



WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA
March 7th, 2024 5:00pm – 7:00pm
ZOOM [LINK](#)
Meeting ID: 848 5509 7034 | Passcode 280586
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 7 Agenda Action: Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		Approval of February 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	Staff Update: MRC membership/leadership changes, MRC vacancies, Combined Review Team Objective: Provide staff with opportunity to relay information and updates to the full MRC. Action: Nominations for MRC Vice-Chair
6.	5:20	2025 Comprehensive Plan Review Summary Approval Action: Review and approve the list of MRC recommendations for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update.
7.	5:50	Project Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympia Oyster • Beach Seine with Kids Objective: Discuss next steps to plan for a feasibility study for Olympia Oyster restoration in Drayton Harbor, next steps for Chuckanut Bay pilot program, and update committee on BWSK program.
8.	6:30	Review Outcomes from the Facilitated MRC Discussion from January Meeting Action: Form an Advisory Subcommittee
9.	6:45	MRC Partner Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council • Port of Bellingham • City of Bellingham • City of Blaine • Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)
10.	7:00	Adjourn

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Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, hybrid. 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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