



WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
September 7, 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.		September 7 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		Approval of May 4, June 1, and July 6 meeting summaries 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	2025 Whatcom Comprehensive Plan Update: Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services
6.	5:30	Staff Update: Whatcom Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Round 2, Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant, Letter to Birch Bay community re: European Green Crab, MRC Retreat, November MRC meeting, upcoming MRC vacancies, Evan School of Public Policy & Governance (UW), Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC.
7.	5:50	Project Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuckanut PIC • Wildcat Cove - Peak Sustainability, WWU, DNR • Kelp surveys • Derelict Boat Removal • Clayton Beach site visit • HABs • Mussel Watch?
8.	6:30	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWIN/Speaker Series – Water Week, SeaFeast, Climate Adaptation Forum • County Council • Port of Bellingham • Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)
9.	7:00	Adjourn

If you're not on our Northwest Straits Commission newsletter list, you can join here: <https://www.nwstraits.org/get-involved/join-the-mailing-list/>

Items of interest:

- MRC Retreat: Saturday, October 21, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Squaticum Boathouse
- [Bellingham SeaFeast](#)
- Recovering Lost Crab Pots of the Salish Sea – [A story map](#)
- Celebrate Bowman Bay! Deception Pass State Park, 11:00am – 3:00pm, Friday, September 22
- [Whatcom County Compound Flood Vulnerability Assessment \(June 2023\)](#)
- [Whatcom County European Green Crab Molt Blitz](#) – September 8

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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