



WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
January 18, 2024 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Second Floor Conference Room, Civic Annex Building
📍 ZOOM [LINK](#)
Meeting ID: 854 0439 8726 | Passcode 98225
1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)

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.

1.		Introductions and Determine Quorum
2.		January 18 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.	5:00	Approval of December 7 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.	5:15	2023 Comprehensive Plan Review Kick-off – Cliff Strong with PDS will provide an overview of the task and process for the Committee’s review of Chap 10/ Environment.
6.	5:35	Confirmation of MRC Officer Positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, NWSC rep. NWSC alt. rep) Action: Confirm nominations submitted on google form and discussion.
7.	5:40	Facilitated Discussion about Bolstering the MRC’s Communication with County Council - Hilary Wilkinson with Triangle Associates
8.	6:45	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

- **North Coast & Cascades Science Days** - three-day virtual symposium featuring new and ongoing science in the North Coast & Cascades Network! Sessions will bring together research across boundaries of park, ecosystem, and discipline, deepening understanding of our region's natural and cultural interconnectivity.

To register and get more information:

<https://www.nps.gov/rlc/northcoastcascades/science-days.htm>

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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