



WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
April 6, 2023 5:00pm – 7:00pm
ZOOM [LINK](#)
Meeting ID: 898 4927 5200 | Passcode 98225
1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

<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.	5:00	Introductions and Determine Quorum
2.		March 2 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		Approval of February 2 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	Marine Vegetation in Whatcom County: Dana Oster, Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) Objective: NWSC Staff will provide an update on the voluntary no-anchor zone work, the potential idea of marine vegetation surveys with DNR across multiple MRCs, and a historical kelp analysis for Whatcom County.
6.	5:40	Port of Bellingham Green Marine Certification: Eleanor Kirtley, Senior Program Manager, Green Marine Objective: Learn about the Port of Bellingham's preparation for Green Marine's certification.
7.	6:00	Staff Update: Introduction to Dana Flerchinger, job shadow, derelict vessel removal update, upcoming outreach events , Combined Review Team , April 18 SWWS Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
8.	6:15	Garden of the Salish Sea Curriculum (GSSC) Collaboration: Rick Beauregard or Julie Hirsch Objective: Discuss revised proposal from Julie Hirsch re: the integration of the GSSC, HABs, and MRC education and outreach goals.
9.	6:25	Project Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuckanut (outreach with City of Bellingham and NSEA) • Olympia oyster • Wildcat Cove
10.	6:45	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWIN/Speaker Series (Austin) – training survey, mariculture, HABs • County Council • Port of Bellingham – Kurt B. • Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) – Bob C.
11.	7:00	Adjourn. <i>Next meeting scheduled for May 4, 5:00-7:00pm, Garden Level Conference Room, *HYBRID*</i>

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Items of interest:

- [Herring spawn off Hornby Island, B.C., Canada.](#)
- 2023 ANeMoNe Community Science Summit, April 7, 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm. [ZOOM](#)

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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