



**WHATCOM MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**  
**May 2, 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	<b>Introductions and Determine Quorum</b>
2.		<b>May 2 Agenda</b>  <b>Action:</b> Modify and approve agenda as needed. New business can be added if necessary.
3.		<b>Approval of April Meeting Summary</b>  <b>Action:</b> Review and approve summary 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>Virtual No-Anchor Zone Update:</b> Dana Oster, Northwest Straits Commission  <b>Objective:</b> Dana will update the committee on piloting virtual voluntary no-anchor zones. <b>Action:</b> Gather list of sites in Whatcom to test added select navigation apps.
6.	5:40	<b>Ecosystem Services of Kelp and Eelgrass in Puget Sound:</b> David Trimbach, Ph.D., Conservation Social Scientist, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  <b>Objective:</b> Provide opportunity for David to share his research proposal focused on identifying ecosystem services (emphasis on health/wellbeing) of kelp and eelgrass in Puget Sound.
7.	6:00	<b>Northwest Straits 101:</b> Lucas Hart, Director, Northwest Straits Commission  <b>Objective:</b> Lucas will share information about the formation of the Northwest Straits Initiative.
8.	6:30	<b>Project Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelp</li> <li>• Olympia Oyster</li> <li>• Beach Seine with Kids</li> <li>• Remote Beach Cleanup</li> </ul>
9.	6:45	<b>MRC Partner Committee Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Council</li> <li>• Port of Bellingham</li> <li>• City of Bellingham</li> <li>• City of Blaine</li> <li>• Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC)</li> </ul>
10.	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, June 6, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, [ZOOM](#). Please check out the [MRC calendar](#) for meeting dates and formats.

*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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