duane (_____) A speaker on this issue will be scheduled for a later meeting.

In Tony Petrillo's absence, Judy Surber had covered the work being considered for the Fort Worden dock.

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP REPORT (John Cambalik)

John Cambalik announced that two major documents were to be released shortly. "Priorities for Puget Sound" is a synthesis document for all the information collected at the topic forums around the Sound as well as some of the themes arising from that work. He mentioned that the Ecosystems Coordination Board had discussed this at their meeting on Friday. It also includes all the scientific work by a variety of groups including the Science Panel.

Another set of documents that will be published within the month include the Action Area Profiles (one per Action Area). These documents will be the focus of the discussion at the next set of Action Area workshops in July. The Strait Action Area workshop will be held on July 17 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Red Lion Inn in Port Angeles. Discussion will include priorities for future actions. The Hood Canal workshop will be scheduled shortly. On June 30, the results from the Hood Canal dissolved oxygen integrated assessment and modeling study will be released/presented, likely in Bremerton. Corrective action is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. The intention is to have science influence policy projects and any additional modeling work for the Hood Canal.

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The Strait Action Area workgroup met for the second time in late May. He noted that this group is ad hoc and not a decision making body, nor one which is intended to be representative of many and all groups. It is a collection of individuals having a broad knowledge base and are involved in a variety of issues and processes. Anne Murphy had agreed to sit on that group and had attended the last meeting. Gabrielle LaRoche and Pat Pearson are also on the distribution. The next workgroup meeting will be held on June 23.

The Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) will meet in the Hood Canal area on June 25, exact location to be determined. The ECB will also visit the Strait during a meeting at the Jamestown Tribe Center on October 1. The Leadership Council is scheduled to meet in Bellevue on June 12 and 13; see website for details. They will be considering and approving the direction of "Priorities for Puget Sound". The Leadership Council will come to the Strait area on September 4 and 5, likely at the Jamestown Tribe Center.

John also noted staffing changes at Puget Sound Partnership. A liaison, Sarah Lingfelter, has been hired to handle the North Central Action Area, the eastern side of Kitsap and northern part of Pierce Counties, which will provide some relief for John and others, particularly with regard to geographic expanse. Transition of responsibilities is expected to occur by the end of June, and John will be able to focus on Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

MRC APPOINTMENT UPDATES (Gabrielle LaRoche)

District 3 solicitation period closes at the end of June. One application has been submitted by a trained Water/Beach Watcher who lives in Port Ludlow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Olympia Oyster Project – Michael Adams reported that he had received an e-mail from ___ Brooks regarding Olympia Oyster Sandpoint protocol and would be meeting with Mr. Brooks on June 7. Karen Lull continues to survey and work is proceeding well.

Eelgrass Protection Project – Michael Adams noted that aerial surveying of eel grass beds had been tentatively rescheduled to June 6 due to weather. Caroline Gibson, Gabrielle and Steve Lewis reported that work has been done on the rigging; buoys are in hand and would be given to Brant _____, dive shop owner, on the following day. The Eel Grass committee had met to consider and finish up grant reporting requirements for this cycle ending on June 30. They discussed modification of the existing brochure for Hadlock and Mystery Bay and signage. Gabrielle will execute the changes and submit the rough draft and applications for sign permits, which will meet the requirements.

Drift Cell Restoration Project – This committee has not yet met. One important task to be done is to develop an outline for a Power Point presentation to Shoreline property owners who may desire technical assistance in replacing armored bank with softshore alternatives. Michael Adams suggested reviewing an existing presentation (from Johanason ?____) as additional perspective. Gabrielle also noted the booklet prepared by the ESRP. John Cambalik suggested that the committee also check the Shoreline Landowners' Toolkit from the "old" action team. It was agreed that the objective is to tailor the information to Jefferson County, including guidance on navigating the permit process.

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Tony Petrillo added that the aerial survey opportunity would also be used to check out possible shoreline restoration/softshore alternative sites.

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Andy Palmer asked if anyone present or any Beach Watchers had ___(inaudible) training, and was told there had been nothing recently. He noted that, through the Sanctuary program, he received debriefings on the San Francisco oil spill. He had learned that the Beach Watcher program there had had the training prior to the event. Being quite familiar with the beaches, these volunteers were critical in helping to deploy quickly and effectively. There was mention of the UW courses and the 8-hour courses at Port Angeles, and Ecology Spills training. He suggested that a training for Beach Watchers should be scheduled. Jadyne Reichner suggested a joint training with Island County Beach Watchers. There was additional discussion about matching the appropriate training with the audience and certification issues. Michael Adams suggested contacting Global ____ .

Jim Pickrell, a guest who had attended the previous MRC meeting noted that he was very impressed by that meeting. He said he lives at Cape George but does not represent the colony in any way. He noted the one mile beach front at the entrance to Discovery Bay and approximately 650 homes within the Cape George community. Mr. Pickrell said that he had attended a recent homeowners' meeting and had recommended that the group become involved with the MRC. He said that a representative had been named as a liaison, and he had expected that individual to attend this meeting. Chair Adams mentioned the Shore Stewards presentation at Cape George last year, and explained the opportunities that were available for the community to interface with the MRC and Beach Watchers. There was additional discussion about the status of the Protection Island area preserve, which was of particular interest to Mr. Pickrell. Gabrielle LaRoche and Tony Petrillo mentioned the possibility of generating a mailing list for all residents within a certain radius of the proposed preserve at the appropriate time. Mr. Pickrell noted that the antidote to any community resistance, which is due to fear of the unknown, is to be proactive about gathering and disseminating information. Gabrielle reported on her conversations with DNR and People for Puget Sound about the need for them to provide clear information and a timeline for the preserve initiative.

