



**WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT AGENDA**

Scheduled for: **January 5, 2023**
 Time: **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
 Join Zoom Meeting: **Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89849275200>**
Meeting ID: 898 4927 5200
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<p><i>We acknowledge the lands we're on today are the ancestral and current homelands of Indigenous Nations who have stewarded them since time immemorial. We respect their sovereignty, support their Treaty rights, their right to self-determination, and we honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. These Indigenous Nations include the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Indian Tribe.</i></p>		
1.		Introductions and Determine Quorum
2.		January 5 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.	5:00	Approval of December 1, 2022 meeting summary Action: Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		Community Updates Objective: Community members attending the meeting who wish to address or update the Committee on Committee related matters will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak.
5.	5:10	Drayton Harbor and Birch Bay Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs): Rick Beauregard, Drayton Harbor Shellfish Committee Objective: Learn about biotoxin concentrations in North Whatcom county waters and how the MRC can get involved.
6.	5:20	Comment Letter to City of Bellingham Objective: Discussion of draft comment letter and next steps.
7.	5:40	MRC Policies and Procedures Amendment (Elma): Elma will highlight suggested additions to the MRC Policies and Procedures specific to the meeting protocols for virtual and hybrid meetings. Action: Committee approval of additions to the Policies and Procedures
8.	5:40	MRC Retreat: advisory role (recruitment from local officials), facilitation? Objective: Discuss ideas for MRC retreat and recruit planning subcommittee.
9.	6:15	Staff Update: Member appointment recommendations, additional staff, Little Squalicum Estuary event Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
10.	6:30	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWIN/Speaker Series (Austin) – new website • County Council • Port of Bellingham – Kurt B. • Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) – Bob C.
11.	6:45 pm	Adjourn

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Community members who require special assistance to participate in a committee meeting are to contact MRC Staff at least 4 business days in advance.

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