



**WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**  
**February 1, 2024 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**ZOOM [LINK](#)**  
**Meeting ID: 848 5509 7034 | Passcode 280586**  
**1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma)**

<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>		
1.	5:00	<b>Introductions and Determine Quorum</b>
2.		<b>February 1 Agenda</b>  <b>Action:</b> Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		<b>Approval of January 18 meeting summary</b>  <b>Action:</b> Review and approve summaries as final.
4.		<b>Community Updates</b>  <b>Objective:</b> 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	<b>Introduction to Local Elects:</b> Blaine City Council Mayor: Mary Lou Steward and Bellingham City Council Representative: Jace Cotton
6.	5:25	<b>2025 Comprehensive Plan Review</b> – PDS staff will lead a discussion and compile recommendations for issues that need to be addressed in Chapter 8 /Marine Resource Lands and Chapter 10 /Environment  <b>Discussion of Major Concepts that Need to be Addressed</b>
7.	6:30	<b>Action: Form an Advisory Subcommittee</b>
8.	6:45	<b>MRC Partner Committee Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Council</li> <li>• Port of Bellingham</li> <li>• Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)</li> </ul>
9.	7:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

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/>

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 7, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, virtual. Please check out the [MRC calendar](#) for meeting dates and formats.

**Items of interest:**

- Check out the new and improved [Northwest Straits Initiative Floating Kelp Monitoring](#) page.

*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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