STRATEGIC PLAN (Gabrielle LaRoche)

Paper copies were distributed for those who needed them. Gabrielle said that she and the Executive Committee hoped to be able to adopt the Plan by the end of this meeting, after considering the latest draft. She said she had not received any comments in addition to those from the last meeting. She had incorporated what had been discussed at that time. Comments e-mailed from John Cambalik had been inadvertently overlooked, and she noted that might delay adoption.

One of the suggestions was to identify what is currently funded and active versus those that are not. Grey shading show activities not currently funded. The only changes for pages 1 through 9 were edits to ensure that objectives were consistent with the summary matrix. She noted that, if desired, reformatting could be done after adoption; Dave Robison had offered to work with her on that.

Tony Petrillo suggested that headers such as A. Marine Habitats, B. Marine Life, etc be placed at the top of each page in the Objectives section.

The following changes were discussed:

Page 1: under Mission, add “ implemented consistent with the *Mission* and Benchmarks ...

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Page 2, top: “Both citizen, *government* and science-based initiatives....

Page 2, last bullet: add “... strong ties to *and the Port of Port Townsend.*”

Page 9, A. 1: incorporate mention of the existing DVD on backfilling after shellfish harvesting under Clammer educational signage.

Page 11, add Water/Beach Watcher tasks under B.3: Invasive Species Training by Anne Eissenger on June 14; Quarterly Beach Surveys of Invasive Tunicates for nine months.

Page 12: C.1. Water/Beach Watchers Education Program regarding storm water run off, pet wastes, herbicides/pesticides and pharmaceuticals.

Changes from John Cambalik included:

Page 6, A.3: NOSC, not HCCC, is associated with the Marine Riparian Initiative.

Page 6, B. 2: “... to *protect* and restore....

Page 7, C. 1: add *Admiralty Inlet* to the list of water bodies

Page 7, C. 2: add “...Clean Water District, *innovative storm water management practices*, ...”

Page 7, C. 1: add Port of Port Townsend to the list of partners. (Port with DOE has produced 1,000 copies of a video for all moorage and haul out customers regarding best practices for fueling, bilge water, cleaning, and avoidance of spills, etc..)

Page 8, D. 2: add “... concern, *and marine water quality.*”

Page 8, E title to “Outreach, Education, and Public Involvement”; also add public involvement to the text following the title.

There was discussion about where and how evaluation and effectiveness is covered. He suggested using the three prongs used in Salmon Recovery: implementation monitoring, effectiveness monitoring; and validation monitoring.

Other clarifications suggested by John Cambalik included:

Page 1: “Addressissues *and areas of concern*”

Page 2: External, 5th bullet: add *Puget Sound Partnership*; remove period at end

Page 2, II, 1st paragraph: add “... several large river systems in Hood Canal *and beyond* ...”

Page 2, II, 3rd paragraph: “...action area *partially* includes.....” and strike “*all*”; add “The balance of this action area extends into Kitsap and Mason counties within the lower portion of Hood Canal.”

Page 2, II, 3rd paragraph: “...Diamond Point; *the balance of this action area extends out to Cape Flattery in Clallam County.*”

Page 4, bottom: refer also to the City of Port Townsend SICR.

Several other suggestions were mentioned:

Page 1,A.1: add Discovery Bay and other potential locations for signage. However, after discussion, it was agreed that it would be necessary to add other locations to the survey list in B. 4 and 6 instead.

Page 1 A. 2: There was discussion about the specificity of PowerPoint; no change was made.

Page 12 of Narrative, C.1 Outcome: reference to “minimize small spills” was discussed and changed to “minimize spills”.

Page 13, D3: typographical change from “mew data to new data”

A.1 under Outcomes; spelling of *practices*

Under Action Plan IV. , a section number was omitted from the text.

Page 2, II, 2nd paragraph: should be *east Jefferson County*, not East ...

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Jadyne Reichner asked why derelict gear was not covered in the Plan. It was noted that the Clallam MRC had extended some of their derelict gear work into Discovery Bay and this is a major project for NWS. Jadyne noted that the Snohomish MRC had started a crab pot escape cord program; recently Water Beach Watchers had done a regional training in Jefferson, Clallam and Island counties. It was agreed that this supplemental budget task had been overlooked and should be added to A.

Under A.3. in the summary matrix, the entry for Marine Riparian Initiative should have NOSC , not HCCC.

Another supplemental task to be added was identified : Signage for creosote log removal at Fort Flagler.

Larry Crockett moved that the MRC adopt this draft of the Strategic Plan, including incorporation of the additions/changes noted during this meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA/EVENT PLANNING

July meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2008.

The Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for two weeks prior to the August Meeting, i.e. July 22, 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the Dream City Café. Gabrielle will put a notice out; other MRC members are always welcome to attend. She noted that Committee meetings will be necessary throughout the summer to deal with action items.

The Wooden Boat Festival is approaching in September. Focus is generally on Eel Grass Protection. Supplies of props and handout items are still available. Other ideas for outreach are welcome and needed. Gabrielle noted that the Executive Committee had discussed the possibility of selling the larger posters. However, due to the difficulties of dealing with cash and credit cards, she suggested the alternative of holding several drawings per day.

Andy Palmer requested about 30 minutes of September meeting agenda time for a briefing on the National Marine Sanctuary planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony Petrillo moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.